

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF NIOBRARA COUNTY

Minutes of March Meeting

5:00 pm March 20, 2025

Courthouse

Members and Staff Present:

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

Members and Staff Absent

Chairman York called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Birch made a motion to approve the previously emailed minutes from the last meeting. Motion was seconded and carried. Birch made a motion to approve the previously emailed bill list and financial statement. Motion was seconded and carried.

Reports

Aerial Services Report: Boldon reported that from July 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025 we had been billed for 115 hours and they had taken 326 coyotes. Shannon reported he hadn't yet billed approximately 3 hours and Dale thought Kelly had flown approximately 14 hours this month so far. Boldon was just letting everyone know where they were at on their contract allotment of 200 hours to June 30, 2025.

County Trappers Report: Dale reported it was very windy in February, so they didn't fly at all. March 1st Kelly flew and killed 24 coyotes and the 10th they flew and got 18 coyotes. John reported he has lots of equipment out resetting and setting in new places. He is taking a few in the Lance Creek Mule Deer area. Getting calls from producers hearing coyotes but no real trouble calls.

Operations and Personnel Committee: Bruegger reported that they did meet briefly. They discussed guidelines that they came up with if the board decided to pursue the thermal contracts. They thought it would be best to hire Kyle Gruwell and AW Manning as they would benefit in the Rawhide deer area and Lance Creek deer area. They suggested offering a contract for \$3,000.00 with a target of taking 10 female coyotes at least to fulfill that contract and to give them from March 1 to June 30 to do this. They contractors would need to give a report on area of take, sex and number of unborn pups taken.

Old Business

ADMB Grant: After discussion amongst the board Miller made a motion to put \$51,249.00 of our savings cash and put into our reserves to give us a closer amount of reserves to operate for one year without any revenue at \$250,000. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. After board discussion Tadewald made a motion to apply for the ADMB Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Special Project Grant: Boldon reported that the new Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Douglas Wildlife Biologist, Kye Hicks filled out the 2025-2026 application for the special districts grant for the Manville to Lance Creek coyote removal project. She emailed it to Miller who looked over it and said everything was the same except the deer numbers were updated. Edwards made a motion apply again for the special districts grant to help increase the wildlife population focusing on the Lance Creek area, for the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

Thermal/Seasonal/Trouble Call Contractors: York reported that she talked to Jerry Johnson, Predator Management Coordinator, and he said that if we require other contractors to have insurance then these seasonal contractors need insurance as well. He also said that the contractors would need to get their own written signed permission to thermal on the producer's property. After discussion Lashmett made a motion to offer four contracts to do coyote removal from March 1, 2025-June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$3,500.00, with the target of taking at least 10 female coyotes. The contracts would be offered to AW Manning for the Lance Creek deer area, Kyle Gruwell for the Rawhide deer area, Boe Simmons for the north area of the county and Dakota Forkner for access to many different areas of the county but mainly the eastern side of the county. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with Shannon abstaining from voting and one board member opposing.

Commissioners License: After board discussion Justen made a motion we auction off the license to the highest bidder on June 15, 2025, from 6pm to 7pm MDT, and have the starting bid begin at \$15,000.00. The money from selling this license will go towards helping fund our predator control operation within the county. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Arleen, Hayden, Kitson, Danny and John Graham volunteered to work the auction.

New Business

WACPAB Dues: Boldon presented the invoice received from WACPAB for 1% of the predator fees collected in 2024 in the amount of \$677.57. Miller made a motion to pay the dues in the amount of \$677.57. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Predator Fee Refunds: Boldon reported she received 3 requests for predator fee refunds for 2024. Miller moved to approve all requests at the full amount requested. Second was received. Motion carried.

LGLP Renewal: Miller moved to renew the liability insurance through the state LGLP and to pay the \$600 annual premium. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Greenough mentioned to the board that Kelly could get 70 flats of shotgun shells for \$225/flat and that he wanted to split it. He was wondering if we bought the entire flat if he could trade his aerial services to pay off the other half of the flat. Lashmett made a motion to buy the 70 flats of shotgun shells and let Kelly trade the other half for aerial services. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Miller made a motion that if Kelly could get us another 70 flats of shotgun shells to go ahead and get it. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Tadewald made a motion to get two units of smoke bombs from the weed and pest. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

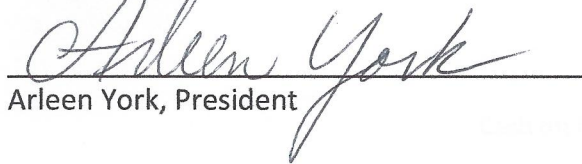
There being no further business to discuss Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kitson Boldon, Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:



Arleen York, President

Predator Management District of Niobrara county

4/18/25

Bill List

Bills Paid, To be approved

3/31/25 Dale Greenough	March Contract	\$7,000.00
3/31/25 John Graham	March Contract	\$7,000.00
3/31/25 Greg & Janette Starck	Predator Fee Refund	\$274.00
3/31/25 John Burke	Predator Fee Refund	\$457.00
3/31/25 William Harley Cushman	Predator Fee Refund	\$222.00
4/7/25 Scheels	Ammunition	\$15,732.50

Bills Payable

Cash on hand less bills outstanding

WYO STAR Account	\$317,654.80
Lusk State Bank Account	\$49,368.93
Funds set aside	-\$250,000.00
Less outstanding bills	\$0.00
Funds to operate on	<u>\$117,023.73</u>

Submitted by:



Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted by:

President