

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Livestock Loss Board
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Stephen Clark
Sarahmarge Crigler
Mark W. Killian
Jim F. O'Haco
Dr. George Ruyle
James H. Unmacht
Ken Van De Graaff
Larry D. Voyles

Monday, November 23, 2015

(Staff)

Kevin Kinsall
Amelia Leavenworth
AZGFD

1. Welcome

Larry Voyles called the meeting to order at **1:03** p.m. and led those present through the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting followed an agenda dated November 19, 2015.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Kevin Kinsall led the roll call and noted attendance of the Board members (8 present and 1 absent).

3. Introduction of the Arizona Livestock Loss Board

The Board members introduced themselves; James Unmacht from New River, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock; Stephen Clark from Glendale, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock; Dr. George Ruyle from Tucson, representing Faculty Member at University; Mark Killian Phoenix, Director of AZ Department of Agriculture; Larry Voyles from Phoenix, Director of AZ Game & Fish Department; Jim O'Haco from Winslow, representing Livestock Industry; Sarahmarge Crigler from Springerville, representing Livestock Industry; and Ken Van de Graaff from Gilbert, representing Livestock Industry. Clay Parsons from Marana, representing Livestock Auction Market Owner was not present for this meeting.

4. The Board will discuss and take action to elect a Chairperson

MOTION: ELECT LARRY VOYLES AS THE CHAIRMAN. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van de Graaff seconded

VOTE: Unanimous

5. Review and discussion of SB 1466 § Chapter 172, Article 6, codified at A.R.S. §§ 17-491 to 17-493

Chairman Voyles asked Mr. Kinsall to give an overview of SB 1466 § Chapter 172. Article 6 that established the Board and its duties.

6. Overview and discussion of the Montana Livestock Loss Board

Chairman Voyles asked Albert Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager for Arizona Game and Fish Department to give a power point presentation/overview of the Montana Livestock Loss Board. Mission, goals and objectives, membership and role, the Livestock Loss Mitigation Program, the Livestock Loss Reduction Program, and funding of the Montana Livestock Loss Board were all reviewed. The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), its purpose, payments, payment limitations, and eligible animals were discussed. The NRCS EQIP funding and Regional Conservation Partnership Program was also reviewed.

7. Overview and discussion of a draft Mission Statement

Chairman Voyles asked the Board to review the draft Mission Statement and opened up the floor for discussion.

MOTION: ADOPT THE MISSION STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS: “TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF WOLVES ON INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS BY REIMBURSING CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE WOLF CAUSED LOSSES, HELP TO REDUCE THEIR LOSSES BY APPROVING PROJECTS AND FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT WILL DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT WOLVES FROM KILLING LIVESTOCK, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PAY FOR PRESENCE, AND SEEK APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF SECURE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD.” Jim O’Haco moved and Ken Van de Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Voyles asked Mr. Kinsall to review the draft Goals and Objectives one by one and opened the floor for review and discussion of proposed Goals and Objectives.

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES TO COMPENSATE LANDOWNERS, LESSEES, OR LIVESTOCK OPERATORS FOR WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK”. Dr. Ruyle moved and Jim O’Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDOWNERS, LESSEES, AND LIVESTOCK OPERATORS TO REPORT AND DEMONSTRATE WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK”. Ken Van De Graaff moved and Jim O’Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK”. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van De Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR EACH LIVESTOCK ANIMAL DEPREDATED BY WOLVES”. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van De Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “RESEARCH AND DEVELOP MEASURES TO PREVENT WOLF DEPREDATION ON LIVESTOCK”. Mark Killian moved and Stephen Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR LANDOWNERS, LESSEES, OR LIVESTOCK OPERATORS TO APPEAL DECISIONS OF THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD”. Mark Killian moved and Jim O’Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “ANNUALLY PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE BOARD’S ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARY OF STATE”. Mark Killian moved and Jim O’Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “WORK WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, LIVESTOCK OPERATORS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO DEVELOP ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS TO REDUCE WOLF CONFLICTS AND DEPREDATIONS”. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van De Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, AND ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF THE MEXICAN WOLF REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM ON RURAL COMMUNITIES”. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van De Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “DEVELOP A REPOSITORY FOR MEXICAN WOLF INFORMATION AND DATA THAT THIS COMMITTEE GENERATES RELATED TO WOLVES IN ARIZONA”. Mark Killian moved and Jim O’Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: ADOPT THE GOAL “DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS FOR A PAY FOR PRESENCE PROGRAM”. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

8. Discussion and possible action to establish the following – Subcommittees: Depredation, Compensation, Outreach, Adaptive Management, Other

Chairman Voyles asked Kevin Kinsall to read through the proposed list of potential subcommittees of the Board, and then opened the floor for discussion on the development of subcommittees. The subcommittees’ areas of focus include Depredation, Compensation, Outreach, Adaptive Management, and Funding Development. Mark Killian’s staff will develop and write draft charters for the subcommittees to be available for review at the next meeting.

MOTION: DEVELOP SUBCOMMITTEES WITHIN THE LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD. Mark Killian moved and Sarahmarge Crigler seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

9. Call to the Public

Chairman Voyles invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards.

Patrick Bray, the Executive Vice President of Arizona Cattlemen’s Association, addressed the Board. He remarked upon the large challenges set before the Board, particularly the crucially

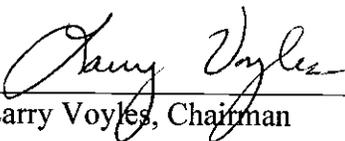
important task of developing a viable compensation program. He encouraged the board to take small and accurate steps during this process, and pledged the assistance of the Arizona Cattlemen's Association if the opportunity arose.

10. Future Agenda Items

The Board will set a date and time for the next meeting(s). The Board will discuss and may take action on the year-end report to the Governor, Speaker, and the President. The Board will revisit and may revise the Goals and Objectives. Subcommittees will be discussed, Board members may be assigned to some subcommittees, and the Board may discuss subcommittee charters. The Board may discuss and take action on Federal and State Legislative matters.

Chairman Voyles adjourned this meeting at **3:01p.m.**

I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on December 17, 2015.



Larry Voyles, Chairman