

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture

May 21, 2008

Conference Call

Present: Jim Bennage,  
Dave Graham  
Bridget Kukowski  
Joe Thomas  
Gene Hardy  
Juan Reyes  
Patrick Zimmerer  
John Hansen  
Dalin Winters  
John Etchepare

Absent: Jim Mickelson  
Jack Corson  
Frank Galey  
Ryan Lance

Guests: Cindy Garretson-Weibel

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

### Minutes

**Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Motion Carried.**

### Issues

The Board discussed the meeting and tour for the July 7 and 8 meeting. Jim Bennage is working on a couple of possible tours and Bridget is trying to find individuals willing to host the members for a tour of their ranch showing both the positive and negative side of coal bed methane water.

Gene Hardy recently made a trip to Washington DC where the ASI group met with Senator's Barrasso and Enzi. He said they are concerned about the USDA pursuing a free trade agreement with Argentina, as they have foot and mouth problems. He said there is still about 25% of the movement of sheep that is not traceable in the US, but it is much worse over there and they also have problems with scrapie.

He also learned the burden of the animal ID system will be on the backs of the producers, not the feds. He said there is a proposed bill to eliminate the use of 10-80 and M-44's, as well as the use of aircraft for predator management.

The ADMB is meeting in Casper. They will be reviewing the budgets of the nineteen counties that are presently participating in the predator program.

The joint meeting with the Game and Fish Commission scheduled for September 12 is still on, but there won't be time to participate in the shooting part at the Expo. Muff will send the list of issues to the members so they can add to them before it goes to the Game and Fish Commission.

### **Farm Bill Update**

John said there were two immigrant amendments added to labor for farms and ranches on the Iraq funding bill. He also said it had been extended three years.

Gean said the Ram sale is scheduled for September 9 and that the Wool Growers would like to see better fly control this year. John said they should contact James Goodrich to see what could be done.

### **Wolf Update**

Joe Thomas said there are now thirteen defendants on law suit including the state. They are trying to track the traveling patterns of wolf. On May 29th is the hearing in Missoula, MT. He said the elk are calving in the middle of livestock on the Southfork.

### **Snaring Update**

There is a meeting scheduled May 28 in Casper at 10 a.m. to discuss the issue. The meeting will be held at the Game and Fish office.

**Joe Thomas made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Juan Reyes. The meeting was adjourned.**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gene Hardy, President

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Date