

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RODENT DISTRICT BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

**Those attending:**

Curtis Hickey  
Troy Mock  
Bob Shirts

Bonnie Davis-Wash. Co. Weed & Rodent  
Lyndon Haines-Wash. Co. Commissioner

*Guests: N/A*

**Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.**

**In the Matter of the Minutes:** Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2022, meeting as written. Second by Bob Shirts key motion carries.

**General Business**

**Review of District Expenditures-**Bonnie presented an expenditure activity report dated 01/17/2023. Cash balance is \$52,876.46 budget balance remaining = \$52,904.34. Tail Bounty Report- October 1, 2022, to date: a total of 2,306 tails have been received with \$2,882.50 to be expended on tail bounty. Leaving a bounty balance of \$28,117.50. Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the reports as presented, second by Shirts, motion carries.

**Education/Outreach-**Bonnie presented the board with a draft of the mailer per the boards request. A full page 2-sided which includes extensive information regarding the district and information about gophers. The board requested Bonnie make a couple edits, the board reviewed number sent last year, when to mail and other details. Motion by Troy Mock to go to print with edits. Second by Bob Shirts, motion carries.

**Trapping Seminar-**Seminar scheduled for March 25, 2023, was discussed. It will be held at the Bob Shirts Ranch, Mann Creek Road, Weiser. Tony Hickey, Max Miller, and Curtis Hickey will be presenting. They will do 20-minute stations once again this year, that was very popular in 2022. This allows attendees to see various methods and traps. Tony will also do a trap repair/modification for the group as the final presentation of the day. Discussion of compensating the trappers for presenting. Motion by Troy Mock to present Tony Hickey and Max Miller with a thank you of \$50. Second by Bob Shirts, motion carries. Bonnie reminded Curtis he volunteered to pick up the cinch traps to ensure the right size and style is purchased. The weed staff will be responsible for the other door prizes, refreshments etc. The seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at noon.

**New Business**

**Increase of Tail Bounty-**Board members began discussion at a previous meeting of possibly increasing the tail bounty for 2023. Current gopher tail counts were reviewed as well as tail count numbers from previous years. They discussed the drop in tails being turned in for bounty. Possible environmental effects as well as control being obtained on maintained properties. Motion by Curtis Hickey to increase the bounty from \$1.25 per tail to \$1.50 per tail retroactive back to October 1, 2023. Second by Bob Shirts. Commissioner Haines contacted the county clerk, and it is on the commissioner's agenda for Monday, January 24, 2023. If the commissioners approve the increase Bonnie will send a letter to trappers who will be receiving an additional check reflecting the increase.

**The next regular Rodent District meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

Motion was made by Bob Shirts to adjourn, second by Troy Mock. Motion carries unanimous, meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.