

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
September 7, 2011  
Game and Fish Office, Casper, Wyoming

Present: John Hansen, Vice President  
Jim Hodder  
John Moore  
Alison Lass  
Bryan Brost  
Jim Price, Jr.  
Jason Fearneyhough, Director

Absent: Shaun Sims, President  
Patrick Zimmerer  
Bridget Williams  
Jana Ginter  
Frank Galey, UW Dean of College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Game and Fish Commissioners: Charles Price  
Richard Klouda  
Carrie Little  
Ed Mignery  
Aaron Clark  
Fred Lindzey  
Scott Talbott, Director  
Absent: Mike Healy

The meeting was call to order and the Board and Commission introduced themselves.

### **Aquatic Invasive Species**

Mark Fowden gave a power point presentation on the Game and Fish Program. The two species are the Zebra and Quagga Mussels. The state does not have them in any waters and the program is to educate those using the waters, the importance of keeping them out. It was started in 2010 and recreationists were the primary target, but they now feel the message need to be spread even further.

Scott Talbott feels all of agriculture and his department need to work together and asked if any of the two boards had any recommendations. One recommendation is to have one Game and Fish employee and one person from the Dept. of Agriculture give the power point presentation to irrigation districts, conservation districts, etc. Another suggestion was to have a joint statement produced.

### **Access to Private Lands**

John Hansen began the update by describing the Recognition Program to landowners for allowing hunting access on private lands. They are looking at multiple winners from each district. Four Commissioners have committed tags for this program. The recipients will receive a plaque and a

monitory prize. The Wildlife Foundation will process the sale of the tags. Carrie would like to the committee to finalize the details of the effort for the 2012 hunting season. Ed Mignery said a more complete draft will be available by mid November 2011 to each board. Fred thinks the Board of Agriculture needs to determine the forum in which to present the award.

**Brucellosis-Feed Ground Habitat Program**

Brian Nesvik is in charge of the program and he introduced Brandon Scurlock and Hank Edwards to give the power point presentation. Brandon said Brucellosis is thought to have been established via cattle from Europe to Yellowstone National Park. The Park used to feed the bison, and elk also fed on those feed lines, causing the spread from bison to elk. The following are the components of the Game and Fish Program:

- 1 Elk/Cattle Separation
- 2 Vaccination
- 3 Habitat Enhancement
- 4 Feed ground Management
- 5 Research – Adaptive Management
- 6 Surveillance

Hank discussed some additional components from the lab in Laramie:

- 1 Monitoring outside the feed grounds
- 2 Response to Brucellosis Outbreaks
- 3 Monitory Brucellosis in Bison
- 4 Research and Development

That was the end of the discussion between the two boards.

**Conservation District Water Quality Reporting**

**Alison Lass made a motion to accept the Hot Springs Conservation District's final report due on July 29, 2011 and received on July 27, 2011, which fulfills their contract requirement for the Owl Creek Water Sampling and Assessment 2008-2010 Project. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Rangeland Health Assessment Reporting**

**Jim Price, Jr. made a motion to accept the University of Wyoming's interim report for the Rangeland Health Assessment Program due and received on September 1, 2011, which fulfills their contract requirement. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shaun Sims, President

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