

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY
Minutes of November Meeting
5:00 pm October 17, 2024
Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

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

Members and Staff Absent

Shannon Bruegger

President Arleen York called the regular October meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Kyle Gruwell was present for questioning on the part time trapper contract he was requesting. Boldon read a part time trapper contract for services she already had. After the board questioning Kyle and discussion, Justen moved that we use the contract for services that we have used in the past for part time trappers, except add that we would need check in sheets from Kyle, as a form of proof of coyotes taken, he needed to take a minimum of 30 coyotes and would get paid \$3,000.00 up front for those coyotes. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Justen moved that we date the contract from November 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Justen moved that we offer the contract to Kyle once the contract is approved at the next meeting and that we pay Kyle the \$3,000 up front out of the county predator fees we receive. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Lashmett moved to accept the previously emailed financial report, bill list, and minutes of the July 18, 2024, meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Reports

County Trappers Report: Graham reported that it has been very hot and dry, and he has been very mindful of the fire danger. He has been trying to work around the sheep and ground crewing a lot for Shannon and Kelly. He has 300 traps ready to go as soon as the weather changes. Greenough reported that they have been working around the sheep. He flew with Kelly on Monday. They flew eight hours and took thirty-seven coyotes.

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

Old Business

Kyle Gruwell Contract: Was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

Gunner Contract: After discussion amongst the board, it was decided that paying a gunner should be the responsibility of the pilot. There would be no more discussion about it.

Hiring a Trapper: York brought to the board's attention that in our grant application we asked for the amount we asked for and received the amount we got saying we would actively continue to look for a part time trapper to add to our program. York said she had received a call from someone in Torrington interested in part time trapping for us but that he was mainly just a thermal guy. Graham also brought to the boards attention he might have a gal from back east that is coming out in November to work with and might be interested in the job. York gave the Operations and Personnel Committee the task of what we would offer to pay and stipulations of this part time trapper as well as getting in touch with the Thermal prospect and meeting with Graham's prospect and reporting back to the board at the next meeting.

New Business

Deer Count: It was brought to the boards attention that Matt Huizenga the Douglas Wildlife Biologist that helped us put together the Lance Creek Deer area special project was not going to be working in our county anymore so we needed to get deer count numbers from him for our special projects area before he left. After discussion Tadewald moved we pay Lee Lamb \$300.00 like last year to do the Rawhide Deer count and Shannon Bruegger \$1200.00 the same as last year to do the other deer count area. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Date: Boldon asked for input on setting the date for the 2024 annual meeting. By statute it must be held during the first two weeks of December. After discussion, the annual meeting was set for December 4, 2024, at 4:30 pm in the Niobrara County Courthouse. An alternate date of December 11, 2024, will also be advertised as a "snow date" in case of cancellation due to winter weather.

Board Members up for Election: Boldon brought to the board's attention that she, as a sheep producer, and Shannon Bruegger, as a cattle producer, were up for election or re-election at the annual meeting. John Lashmett's term as a Sportsman is also up. Boldon didn't think it would be a problem to recommend to the County Commissioners to re-appoint Lashmett as he is a new member on the board and even though he was filling in for someone who had served two terms already he could just be re-appointed. Miller moved to recommend John Lashmett to the county commissioners to be our Sportsman on the board. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Danny Tadewald also brought to the boards attention that he might be selling all of his livestock and would no longer qualify to be on the board. This is why he brought Jack Miskimins to the meeting, as he is possibly interested in taking Tadewald's spot on the board.

Approval of Bills

Boldon presented a bill from Niobrara County Treasurer for the Hangar property tax, due November 1, in the amount of \$234.95. Tadewald moved we pay Niobrara County Treasurer \$234.95 for the Hangar property tax. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Boldon also informed the board there is a ADMB Meeting in Casper on November 14th if anyone was interested in going. They would be covering where they stand on the Goldon Eagle project and wanting input from anyone on it.

Boldon brought to the board's attention that in our grant money we received, some of it came from Sage Grouse area funding. We would need to focus on money spent in that area and be able to report how we spent that money to help improve the Sage Grouse population. Therefore, we needed trappers to keep track of where those areas might be and keep track of work they do in those areas both trapping and flying.

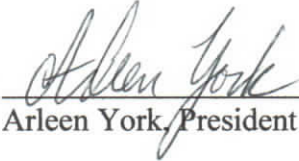
Adjournment: There being no further business, Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. President York adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



Arleen York, President

Predator Management District of Niobrara county
11/21/24
Bill List

Bills Paid, To be approved

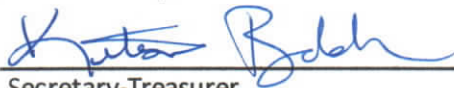
10/31/24 Dale Greenough	October Contract	\$7,000.00
10/31/24 John Graham	October Contract	\$7,000.00

Bills Payable

Cash on hand less bills outstanding

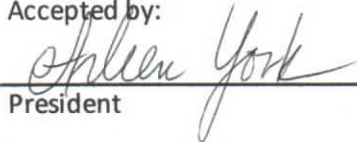
Checking Account	\$55,885.86
WYOSTAR	\$375,275.35
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$431,161.21</u>

Submitted by:



Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



President

