

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY
Minutes of July Meeting
5:00 pm July 18, 2024

Members and Staff Present:

Arleen York, President	Shannon Bruegger
Justen Miller, Vice President	Hayden Wick
Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer	Terry Allbright
Dave Birch	Dale Greenough, Trapper
Dan Tadewald	John Graham, Trapper
John Lashmett	

Members and Staff Absent

Richard Edwards

Chairman Arleen York opened the annual budget hearing at 4:45 pm. Secretary-Treasurer Kitson Boldon then read a summary of the Budget Proposal. Boldon invited discussion on the proposal. There being no discussion, York closed the hearing at 5:00 pm.

Chairman Arleen York called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Tadewald made a motion to approve the consent agenda of previously emailed minutes from the last meeting and the bill list. Motion was seconded and carried.

Reports

County Trappers Report: John reported it had been a busy and good month getting a few dens taken. Kelly Husby had come down and flown some. They have been working in deer area and also been working with Shannon some. Dale reported he has flown with Kelly three times and once with Shannon. So far this month they had taken 18 old coyotes and a couple dens with Kelly flying approximately 17 hrs.

Operations and Personnel Committee: York reported that the committee had not met since the last meeting. She also brought to the boards attention that she was currently on the Operations and Personnel Committee, and she thought as Chairman she should not be on the committee so she appointed Hayden Wick to replace her.

Old Business

At-Large Board member Appointed: Boldon reported that the County Commissioners appointed Hayden Wick to replace Gary Bayne's term as the At-Large on the board. His term will come due December 2026.

Special Project Grant Results: York reported that we had been rewarded \$10,000 towards our Lance Creek area special project. This grant money comes from Game and Fish. We will need to turn in a report for this special project. So, the trappers as well as the aerial services need to keep track of the number of hours and days and coyotes taken in this area for Boldon to do a report at the end of the fiscal year.

Kyle Gruwell Contract: After discussion the board decided we had a few more questions for Kyle. Bruegger made a motion to table till the next meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Gunner Contract: After discussion it was decided we needed more information. Arleen said she would call Jerry Johnson, Predator Management Coordinator, and see how we might go about paying gunners. Either separately or as a surcharge to aerial services in which the gunner was gunning for. Bruegger made a motion to table till the next meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

WS Contract: Boldon received the contract from Wildlife Services for 100 hours of flying plus the 11% pooled job cost at a total of \$216.45 per hour. Tadewald made a motion that we sign the contract for 100 hours of flying from Wildlife Services at the rate of \$216.45/hour. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Statement of Investment Policy: Boldon presented to the board the current interest rate for the checking account at Lusk State Bank/Banner Capital Bank. She also passed around an email in which explained how interest was accrued in the WYO Star program. She then presented the annual Statement of Investment Policy. Tadewald made motion to approve it as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

Depository Institution: Tadewald made a motion to continue our relationship with Lusk State Bank/Banner Capital Bank as our official depository. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Approve FY 2024 Budget: Bruegger moved to approve the FY 2025 budget, and motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Boldon presented a bill from Lusk Herald for the budget advertisement in the amount of \$90.00. Tadewald made a motion to pay Lusk Herald \$90.00 for the budget advertisement. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. WACPAB for membership dues of 1% of the counties Livestock Predator Fees collected for 2023 in the amount of \$708.12. Bruegger made a motion to pay WACPAB the membership dues of \$708.12. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Kelly Huseby for June aerial services in the amount of \$3,575.00. Miller made a motion to pay Kelly Huseby's bill of \$3,575.00. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Shannon Bruegger for aerial services in the amount of \$2,282.50 as well as aerial hunting in the amount of \$5,590.00 which included 6 extra coyotes taken from the total allowed on his contract. Tadewald made a motion

to pay Shannon Bruegger \$2,282.50 for aerial services and \$5,590.00 for aerial hunting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



Arleen York, President

Predator Management District of Niobrara county

10/17/24

Bill List

Bills Paid, To be approved

7/31/24 Dale Greenough	July Contract	\$7,000.00
7/31/24 John Graham	July Contract	\$7,000.00
8/26/24 US Postal Servcie	Post Office Box Renewal	\$58.00
8/26/24 Kelly Huseby	July Aerial Services	\$5,190.00
8/31/24 Dale Greenough	August Contract	\$7,000.00
8/31/24 John Graham	August Contract	\$7,000.00
9/23/24 Kelly Huseby	August Aerial Services	\$4,440.00
9/30/24 Dale Greenough	September Contract	\$7,000.00
9/30/24 John Graham	September Contract	\$7,000.00
10/14/24 Kelly Huseby	September Aerial Services	\$2,940.00
10/14/24 Cow Creek Aerial DBA	Aerial Services and Hunting	\$11,630.00

Bills Payable

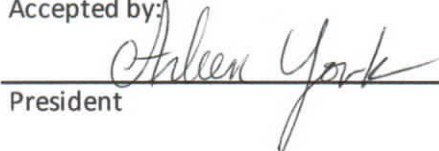
Cash on hand less bills outstanding

Checking Account	\$24,126.62
WYOSTAR	\$408,857.86
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$432,984.48</u>

Submitted by:


Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:


President

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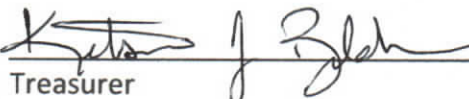
Banking Policy

Predator Management District of Niobrara County currently has a Business Checking Account at The Lusk State Bank/Banner Capital Bank, 415 S. Main, Lusk, Wyoming. The Lusk State Bank/Banner Capital Bank will be the authorized depository for the Predator Management District of Niobrara County until such time the board determines to utilize another financial institution.

DATED: the 18th day of July 2024



President



Treasurer

This policy was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors on 7/18/24 and attached to the Minutes of the Meeting.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY

Statement of Investment Policy

Pursuant to W.S. 9-4-831 (h), the Board of Directors of the **Predator Management District of Niobrara County** has adopted the following policy concerning the investment of the cash assets of the District for the current (2024) fiscal year:

1. A working balance of cash, as determined by the Treasurer but not in excess of the FDIC insurance limits, shall be retained in an interest bearing checking account with **Lusk State Bank/Banner Capital Bank**.
2. Due to uncertain economic conditions other cash assets may be invested at institutions covered by FDIC insurance, using vehicles such as Certificates of Deposit of short and medium terms of duration as to ensure availability for operations without penalty.
3. Cash assets may also be placed with the WY State Treasurer to be invested in the **WyoSTAR** program as authorized by W.S. 9-1-416.

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