

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Stephen Clark

Mark Killian

Larry D. Voyles, Chairman

Ken Van de Graaff

Dr. George Ruyle (via telephone)

Sarahmarge Crigler (via telephone)

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

(Staff)

Kevin Kinsall

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Deborah Carter

1. Welcome

Chairman Voyles called the meeting to order at **1:36 p.m.** This meeting followed an agenda dated July 29, 2016.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Kinsall 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; Mark Killian from Phoenix, Director of AZ Department of Agriculture; Larry Voyles from Phoenix, Director of AZ Game and Fish Department; and Ken Van de Graaff from Gilbert, representing Livestock Industry. Board members present via telephone were: Dr. George Ruyle from Tucson, representing Faculty Member at University; and Sarahmarge Crigler from Springerville, representing Livestock Industry. Not present for this meeting were: Jim F. O'Haco from Winslow, representing Livestock Industry; James Unmacht from New River, representing Wildlife Conservation & Knowledge of Livestock; and Clay Parsons from Marana, representing Livestock Auction Market Owner.

3. Review and approve minutes of April 18, 2016 meeting

The members individually reviewed the drafted minutes.

MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2016 MEETING AS WRITTEN. Mark Killian moved and Stephen Clark seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

4. Call to the Public

Chairman Voyles invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards. There were none.

MOTION: BOARD TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van de Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

The Board reconvened at **2:17 p.m.**

5. Staff Presentation / Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Wolf Depredation Policy.

Recommended changes to the policy include:

- in the second sentence commercial cattle be changed to registered or commercial cattle to be more inclusive;
- the fifth line where it says representative (Field Representative) insert the language Employee of the Arizona Department of Agriculture;
- the sixth line the word cow needs changed to livestock;

- on the seventh line where it says "not to exceed \$2500" change to "not to exceed Fair Market Value."

The Board discussed options of arriving at Fair Market Value as the current policy draft does not provide a standardized approach to determining value. It was decided that Jim Odenkirk and Kevin Kinsall will work with Ken Van de Graaff and Clay Parsons to determine the language needed for the policy. They will come up with language that would give the Board discretion but gives the claimant direction for the standards of proof for Fair Market Value, including a description of what constitutes Fair Market Value.

Mr. Kinsall gave background information on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and their funding. Jon Cooley then explained the dollar for dollar match requirement of the reimbursement amount. This can be Claimant's cash, in-kind contributions or third party contributions on behalf of Claimant. As a state agency administering grant funds, there must be matching funds from a non-federal source. Mr. Cooley said he had spoken with NFWF and they would be willing to act as the bank for the Arizona Livestock Loss Board as they currently do for the Department, administering the grant funds for a fee.

The 50% matching funds were discussed at length. The match requirement on depredation funds is not responsible public policy as you are compensating someone for a loss, not positive improvements, as with other funding. Other options should be explored before proceeding.

Subject to changes already discussed, once the changes are made the interim policy can be adopted at a telephonic meeting, and then follow up on the additional concerns that have come up. This way the Board can start getting money out the door. They will then build a work plan and start to finalize the rules.

Mr. Van de Graaff updated the Board regarding his discussions with the Hartford Insurance Group in western Kansas. Hartford has done several livestock policies and have already visited with Wyoming and New Mexico on a wolf predation program. They would be willing to work with the Board. The cost numbers were 0.15 - 0.25 cents per head. They would require a representative from Game and Fish to verify that it was a wolf kill and then they would proceed with the payout. The University of Arizona could provide the data to the insurance company for the

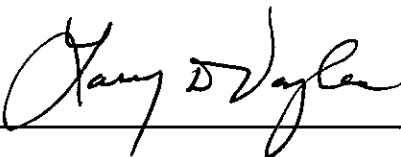
predation losses. This will be a future agenda item. A subcommittee was formed to work the insurance issue; Ken Van de Graaff, George Ruyle and Kevin Kinsall.

MOTION: MEETING TO ADJOURN. Mark Killian moved and Ken Van de Graaff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Voyles adjourned the meeting at **3:15 p.m.**

I attest that these minutes were reviewed and approved by the members of the Livestock Loss Board on November 3, 2016.



Larry D. Voyles, Chairman