

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY

Minutes of May Meeting

5:00 pm May 16, 2024

Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer  
Arleen York, Vice President  
Shannon Bruegger  
Dan Tadewald  
Justen Miller

Dave Birch  
Richard Edwards  
Dale Greenough, Trapper  
John Graham, Trapper

Members and Staff Absent

Terry Allbright

Vice Chairman Arleen York called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Tadewald made a motion to approve the consent agenda of previously emailed/mailed minutes from the last meeting and the bill list. Motion was seconded and carried.

Reports

Aerial Services Report: Boldon reported we have contracted 200 hrs and as of the end of March she had been billed for 130 hours. Dale reported that they flew approximately 25 hours in April. Just so we didn't get in a bind by going over the 200 hours we contracted for the year Boldon suggested we increase flying by 50 hours. Edwards made a motion to put another 50 hours on top of the 200 hours we contracted for aerial services. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

County Trappers Report: Greenough reported that they have only flew a couple times so far in May. There was a trouble call at Mule Creek Junction where they took 8 old coyotes out of the plane. He reported that him and John had been getting a few dens. Him and Shannon took 5 coyotes over in the Lance Creek area. He also mentioned a producer over by Manville had been seeing a few coyotes on his game camera and would like for them to come there. Graham reported he had most of his traps/snares picked up. He had been ground crewing some and finding some dens. He reported he got 11 coyotes for the month of April.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Justen reported that the committee did not meet.

Old Business

At Large Board Member: Boldon let the board know that Gary Bayne, who resigned, was our At-large board member. His term doesn't come due until December 2026. After discussion of who to recommend to the county commissioners as a suggestion of who to appoint we needed to contact the candidates. Miller made a motion to table to the next meeting so we could get in contact with the candidates and allow the one candidate that was interested to sit in on a meeting before he agreed to be on the board. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Sportsman Board Member: Boldon let the board know that Royce Thompson, who resigned, was our Sportsman board member. His term would come due December 2024. Justen Miller said he already talked with John Lashmett and he said he would be willing to be on the board. Tadewald made a motion that we suggest the County Commissioners appoint John Lashmett to replace Royce Thompson's spot on our board as a Sportsman.

Hangar Repair: Boldon received an email from Royce with a bill from Skeeter Construction, LLC in the amount of \$6,894.37 to remove and replace skylights, finish drywall and trim in office and bathroom and install two exterior doors and metal wrap on the hangar. This finishes up the last of the repair on the hangar. Tadewald made a motion to pay Skeeter Construction, LLC, \$6,894.37 for the hangar repair. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Vote for New President or wait until we get our 2 new board members on: York informed the board that state statutes stated that her being Vice President she must step up and fill the role as Chairman until we re-elect officers in December. She did not look further to see if we needed to vote, or she needed to appoint a new Vice President. She will read up on it and we will address it at the next meeting.

ADMB Grant: Arleen reported to the board that her and Boldon represented the county by attending the ADMB grant interview in person. She reported that Niobrara PMD had been awarded \$198,000.00 ADMB grant for the coming year. Miller made a motion to accept that \$198,000.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

York informed the board that Kelly Husby's brother Mark Husby passed away. Dale Greenough had bought a card to send around for the board members to sign and put money in for a memorial if they would like.

York said she received a phone call from someone in Evanston to see if we were still hiring a trapper. She gave him all of Kitson's information, but Kitson reported she had not heard from him.

At 6:55 pm the regular meeting went into executive session.

At 8:15 pm the executive session ended, and the regular meeting was resumed.

Contract Renewals: Renewal of the trappers' contracts were discussed. Miller made a motion to offer Graham and Greenough a contract for the 2025 year at \$7,000.00 per month. Motion was seconded and carried. Edwards made a motion to offer a contract to Cow Creek DBA for aerial hunting for the 2025 year at \$230/coyote with an allotted 120 coyote take. Bruegger abstaining from the contract renewal discussion and voting. Edwards made a motion to offer a contract to Cow Creek DBA as well as Kelly Huseby for aerial services for the 2025 year at \$300/hour with an allotted 200 hours of flying between the two of them. Motion was

seconded. Motion carried. Bruegger abstaining from the contract renewal discussion and voting.

With Boldon abstaining from her contract renewal discussion and voting. Edwards made a motion to offer Boldon a contract for the 2025 year at a rate of \$6,000.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

York made a motion to table the new business items of statement of investment policy, depository institution, and mileage reimbursement for the June meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Hangar Lease Renewal: Boldon informed the Board that the annual hangar lease renewal would be coming due, May 31, for \$100.00. Tadewald made a motion to renew the annual hangar lease for \$100.00. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Budget: Boldon informed the board that the proposed budget for the next fiscal year is due to the County Commissioners and State Audit by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Tadewald made a motion for her to turn in the same proposed budget as she turned in for the grant. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. The budget hearing date will be scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2023, 4:45pm at the courthouse. The regular meeting will follow, convening at 5:00 pm.

Special Projects Grant: Boldon told the board that the interview for the Special Projects grant would be held sometime in June. She would let Justen and Arleen know as soon as she did, so that someone would be able to attend it.

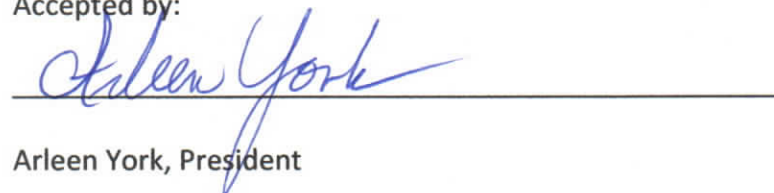
There being no further business to discuss Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



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Arleen York, President

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY  
Executive session of May 16, 2024, Meeting  
Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

Arleen Jackson, Vice President  
Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dan Tadewald  
Shannon Bruegger  
Dave Birch  
Justen Miller  
Richard Edwards

Executive session began at 6:55 pm.

Discussion was held on the trappers, and some concerns some board members had as well as renewing contracts.

Executive session ended at 8:15 pm.

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Bill List

**Bills Paid, To be approved**

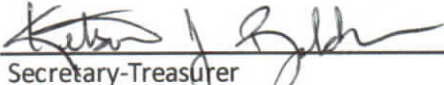
5/31/24 Kelly Huseby	April Aerial Services	\$3,602.50
5/31/24 Dale Greenough	April Contract	\$6,000.00
5/31/24 John Graham	April Contract	\$6,000.00

Bills Payable

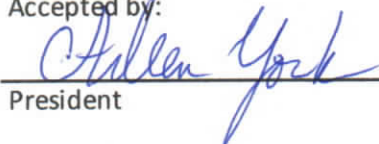
**Cash on hand less bills outstanding**

Funds set aside	\$198,751.00
Funds to operate on	\$122,476.00
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$321,227.00</u>

Submitted by:

  
Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:

  
President