

**ADMB Meeting
December 1, 2020
Zoom Teleconference**

Members Present: Doug Miyamoto (Co-Chair), Brian Nesvik (Co-Chair), Jeff Boner, Kevin Kisicki, Mike Foster, Ron Cunningham, Scott Becker for Tyler Abbott, Garrett Falkenburg, Lori Armstrong

Board Members Absent: Bob Phillips, Bob Harlan, Gay Lynn Byrd, Shaun Sims, Sandy Underhill

WDA Staff: Jerald Johnson, Ryleigh Vaughn, J.D. Sater

Public in Attendance: Mark Davis, Bobbee Russell

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am

Kevin motioned to approve the November minutes. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Discussion on Summary of Comments Received for Wolf Compensation Rules

J.D. shared the comments submitted. There was one commenter who addressed 4 separate concerns.

Comment #1 dealt with limitations that might be associated with defining property as a “wolf predation” area. ADMB Response #1 referenced W.S. 23-1-901 (g) and (h) which outlines the statutory law that designates areas within the state as “predatory”, which are compensated by the ADMB, and areas as “trophy”, which are covered by the Wyoming Game and Fish. Doug entertained motion to approve ADMB Response #1. Brian Nesvik made the motion. Kevin seconds. Motion carries.

Comment #2 stated that claimants might have multiple claims. ADMB Response #2 stated that all claims will be considered as long as they are filed within the specified time period. Jeff motioned to approve the ADMB Response #2. Garrett seconds. Motion carries.

Comment #3 inquired if vet bills and “loss of gains” would be included in the compensation amount when the animal is able to be saved. ADMB quoted the definition of damage in section 2(e) and thus stated that, according to this definition, veterinary costs may be included for compensation but would not include “loss of gain” as it is considered consequential damages under section 5(d). Doug entertained a motion to approve ADMB response to comment #3. Ron motions. Kevin seconds. Motion carries.

Comment #4 addressed the cost of raising a calf and inquired if compensation would come near that amount. The ADMB Response #4 referenced the budget reductions and stated that claims

will be prorated depending on the number of claims received and when the funds will be distributed. Doug moved to accept ADMB Response #4 to begin discussion. Ron seconded. Doug suggested an amendment to the response to replace the wording reading "After budget cuts from the Governor's Office..." with "After required budget reductions..." as to avoid pointing fingers at any specific entity. Brain made the motion to amend the response with the suggested wording. Doug seconds the motion. Brian then suggested an amendment to this amendment to add a sentence stating "current ADMB practice is to provide compensation at fair market value at the time the producer sells their livestock." Doug seconded the motion. The motion to approve the amended ADMB Response #4 carries.

Approve Regular Rules for Wolf Compensation Program

J.D. suggested that a small correction be made to a citation in the regular rules. Doug moved to make this suggested amendment and approve the regular rules. Ron seconds. Motion carries.

Wolf Compensation Emergency Rules Renewal

Jerry explained that timing constraints would require the emergency rules to be extended an additional 120 days.

Doug moved to make the same citation correction referenced under the regular rules. Garrett seconded. Motion carried.

Ron motioned to extend the Emergency Rules as suggested. Doug seconded. Motion carries.

Landowner Coupon County Discussion

Jerry updated the attendees on the status of the ongoing landowner coupon issue. He clarified that all the information needed to correct the issue and move forward has been received. Back payments of \$11,328 (50% of the original \$22,656) will be issued to the appropriate counties within the state. Jeff inquired about where these funds will come from, to which Jerry replied that the funds will come from the Research Project Budget. Jerry explained the problem has been rectified and going forward payments will be dispersed correctly.

Public Comments

No additional public comments.

No further business.

Garret motioned to adjourn. Brain seconded. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.