

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY
Minutes of December Meeting
5:00 pm December 19, 2024
Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

Arleen York, President
Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer
Justen Miller, Vice President
Shannon Bruegger
Dave Birch

John Lashmett
Danny Tadewald
John Graham, Trapper
Dale Greenough, Trapper

Members and Staff Absent

Terry Allbright
Hayden Wick

Richard Edwards

President Arleen York called the regular December meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Consent Agenda

Bruegger moved to accept the previously mailed/emailed financial report, bill list, and minutes with the correction of the December 4, 2024, annual meeting to reflect the actual count of votes which was 14 votes for Shannon and 13 votes for AW for election of cattle representative on the board. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Reports

County Trappers Report: Graham reported that both him and Dale had 3 coyotes in snares today. They both have lots of equipment out. Dale reported that he would be ground crewing on Niobrara County side for APHIS that was going to be flying Goshen county the next day. John also wanted to remind the board that he had an extra radio for the pickup we could give to our seasonal trapper we contracted with.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Bruegger reported that the committee did meet. They interviewed Cierra Colvin and Clint Phillips. Ultimately Clint withdrew from wanting the job due to his wife not liking the idea of moving back to Wyoming from Arizona. So, he didn't think he could give his full attention to what we were asking for in the seasonal trapping job. Cierra had good references and after the interview the committee unanimously agreed that they would recommend we offer her a contract.

Old Business

Hiring Part Time Trapper: After discussion about what the operations & personnel committee recommended in offering Cierra a seasonal trapping contract Tadewald moved that we offer her a seasonal trapping contract and give her one week to get back to us on her decision to accept the contract or not. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with Shannon Bruegger abstaining from voting. Tadewald also moved if Cierra were to sign the contract the board could approve the contract signed by Cierra by text message or phone call so we wouldn't have to have a January meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with Shannon abstaining from voting.

Annual Deer Count: Bruegger reported that deer numbers were up 76% on Twenty-mile Creek, and down 30% on Cow Creek and in his opinion, he feels the reason for the increase in one area and decrease in the other is contributed to drought conditions in those areas of the county. The doe to fawn ratio was up in both areas. Lee Lamb did the Rawhide count and the deer numbers were almost the same as last year with the exception of 20% more doe's making the doe to fawn ratio down 14%. But total deer numbers were up 6% in the Rawhide management area.

New Business

Kitson presented a bill from The Lusk Herald to run the annual meeting public notice in the paper for \$52.50. Miller moved to pay the bill from Lusk Herald for \$52.50. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Kitson reminded the trappers and aerial services that she would be needing numbers for the BLM report to turn in the middle of January.

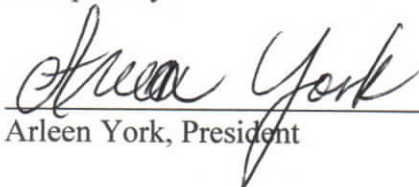
Adjournment: There being no further business, President York adjourned the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



Arleen York, President

Predator Management District of Niobrara county

1/16/25

Bill List

Bills Paid, To be approved

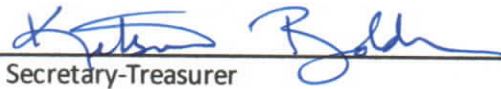
12/23/24	Kitson Boldon	Clerical Services/Mileage Reimbursement	\$3,301.50
12/23/24	Justen Miller	Mileage Reimbursement	\$241.20
12/23/24	Danny Tadewald	Mileage Reimbursement	\$134.00
12/23/24	Dave Birch	Mileage Reimbursement	\$113.90
12/23/24	Shannon Bruegger	Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,521.60
12/23/24	Hayden Wick	Mileage Reimbursement	\$156.78
1/1/25	Dale Greenough	December Contract	\$7,000.00
1/1/25	John Graham	December Contract	\$7,000.00

Bills Payable

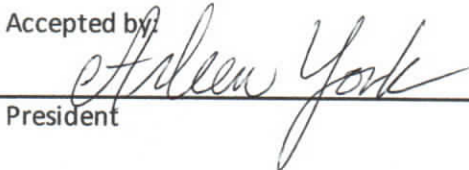
Cash on hand less bills outstanding

Funds set aside	\$198,751.00
Funds to operate on	\$205,714.46
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$404,465.46</u>

Submitted by:


Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:


President