



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL BOARD

2118 West Airport Way
Boise ID 83705

The regular meeting of the District 3 Idaho Animal Damage Control Board was held December 3, 2022 at The Herrett Center's Frost Learning Lab, The College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue Twin Falls, ID 83301. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, John Noh, at 3:00 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Each person introduced themselves for roll call. The following board members were present: John Noh. The following guests were present: Emily Merrigan – Executive Secretary, State ADC Board; Steve Wilder – Chairperson, State ADC Board; Jared Hedelius – Idaho State Director, USDA/Wildlife Services; Dona Ralston – Budget Analyst, USDA/Wildlife Services, Rusty Kramer – Idaho Trapper; Stan Boyd – Former Executive Director, Animal Damage Control; Forest Author – Idaho Sheep Producer.

John Noh gave a chairperson's report. He shared the minutes from the State ADC Meeting.

Emily Merrigan gave an executive secretary report. She introduced the new chair of the State ADC Board, Steve Wilder. She updated the board on standard operating procedures for requesting funds from counties. She reminded the board of the species eligible to be controlled by the board: Coyote, Jackrabbit, Skunk, Weasel, Starling, and Racoons. She asked the board to fill out the contact information sheets and turn in to her before they leave today. She also shared that she is expecting and due in March. She is working with Steve to ensure the boards receive essential services in her absence.

Emily Merrigan shared the financial report. This included all monies spent and received by District 3 Animal Damage Control from December 1, 2021, until December 1, 2022. She also shared funds received from counties for fiscal year 2022, funds requested from counties for fiscal year 2023, and planned funding requests for fiscal year 2024.

Jared Hedelius gave a report of work done by Wildlife Service on behalf of ADC 3. From December 1, 2021, through December 1, 2022, 25 different Wildlife Services employees worked in ADC 5. All eight counties in ADC 3 requested and received assistance. Wildlife Services responded to complaints for the following animals: badgers, beavers, coyotes, fox geese, mountain lions, magpies, pelicans, raccoons, ravens, skunks, starlings, and wolves. The requests were to reduce and/or prevent damage to the following private property: cattle/adult, cattle/calves, sheep, goats, chickens, irrigation ditches, trees, and golf courses.

Jared Hedelius presented and explained the 5 year agreement between ADC 3 and USDA Wildlife Services.



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Jared Hedelius began discussion and negotiations for ADC 3's annual agreement with USDA/Wildlife Services. He requested a 2% increase from last year's contract for a total of \$110,334.

We will have a virtual meeting December 9, 2022 at 9am.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Merrigan

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