

STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL BOARD

The regular meeting of the State Animal Damage Control Board was held June 6, 2024, at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Lower 1 & 2 Conference Rooms 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise, ID 83712. The meeting was called to order by chair Steve Wilder, at 1:32 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves for roll. The following board members were present: Steve Wilder, Chanel Tewalt, Cameron Mulrony, Oly Peterson, Cody Chandler, Jennifer Ellis, David Dalling (proxy for District 5 Jeff Siddoway). The following guests were present: Jared Hedelius, USDA WS, Donna Ralston, USDA WS, Liz Wilder, IWGA, Jack Blattner, IWGA, Patxi Larrocea-Phillips, IWGA & ICA, Katie Oelrich, IDFG.

Cody Chandler moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Wilder presented a chairman's report sharing that in August of 2023 they hired Lauren Mink as the Executive Secretary. He thanked ISDA for their help and support in the process of hiring.

Lauren Mink gave a secretary's report. She shared that Fiscal Year 2024 County Request Letters and Invoices were sent out in October 2023. She is happy to report that out of 44 counties, 39 counties have paid for Fiscal Year 2024. She is will continue to gather the rest of the counties that participate before the fiscal year wraps up in October. Lauren reported that the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Requests were sent out in March and April. In October, the Fiscal Year 2025 Request Letters and Invoices will be sent out. There was discussion on researching money that counties are receiving and ensuring they are using those funds appropriately. Lauren Mink was going to look into this matter. The financial report was given by Lauren Mink. She informed the board that she transitioned our bookkeeping over to QuickBooks accounting software. The investment CD account balance was \$84,278.34. It is a 12 month term with an interest rate of 4.81%. The checking account has a balance of \$566,519.65, which includes the following classes: District 1-5, Pelican, Bear, Cat, and General. The separate balances for the classes are kept in QuickBooks. The Brand and Wool Assessment Spring Check had not been received yet. The state's fiscal year would end on the 30th of June, so the check would be received soon.

Patxi Larrocea-Phillips provided a Legislative Report on the 2024 legislative session.

Jared Hedelius, State Director of USDA Wildlife Services, gave an annual report on activities over the past year. Jared explained how programs are funded and reported on the work done in each ADC district.

Lauren Mink presented that the ADC board has \$4,000 in operating spending authority that was budgeted for research projects. Since the ADC board does not have any projects before the end of the fiscal year, the board can request to include the \$4,000 in the transfer to Trustee and Benefits. Oly Peterson moved to approve the request to include the \$4,000 in the transfer to Trustee and Benefits. Motion passed.

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Oly Peterson moved to approve ADC paying the rent increase of \$200 a month. Cameron Mulroney abstained. Motion passed.

Cody Chandler moved to create a protocol that Idaho producers are priority in work done by Wildlife Services for ADC. Motion passed.

Oly Peterson moved that ADC request ISDA Director, Chanel Tewalt, communicate and explore for information with the Utah State Department of Agriculture Director on how to handle funds and work done for Utah producers running livestock in Idaho. Motion passed.

David Dalling proposed on behalf of Jeff Siddoway that ADC write a letter of support on behalf of a some producers in District 5 who are applying for funds through the Wolf Board. Motion failed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.