

MOFFAT COUNTY LAND USE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday July 11, 2011

Attendees:

Dave Watson, LUB
Ed Winters, LUB
T. Wright Dickinson, LUB
Steve Hinkemeyer, LUB
Richard Blakely, LUB
Jean Stetson, LUB
Doug Wellman, LUB
Dan Lowe, LUB
Roy Karo, LUB
Doug Wellman, LUB
Bob Grubb, LUB
Jim Snodgrass, Guest
Dean Gent, Guest
Ray Beck, Guest
Chris Walsh, Gest
Tom Gray, Moffat County Commissioner
Jeff Comstock, Moffat County Natural Resources Dept.
Jeremy Snow, Moffat County Attorney
Bill DeVergie, DOW
Darcy Owens Trask, Guest, EDP
Alan Reishus, Guest
Burt Clements, Guest
Chuck Lock, Moffat County Planning Commission
George Kidder, Sand Springs Landowner
Dean Gent, Guest
Matt Anderson, BLM

Call to Order:

Ed called the meeting to order at 7:01

Moment of Silence Observed

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Correct title to June 13th from May 16th . Motion was made to accept December Minutes
Steve/Dave/Unanimous

General Discussion

Predator Bounties:

Bill DeVergie described a meeting that Division of Wildlife hosted in Meeker to discuss the D7 deer herd. He talked about declining numbers despite habitat treatments, and described a concern that predators may be a factor. He discussed the option counties used to have for hosting bounties, and in 2006 it was repealed.

Dave asked about rumors about how many predators federal trappers shot. Bill described how Wildlife Services killed more bears than all the tags issued last year.

Doug suggested dollars from donations were appropriate for predator control, and that the most bang for your buck was airplane time. Dean asked if the DOW predator program still had a predator policy created by John Muma, past DOW director. Answer was yes.

Jeremy Snow described a method that a private entity could pay for an animal, where government agencies could not.

Tom suggested a subcommittee be established to address research and how a bounty program would work. Bill suggested the group deal with small game species, not big game species. Dan Lowe stated that we needed to focus on public education, whatever program is formed. Dean asked about HPP monies funding a bounty program. Bill said that it was to help landowners with game damage not necessarily predator control. Alan Reishus suggested that the Colorado Mule Deer association may be contributors to a bounty program, but that add-ons to hunters' license would be politically unpalatable. Bill said that he needs support from Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties because both are key players with elk and mule deer

Basin Roundtable Update:

Tom discussed a grant for studying projects and methods to meet future water supply needs. Tom also described the discussion of the first Flaming Gorge Task Force Meeting. The outcome of the Flaming Gorge meeting was the Task Force recommended a new makeup of the participants, to better represent the basins involved.

Sage Grouse:

Jeff described the power line grouse mitigation meeting that was called in Denver for the 26th of July and asked for volunteers to attend. T.Wright and Jean stated they would be attend. The point of the meeting is to begin discussion of acceptable mitigation strategies for Sage grouse affects caused by the proposed high voltage transmission lines.

BLM Update:

Matt updated the group on the proposed Master Leasing Plan initiative that Secretary Salazar asked for feedback on; the environmental groups had responded with their proposed boundaries of where they felt drilling regulations should have additional regulations. The Dinosaur South area was identified under the environmental groups

Master Leasing Plan in Moffat County. There will be a meeting August 9th that would describe these issues in greater detail.

Jeff updated the group about the western Knolles and Sand Springs subdivision meetings where Quicksilver attended and clarified questions to the homeowners about their drilling operations.

Adjournment: Steve/Dave/unanimous: 9:30