

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
Arizona Livestock Loss Board
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Monday, October 16, 2017

Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman
Stephen Clark
Kent Komadina
Mark Killian - by phone
Dr. George Ruyle - by phone
Sarahmarge Crigler - by phone

(Staff)
Kevin Kinsall
Jim Odenkirk
Debbie Carter
Jon Cooley

1. Welcome

Chairman Van De Graaff welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Call to Order

Chairman Van De Graaff called the meeting to order at **1:30pm**. This meeting followed an agenda dated October 12, 2017.

3. Roll Call

Chairman Van De Graaff led the roll call and noted attendance of the Board members. Board members present were: Stephen Clark from Glendale, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock; Kent Komadina from Phoenix, Director's Special Assistant at AZ Game and Fish Department; Director Mark Killian from Phoenix, Director of AZ Department of Agriculture; Ken Van De Graaff from Gilbert, representing Livestock Industry; Dr. George Ruyle from Tucson, representing Faculty Member at the University; and Sarahmarge Crigler from Springerville, representing Livestock Industry. Not present for this meeting was: Clay Parsons from Marana, representing Livestock Auction Market Owner; Jim F. O'Haco from Winslow, representing Livestock Industry and James Unmacht from New River, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock.

4. **Review and approve minutes from May 31, 2017 and August 29, 2017 meetings**

The members individually reviewed the drafted minutes.

MOTION: Approve the minutes of May 31, 2017 and August 29, 2017 as written. Dr. George Ruyle moved, Steve Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

5. **Call to the Public**

Chairman Van De Graaff invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards. There were no speakers.

6. **Staff Presentation/Discussion**

Kevin Kinsall reviewed Claim AZLLB17.013 with the Board and noted that the kill was a “probable” wolf kill.

MOTION: To approve claim AZLLB17.013 as a “probable” wolf kill and approve payment. Kent Komadina moved and Director Mark Killian seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: To approve all other claims in aggregate. Kent Komadina moved and Sarah Marge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

7A. Update

Dr. George Ruyle updated the Board on a study that will begin next summer. He plans to buy collars for cattle. The objective of the study is to test Ms. Crigler's hypothesis. She plans to place dry cows on the summer grazing allotment, no calves. Her hypothesis is this reduces interaction with wolves and increases the distribution, the dry cows use the allotment better in terms of grazing distribution. Next summer, GPS ear tags will be used to follow the cattle for a month to six weeks to see how they use the allotment. He would like to quantify wolf encounters at the same time. Jon Cooley affirmed that wolf transponders can give locations so movement can be monitored in a particular geographic area. Dr. Ruyle would like the study to last at least one season.

7B. Update

Ms. Crigler updated the Board on her presentation at the National Wildlife meeting in Albuquerque, NM. The presentation went very well; very productive and positive. Chairman Van De Graff noted the phone connection was weak so if someone wants more information, they should contact Ms. Crigler directly.

Chairman Van De Graff and Steve Clark had a brief discussion of a non-agenda item regarding utilization of the program and asked that it become part of the record. Mr. Clark reported that he called Darcy Ealey to see if she was aware of the program. She said geographically she's not close enough to Sterling Simpson to get her incidences looked at in time and so she does not use the system. Mr. Clark feels they need to look at how to help those who are having depredations but don't have access to someone to check on them in a timely manner. Mr. Clark addressed Jon Cooley of Arizona Game and Fish Department saying she is in the pathway of wolves as they come off the mountain through her property to the Indian Reservation and she does have kills. Jon Cooley responded that in the past there were protocols in place for the Interagency Field Team (IFT) once a depredation was reported they were on a clock in terms of processing of report. They still try to stick to the parameters. AFIS State Director Dave Bergman, told Mr. Cooley there are budget

challenges to be able to provide multiple people in New Mexico and Arizona. The challenge for the IFT is getting the personnel in place to be able to be responsive.

Director Killian stated that if he could get the funding he would like to put a Wildlife Biologist on his staff that would focus and live in the Springerville area. He would like to apply for a Grant for funding. Mr. Clark suggested that the board write a letter in support of a Grant.

Chairman Van De Graff asked Director Killian to provide an update on a possible grant for funding to hire a Wildlife Biologist at the next Board Meeting.

8. Discussion of Future Agenda items

Director Killian will provide an update on a possible grant for funding to hire a Wildlife Biologist for the Springerville area.

Look at compensation for physically moving cattle from one area to another.

Ms. Crigler will obtain a copy of the presentation that Dave Bergman gave at the National Wildlife meeting in Albuquerque, NM. It contains useful statistics that will be discussed at the next meeting.

- (A.) Mr. Kinsall reported that a couple of members will be “rolling off” of the Board and that the Appointments Board will make recommendations to the Governor.

Election of a new Board Chairman will be deferred until the new Board Members are selected.

- (B.) Mr. Kinsall discussed Webinar options for future Board Meetings such as “Go-To-Meeting”. Chairman Van De Graaff prefers the current method as the interaction is important. Ms. Crigler is happy with the current method as well. She would like more notice of upcoming Board Meetings. Dr. Ruyle said either way is fine with him. It will be kept as an option going forward.

MOTION: Board will not go into Executive Session.

MOTION: Meeting to adjourn. Kent Komadina moved and Steve Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Van De Graaff adjourned the meeting at **2:04 p.m.**

I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on Dec. 19th, 2017



Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman