

Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2021
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Committee Members: Chair Dean Robinson, Paul Hisler, Bob Mahoney, Al Scott, Cameron Sweeney; Others: Steve Cherry, Terry Harper, Chris Lulay, Roberta Lutcher

Present Via Zoom

Commissioner Jim Doherty, Melody Henderson, Chris Schachtschneider

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call: 7:02 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Hisler moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021, as presented. Mr. Sweeney seconded. Motion carried.

Agency Updates

Steve Cherry, Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

- ODF&W was not certain what pack caused the depredations in the Ukiah Valley, but after more cameras were installed, pictures of a black wolf were taken that doesn't belong to any of the packs known to reside in that area. The suspicion is that wolf caused the depredations and isn't part of a formal pack. A kill permit was issued for those wolves after the second depredation occurred. Currently, nothing has been removed in the permit period by the landowner.
 - The Five Mile Pack had pups this year and the Heppner Pack still appears to be gone.
- Chris Lulay, U.S.D.A., Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services, Wildlife Specialist
- Heard from deer and elk hunters in the Tupper area that they had seen wolves but he, personally, had not seen any during his outings.

Review and Approve Grant Applications

The two applications received were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Hisler moved to award \$500 to Bar Plus Seven Cattle Company (Ricky and Jenny Turner). Commissioner Doherty seconded. Aye: Commissioner Doherty, Mr. Hisler, Chair Robinson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sweeney. Nay: Mr. Mahoney. Motion carried.

Mr. Sweeney moved to award \$2,000 to Judith Barber. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Aye: Commissioner Doherty, Mr. Hisler, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sweeney. Nay: Mr. Mahoney, Chair Robinson. Motion carried.

Good of the Order

Chair Robinson said he appreciated the comments by Committee members during the discussion, as well as their other efforts as Committee members. He said this wasn't easy and we're all learning as we go and will continue to improve as a Committee.

Adjourned: 7:48 p.m.