

MINUTES
Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board
August 22, 2016

Ed Schreiber, Idaho Fish and Game, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Those in attendance were: Brian Oakey, ISDA; James Stoll, ISDA; Todd Grimm, Wildlife Services; Brad Compton, Idaho Fish and Game; Carl Rey, Board member; Benn Brocksome, Governor's Office; Kelly Nielsen, ISDA; Janis Perry, ISDA; Owen Moroney. Attending by phone were Andrea Santarsiere, Center for Biological Diversity, and Board Members Tony McDermott and Richard Savage. Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau joined the meeting in progress.

Ed asked that with the Board's approval the approval of minutes be postponed until next meeting.

No one asked the board to give public comments.

Todd updated the Board with the Wildlife Services investigations – at 84 that was down significantly. Since July 1, they have conducted 17 more, but that too is down since 35 has been the average for the period from July 1 to August 22. During the period they have removed 12 wolves this year when last year they removed 25. On June 1, five groups filed a lawsuit against Wildlife Services. Judge Winmill has been assigned to the case. Tony asked about six dogs that had been reportedly killed by wolves. Todd indicated that Wildlife Services was not involved with that case.

Brian discussed the Performance Report that is due to DFM on September 1 from all agencies and Boards and is related to the Strategic Plan. Several changes have been made since the draft at the last meeting. Tony asked if the attorneys could review the sections under the Core functions and whether funding could be provided to private entities. Brian indicated that that would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kelly explained the FY 2016 and 2017 Financial Reports and copies will be sent to Tony and Richard since they were not provided in the Meeting Documents packages.

Since the last meeting Brian received reappointment letters from the governor's office for Tony and Richard to be Board members for another two years.

Ed explained that there was some confusion on the election of Carl at the last meeting. He suggested that with the Board's approval we allow Carl's election as secretary/treasurer to stand. There was no objection. He opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Richard nominated Tony as Vice Chair. He was approved without objections.

Brian stated that typically the Board has met in December. Carl suggested that he work with Janis on suggesting options for December options to the Board since his schedule is tight.

Richard clarified that possibly hiring private contractors would need to include cost comparisons.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.