

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
Arizona Livestock Loss Board
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman
Stephen Clark
Tom Finley
Jim O'Haco - by phone
Dr. George Ruyle - by phone
Sarahmarge Crigler - by phone
Jim Unmacht - by phone

(Staff)
Kevin Kinsall
Jim Odenkirk
Nancy Cline

1. Welcome

Chairman Van De Graaff called the meeting to order at **1:35pm**. This meeting followed an agenda dated August 28, 2017.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Van De Graaff led the roll call and noted attendance of the Board members. Board members present were: Stephen Clark from Glendale, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock; Deputy Director Tom Finley from Phoenix, Deputy Director of AZ Game and Fish Department; Jim F. O'Haco from Winslow, representing Livestock Industry; Ken Van De Graaff from Gilbert, representing Livestock Industry; Dr. George Ruyle from Tucson, representing Faculty Member at University; James Unmacht from New River, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock and Sarahmarge Crigler from Springerville, representing Livestock Industry. Not present for this meeting was: Clay Parsons from Marana, representing Livestock Auction Market Owner.

3. **Review and approve minutes from May 31, 2017 meeting**

The members did not receive the May minutes and will defer approval until the next meeting.

4. **Call to the Public**

Chairman Van De Graaff invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards. There were no speakers.

5. **Staff Presentation/Discussion**

Kevin Kinsall reviewed claims 9-12 with the board members.

MOTION: To approve the claims as a group. Jim O'Haco moved Steve Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. **Staff Presentation / Discussion**

The Board reviewed and discussed the interim policy on Depredation Prevention.

ACTION ITEM: Chairman Van De Graaff asked Dr. Ruyle to provide a summary of the discussions taking place between himself, Sarahmarge Crigler and Paul Greer on funding.

ACTION ITEM: Chairman Van De Graaff asked Sarahmarge Crigler to give a summary of her presentation at the National Wildlife meeting in Albuquerque in September at the next board meeting.

MOTION: To approve the policy. Steve Clark moved Jim O'Haco seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Staff Presentation / Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed the Depredation form for use in requesting funds for measures to avoid depredation costs.

MOTION: To approve the Depredation Form. Jim O'Haco moved Dr. George Ruyle seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Staff Presentation / Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed the question raised at the May 31, 2017 meeting related to the use of dogs as an avoidance measure and establishing criteria for wolf depredation investigations.

Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk told the Board an application for funding for a research project should be considered. If they feel it's an effective measure then they can approve the grant application.

9. Staff Presentation / Discussion

The Board discussed the Chairman's letter to the Attorney General.

The Board voted to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussion and consultation with legal counsel

MOTION: To go into Executive Session. Steve Clark moved Tom Finley seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous.

(The Board then met in executive session).

The Board returned to regular session.

MOTION: To withdraw the letter to the Attorney General. Jim O'Haco moved seconded by Steve Clark.

VOTE: Unanimous

11. Staff Presentation / Discussion

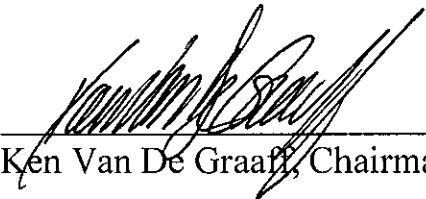
The Board reviewed and discussed future agenda items. Dr. Ruyle and Sarahmarge Crigler will report on Depredation Prevention Projects.

MOTION: Meeting to adjourn. Jim O'Haco moved seconded by Sarahmarge Crigler.

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Van De Graaff adjourned the meeting at **3:00 p.m.**

I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on 10/16, 2017



Ken Van De Graaff, Chairman