

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
October 3, 2007
Conference Call

Members Present: Juan Reyes
Jack Corson, President
Jim Bennage
Dave Graham
Gene Hardy, Vice President
John Etchepare

Members Excused: Jim Mickelson

Members Absent: Joe Thomas
Patrick Zimmerer
Dalin Winters
Ryan Lance
Frank Galey

Staff Present: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Director

A quorum established. The youth members have not yet been appointed.

Old Business

The question arose regarding the Hawk Springs Conservation District. The question of a game and fish employee serving on the district had been discussed on a previous meeting. Jason and Muff will find out the history of the district, and follow-up at a future meeting. Jason noted that anyone can serve on a conservation district board.

Minutes

Gene Hardy made a motion to approve the September 19 minutes as presented. Juan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4-H Congress

Johnathan has been having meetings and will get back to James regarding the direction of the 4-H Congress. Juan has heard it's not going forward. Jason said UW may come back with a new proposal where State Fair would not be injured if they have a 4-H Congress.

Tail Docking

The subject is up for discussion at the Advisory Board meeting October 9 and 10 in Douglas. Gene will try and attend. Muff will fax information to Gene. John & Jason are also attending the meeting.

Meetings

Jack asked if he was wrong with the way he ran the meeting in Douglas in August. John said as long as there's time set aside for public comment, he should be alright, but he saw nothing wrong in the way Jack conducted the meeting.

Weed and Pest Resolution

Bryce thinks they need to change statutes regarding declared and designated weeds, as well as board appointments. Bryce has a draft to make these changes to statutes but will probably wait until 2009 to have them introduced. This is in reference to an email sent to John and Jason.

WBC/WDA

Juan wondered if anything had been heard by John or Jason regarding the Agribusiness Division moving to WDA. Neither one has heard anything new.

New Business

Sage Grouse Implementation Group

The group presented their final report to the Governor on September 25. They proposed 21 conservation measures to the Governor. Jason reviewed the document with regards to the department's responsibilities.

Jack said all of this is implemented on private lands and Jason said he doesn't see this **not** being implemented on Federal Land. USFWS can enter into CCA's with private land owners but can't with other federal agencies. Jason said those questions are still out there. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of game on the sage grouse and some suggestions to exterminate additional elk, deer, and antelope. Jack posed the question of what the board could do for this sage grouse study. Jason said there was nothing at this point.

Interstate Meat

John said USDA unions are fighting the passage of inspection at state level.

Control of the wolf

Gene feels the landowners need to be able to participate in the decisions.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Corson, President

Date