

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY

Minutes of July Meeting

5:00 pm July 17, 2025

Members and Staff Present:

Richard Edwards

Justen Miller, Vice President

Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Birch

Dan Tadewald

John Lashmett

Shannon Bruegger

Hayden Wick

John Graham, Trapper

Dale Greenough, Trapper

Members and Staff Absent

Terry Allbright

Arleen York, President

Vice Chairman Justen Miller 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, Miller closed the hearing at 5:00 pm.

Vice Chairman Justen Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Bruegger made a motion to approve the consent agenda of previously emailed minutes from the last meeting with the correction of adding Hayden Wick under members and staff present. Motion was seconded by Tadewald. Motion carried. Lashmett made a motion to approve the bill list. Wick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Helicopter – Predator Control Corporation Report: Boldon reported the bill that the Predator Control Corporation sent us didn't show any hours or areas flown or anything. It was just a bill. Miller asked John to give a report of hours and areas that coyotes were taken. He reported that they did kill 25 adult coyotes verified and found some dens from the air but thought maybe the communication and coordination and the amount of time and effort spent was maybe not top notch and had room for improvement. Boldon said she would email and ask him for a more detailed report. If the board decide to do it again, we will discuss a different approach.

County Trappers Report: John reported he ground crewed for Kelly and Dale last Wednesday and had got some pups off of dens and got a couple adult coyotes. He was sick for a few days and couldn't do much. Dale reported he flew with Kelly last Wednesday and flew approximately 5 ½ hours and killed 5 coyotes. He flew a lot with Shannon and Kelly in June and Shannon reported where they had flown and how many they had taken.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Bruegger reported that the committee did not meet, however they did touch base with the thermal contractors to have reports ready to bring to this meeting and then they would get paid.

### **Old Business**

Thermal Contract Reports: Boe reported that June was tough, and the weather made it tough. He did get 9 adults 3 of them being females. Dakota reported 7 females. Miller talked to AW and he reported that he got 3 males and 1 female that was dry and he wounded 2 but never found them. Kyle reported that he took 9 that he took pictures, 4 of those being females. So total coyotes taken with the 4 contractors was 35 adults, 15 of them were females and 12 unborn pups.

Aerial Hunting Contract: After discussion on the contract Wick made a motion, we offer Shannon an aerial hunting contract for 120 coyotes at \$300 per coyote. Tadewald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Shannon abstaining from voting. Wick made a motion to approve the signed contract. Tadewald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Shannon abstaining from voting.

WS Contract: Boldon informed the board that she emailed Brady and asked him to draw up another contract for us for 100 hours and she received an email back saying he wanted to hold off on the contract and that if the need arises for us to do some flying, we can get it signed and squared away at that point in time. He said unused contracts throw off their internal budgeting quite a bit.

Landowner Agreement: Boldon reported that she emailed Jerry Johnson, Predator Management Coordinator, about needing to update landowner agreements. She sent a copy of the landowner agreement she had put together and he said it looked good and that he thought it would clarify the boards permissions from the landowners he also said just to be clear pilots needed to have landowner permission and attached a form to use. Bruegger brought up a good question about our own landowner agreement should cover the pilots also. Bruegger said he would talk to Jerry Johnson to get clarification. It was tabled to the August meeting.

### **New Business**

Approve FY 2026 Budget: Boldon let the board know that we needed to pull money out of reserves to give us enough money in this upcoming years budget to cover all the expenditures to operate as we did this last year. Tadewald made a motion to pull \$37,000.00 out of reserves to put in the special contracts expenditures budget. Birch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. After more discussion of some other avenues of possibly using a helicopter, Lashmett made a motion to pull \$20,000.00 out of reserves to put in the expenditures budget under contract helicopter. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bruegger moved to approve the FY 2026 budget. Tadewald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss Vice Chairman Miller entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tadewald moved to adjourn the meeting. Birch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



Arleen York, President

Predator Management District of Niobrara county

8/21/25

Bill List

**Bills Paid, To be approved**

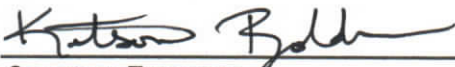
7/31/25 Dale Greenough	July Contract	\$7,000.00
7/31/25 John Graham	July Contract	\$7,000.00
8/18/25 Lusk Herald	Budget Hearing Notice	\$75.00
8/18/25 Kelly Huseby	June and July Aerial Services	\$6,330.00
8/21/25 U.S. Postal Service	PO Box Renewal	\$60.00

Bills Payable

**Cash on hand less bills outstanding**

LSB	\$171,468.25
WYOSTAR	\$247,903.24
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Funds set aside	<u>-\$193,000.00</u>
Total	\$226,371.49

Submitted by:

  
Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:

  
President