

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY

Minutes of January Meeting

5:00 pm January 16, 2025

Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

Arleen York, President

Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Justen Miller, Vice President

Shannon Bruegger

Dave Birch

John Lashmett

Danny Tadewald

Hayden Wick

John Graham, Trapper

Members and Staff Absent

Terry Allbright

Dale Greenough, Trapper

Richard Edwards

Vice President Justen Miller called the regular January meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Consent Agenda

Tadewald moved to accept the previously emailed financial report, bill list, and minutes of the December 19, 2024, meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Reports

County Trappers Report: Graham reported that he had taken 6 coyotes in the Lance Creek deer area just today. Kelly and Dale flew yesterday. It had been very windy.

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

President Arleen York took over the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Old Business

Hiring Part Time Trapper: Boldon reported that Cierra emailed a signed contract back within the one week of offering it and that a majority of the board, Bruegger abstaining from vote, approved the contract by both phone and text message. Graham reported to the board that he was now skeptical of the part time trapper that we hired and already received a signed contract back from. Graham then brought to the board's attention claiming that her stories were not adding up in terms of saying what equipment she had on hand and didn't have on hand. He was also suggesting she not bring her dog because he was not a trained coyote dog, but she insisted on bringing her dog and he was very worried that she would be posting work related or trapping pictures on social media which he knew was against board policy. Ultimately, Graham told us that he felt strongly enough that if we hired Cierra he would be done trapping for us February 1, 2025 because he felt she would cause our program unnecessary and unacceptable problems.

At 5:44 pm Danny Tadewald moved to go into executive session. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:45 pm the regular meeting went into executive session.

At 5:55 pm Tadewald moved to come out of executive session, and the regular meeting was resumed.

Lashmett moved that upon further review of keeping Cierra hired as a part time trapper her services would no longer be needed and we send her a 10 day written notice that the board would be terminating her Agreement and to refer to paragraph 11 of the contract. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with Shannon Bruegger abstaining from voting. Boldon would draft a letter to email and mail to Cierra terminating her contract with the board on January 17, 2025.

New Business

The board discussed how else we could use funds to find that extra part-time trapper. York appointed the Operations and Personal Committee, to contact local people with thermals, to see if they would be interested in being on call to night hunt on trouble call areas. The board should also be thinking about how we should draft that contract in terms of pay and requirements of what we expect of the services.

Kitson presented bills from Shannon Bruegger for Aerial Services from November 11, 2024 to January 16, 2025 in the amount of \$1800.00 as well as Aerial Hunting from October 22, 2024 to November 7, 2024 in the amount of \$9,430.00. Miller moved to pay Shannon for his Aerial Services in the amount of \$1,800.00 and Aerial Hunting in the amount of \$9,430.00. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Kitson also presented a bill from Kelly Huseby for December Aerial Services in the amount of \$4,500.00. Miller moved to pay Kelly for his Aerial Services in the amount of \$4,500.00. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Boldon reported that Travis Bruegger signed and sent a check for hanger rent for 2025. Tadewald moved we accept the signed contract. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Boldon also reported she received a phone call from Richard Ladwig, the Game and Fish Commissioner informing me that the board would be receiving a big game tag from the Game and Fish this year.

Kitson reminded the trappers and aerial services that she would be needing numbers for the BLM report to turn in as soon as possible.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President York adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:

Arleen York

Arleen York, President

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Executive session of January 16, 2025, Meeting
Courthouse

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Justen Miller, Vice President
Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer
Dan Tadewald
Shannon Bruegger
Dave Birch
John Lashmett
Hayden Wick

Executive session began at 5:45 pm.

Discussion was held concerning if we terminate the contract with the part time trapper due to the information that was brought to our attention by John Graham and if it was worth losing him over keeping the part time trapper contracted with us.

Executive session ended at 5:55 pm.

Predator Management District of Niobrara county

2/20/25

Bill List

Bills Paid, To be approved

1/20/25	Mnt. West Farm Bureau Ins.	Hangar Rent Annual Renewal	\$955.60
1/20/25	The Lusk Herald	Annual Meeting Advertisement	\$21.50
1/31/25	Dale Greenough	January Contract	\$7,000.00
1/31/25	John Graham	January Contract	\$7,000.00

Bills Payable

Cash on hand less bills outstanding

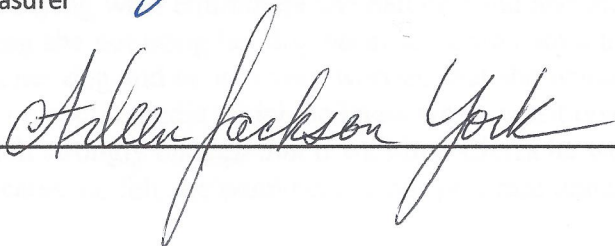
WYO STAR Account	\$365,254.17
Lusk State Bank Account	\$51,774.32
Funds set aside	-\$198,751.00
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Funds to operate on	<u>\$218,277.49</u>

Submitted by:



Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



President