

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY  
Minutes of November Meeting  
5:00 pm November 21, 2024  
Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

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

Members and Staff Absent

Richard Edwards	Hayden Wick
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President Arlene York called the regular November meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Consent Agenda

Miller moved to accept the previously emailed financial report, bill list, and minutes of the October 17, 2024, meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Reports

County Trappers Report: Greenough reported it had been slow. He had been putting out a lot of equipment and hadn't had any trouble calls. Graham reported that he had already gotten more than thirty coyotes this month. He is taking advantage of the nice weather and putting out a lot of equipment.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Miller reported that the committee did not meet. He did however contact Kyle Gruwell to see if he would be interested in being a seasonal part time contract trapper for the county. Unfortunately, he declined, as he is too busy in the spring doing his own stuff. Brett Ruiz from Torrington was introduced by York. He was interested in night hunting as a seasonal trapper for the county. Chairman York appointed the operations and personnel committee to get with Brett and come up with a job description that would most suit his capabilities and highlight his strengths in predator control. The committee would then bring that job description back to the board at the next meeting to discuss if this was a good option for the board to make up a contract for.

Old Business

Kyle Gruwell Contract: Miller moved to offer the previously emailed contract to Kyle. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Kyle then accepted and signed the contract. Miller moved to approve the accepted and signed contract. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Hiring a Trapper: Graham reported to the board that his possible trapper from Virginia would be here the day after Thanksgiving, in which John would take her out and see how compatible and qualified, she is. He has not mentioned to her this opportunity and is not even sure she would be interested in it. Will know more and possibly bring this candidate to the annual meeting.

Annual Deer Count: Shannon informed the board that he had done the deer count. But he needed clarification of what the actual areas he needed to continue to do. Snyder Creek Deer



Area is no longer accessible because the landowners will not give access to fly or hunt on their property. Miller moved to remove Snyder Creek Deer Area from the deer count areas that we have Bruegger do. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Bruegger had already done the Cow Creek and Twenty Mile Creek areas and would bring the data to the next meeting. He would also let Lee Lamb know he needed to do the Rawide Area deer count. Boldon said she would be in contact with Game and Fish Wildlife Biologist, Matt Huizenga, to get the data for the Lance Creek Mule Deer Area.

**New Business**

No New Business.

**Approval of Bills**

Boldon presented a bill from Kelly Huseby for October aerial services in the amount of \$2,610.00. Miller moved to pay Kelly Huseby's bill in the amount of \$2,610.00. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Boldon reminded the board members of the annual meeting which will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the courthouse. Snow date December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. She had already given the recommendation letter of appointment for John Lashmett as the Sportsman to the County Commissioners. She also reminded the board that Kitson Boldon is up for Sheep producer and Shannon Bruegger is up for Cattle producer election or re-election at the annual meeting.

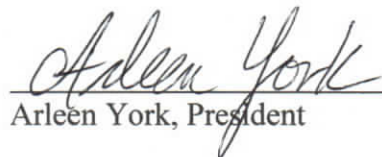
Adjournment: There being no further business Tadewald moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



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Arleen York, President



Predator Management District of Niobrara county

12/4/24

Bill List

**Bills Paid, To be approved**

11/30/24 Dale Greenough	November Contract	\$7,000.00
11/30/24 John Graham	November Contract	\$7,000.00

Bills Payable


**Cash on hand less bills outstanding**

Checking Account	\$36,284.70
WYOSTAR	\$375,275.35
Less outstanding bills	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$411,560.05

Submitted by:

  
Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:

  
President

