

Minutes of Meeting
Budget Consideration – Wildlife Services
June 9, 2014
8:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Pro Tem Green and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Finance Director David McDowell, USDA Aphis Wildlife Services County Representative Shane Robinson, Laurin Scarcello and Deputy Clerk Pamela Bogaert. Chairman Todd Tondee was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Pro Tem Green called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions made.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**
Mr. Laurin Scarcello introduced Mr. Shane Robinson, County Representative for the USDA Aphis Wildlife Services, to the Board. Mr. Scarcello listed Mr. Robinson’s accomplishments over the past year; including removal of three (3) wolves, one (1) bear and countless coyotes. Further, Mr. Scarcello advised the Board that Mr. Robinson’s services are used by Boundary, Bonner, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater and Kootenai Counties and explained how the USDA Aphis Wildlife Services earns funding.

Chairman Tondee joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Mr. Robinson outlined his background and qualifications and explained his efforts to manage predators in the wild. Mr. Scarcello asked that the Board consider his request for a \$5,000 contribution from Kootenai County taxpayers.

Chairman Tondee and Commissioner Green both noted that mitigation of predators is not a Kootenai County taxpayer issue, but is specific to the landowners and breeders who pay for Mr. Robinson’s services and should be funded by the fees charged.

- F. Staff Reports:** There were no staff reports.
- G. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Pamela B. Bogaert, Deputy Clerk
