

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
Arizona Livestock Loss Board
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Stephen Clark
Sarahmarge Crigler
Jim F. O'Haco
James H. Unmacht
Larry D. Voyles

Thursday, December 17, 2015

(Staff)
Kevin Kinsall
Amelia Leavenworth
AZGFD

1. Welcome

Chairman Voyles called the meeting to order at **9:40 a.m.** This meeting followed an agenda dated December 16, 2015.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Review and approve minutes of November 23, 2015 meeting

The members individually reviewed the drafted minutes.

MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2015 MEETING AS WRITTEN. James Unmacht moved and Jim O'Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

4. Review of previously approved Mission Statement

Chairman Voyles read the previously approved Mission Statement: “TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF WOLVES ON INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS BY REIMBURSING CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE WOLF CAUSED LOSSES, HELP TO REDUCE THEIR LOSSES BY APPROVING PROJECTS AND FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT WILL DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT WOLVES FROM KILLING LIVESTOCK, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PAY FOR PRESENCE, AND SEEK APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF SECURE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD. There were no motions to modify the Mission Statement.

5. Review for further discussion and possible amendments of the previously approved Goals and Objectives

Chairman Voyles asked Mr. Kinsall to read through the Goals and Objectives.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AS STATED BELOW. Jim O’Haco moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

- ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES TO COMPENSATE LANDOWNERS, LESSEES, OR LIVESTOCK OPERATORS FOR WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK
- ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDOWNERS, LESSEES, AND LIVESTOCK OPERATORS TO REPORT AND DEMONSTRATE WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK
- ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK
- DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR EACH LIVESTOCK ANIMAL DEPREDATED BY WOLVES
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOP MEASURES TO PREVENT WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK
- ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR LANDOWNERS, LESSEES, OR LIVESTOCK OPERATORS TO APPEAL DECISIONS OF THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD
- ANNUALLY PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE BOARD’S ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARY OF STATE
- WORK WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, LIVESTOCK OPERATORS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO DEVELOP ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS TO REDUCE WOLF CONFLICTS AND DEPREDATIONS

- USE SOUND SCIENCE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, AND ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF THE MEXICAN WOLF REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM ON RURAL COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE RATIONAL DISCOURSE
- DEVELOP A REPOSITORY FOR MEXICAN WOLF INFORMATION AND DATA THAT THIS COMMITTEE GENERATES RELATED TO WOLVES IN ARIZONA
- DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS FOR A PAY FOR PRESENCE PROGRAM

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: TO ADD THE GOAL AND OBJECTIVE: DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR SUPPORTING CONFLICT AVOIDANCE MEASURES BY LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS. Sarahmarge Crigler moved and James Unmacht seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

6. Overview and take action to establish the following subcommittees, charters, and membership

Chairman Voyles asked Mr. Kinsall to read subcommittees, their proposed charters, and proposed memberships.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE DEPREDATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CHARTER “IS ESTABLISHED BY THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND IS CHARGED WITH DEFINING DEPREDATION BY MEXICAN WOLVES, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR REPORTING DEPREDATIONS AS WELL AS PROGRAMS THAT WILL DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT WOLVES FROM KILLING OR HARMING LIVESTOCK”. James Unmacht moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CHARTER “IS ESTABLISHED BY THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND IS CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR COVERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEXICAN WOLF DEPREDATION AND IMPACTS TO LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS, INCLUDING PROGRAMS TO DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT WOLVES FROM KILLING OR HARMING LIVESTOCK AND A PAY FOR PRESENCE PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPREDATION SUBCOMMITTEE”. Sarahmarge Crigler moved and Steven Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CHARTER “IS ESTABLISHED BY THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND CHARGED WITH

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A PLAN TO HELP EDUCATE PARTIES (INDIVIDUALS TO COMMUNITIES) THAT ARE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE REINTRODUCTION OF MEXICAN WOLVES IN ARIZONA AND THE CREATION OF A REPOSITORY FOR WOLF INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, AND ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS”. Jim O’Haco moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CHARTER “IS ESTABLISHED BY THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF SB 1466, CHAPTER 172 LAWS OF 2015 AND FOR THE INTEGRATION OF ACTIONS (E.G. CONFLICT AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES) PROPOSED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES TO FORWARD THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD’S MISSION”. Sarahmarge Crigler moved and James Unmacht seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE FUNDING DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE CHARTER “IS ESTABLISHED BY THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND CHARGED WITH SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT (DIRECT FUNDING OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS) TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD AND ITS STATUTORY MANDATES”. Jim O’Haco moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Kinsall read through the proposed memberships of each of the subcommittees.

Depredation Subcommittee Members: Stephen Clark, Mark Killian, Jim O’Haco, James Unmacht, and Ken Van de Graaff.

Compensation Subcommittee Members: Sarahmarge Crigler, Jim O’Haco, Clay Parsons, Dr. George Ruyle, and Ken Van de Graaff.

Outreach Subcommittee Members: Stephen Clark, Sarahmarge Crigler, Clay Parsons, Dr. George Ruyle, and Larry Voyles.

Adaptive Management Subcommittee Members: Sarahmarge Crigler, Mark Killian, Dr. George Ruyle, James Unmacht, and Larry Voyles.

Fund Development Subcommittee Members: Stephen Clark, Mark Killian, Jim O’Haco, Ken Van de Graaff, and Larry Voyles.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AS NOTED. Jim O'Haco moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Kinsall read through particular issues for each subcommittee to focus on and address. During the reading, the Adaptive Management Subcommittee issues were considered. The Board decided to defer action and allow for further discussion on the Adaptive Management Subcommittee when a fuller Board representation is present.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE ISSUES AS STATED BELOW. James Unmacht moved and Jim O'Haco seconded.

- **Depredation Subcommittee Issues**
 - Define Depredation
 - Develop check list for reporting an incident
 - Develop check list for agency(s) assessment / findings
 - Develop an incident reporting data base
 - Other
- **Compensation Subcommittee Issues**
 - Determine Compensation Schedules
 - Losses due to depredation
 - Determine criteria for participation in a pay-for-presence program and reimbursement
 - Determine criteria for participation in a conflict-avoidance program and reimbursement
 - Other
- **Outreach Subcommittee Issues**
 - Develop key messages
 - Determine methods of outreach
 - List and prioritize outreach targets
 - Other
- **Fund Development Issues**
 - Set up a fund (OSPB)
 - Review, prioritize, and pursue potential funding sources
 - Other

VOTE: Unanimous

7. Review and take action to approve the draft Year-End Report

Chairman Voyles asked Mr. Kinsall to present the framework of the Year-End Report. A draft of the final Year-End report will be submitted to the Board for review no later than December 24, 2015. Components of this report will include the following:

- Letter from Chairman Voyles
- Copy of S.B. 1466 § Chapter 172, Article 6
- Board Membership Roster
- Agenda from November 23, 2015 Meeting
- Approved Minutes from November 23, 2015 Meeting
- Agenda from December 17, 2015 Meeting
- Mission Statement
- Goals and Objectives
- Subcommittees and Charters
- Certificate of Approval for Usage of the State Seal

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPORT AS OUTLINED, DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO KEVIN KINSALL TO FINALIZE THE REPORT, AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN VOYLES TO SUBMIT THE REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE. Jim O'Haco moved and Steven Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

8. Discussion of Congressional and Legislative actions

Chairman Voyles asked Mr. Kinsall to describe the proposed legislature. Mr. Kinsall explained that specific language was not currently developed, but with the authority of the Board, language would be composed with the intent of contending that the fiscal responsibility of federally mandated programs under the Endangered Species Act are in fact and in part the responsibility of the federal government. The Board gave direction to Mr. Kinsall to initiate the development of the proposed legislature, which will be reviewed at a future Board meeting.

9. Call to the Public

Chairman Voyles invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards.

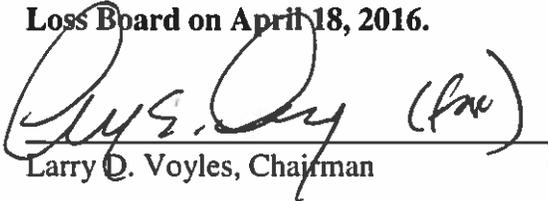
No members of the public wanted to speak.

10. Future Agenda Items

The Board will set a date and time for the next meeting(s).

Chairman Voyles adjourned this meeting at **11:02 a.m.**

I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on April 18, 2016.

 (for)

Larry D. Voyles, Chairman

