

WASHINGTON COUNTY RODENT DISTRICT BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

Those attending:

Curtis Hickey
Troy Mock
Bob Shirts

Bonnie Davis-Wash. Co. Weed & Rodent

Guests: Shanie McLaren

(Shanie left as the meeting was called to order.)

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 4:28 pm.

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion was made by Bob Shirts to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting as written. Second by Troy Mock motion carries.

General Business

Review of District Expenditures-Bonnie presented an expenditure activity report dated 03/14/2023. Cash balance is \$51,121.13 budget balance remaining = \$49,368.28. Tail Bounty Report- October 1, 2022, to date: a total of 2,593 tails have been received with \$3,889.50 expended on tail bounty. Leaving a bounty balance of \$27,110.50. Bonnie reported that all the checks had been sent to trappers who had previously turned in tails prior to the bounty increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the reports as presented, second by Shirts, motion carries.

Education/Outreach-The board was pleased with the educational insert that was sent to those taxpayers within the gopher district. They felt it had a great deal of good information. Bonnie stated the seminar flyer was included per the board's request.

Trapping Seminar-Seminar scheduled for March 25, 2023, at Bob Shirts from 10-12. Max Miller, Tony Hickey and Curtis Hickey will be presenting. Curtis informed the board that Tony will briefly talk about owl boxes. Bonnie had submitted the honorarium claims for \$50 each for Tony and Max per the board's direction. Door prizes were discussed. Curtis reported that Crystal at Farmer's Supply Co-Op donated a dozen medium sized Gonzo cinch type traps. Curtis feels those may be good for those who attend from the upper country as their gophers are smaller in size. He will purchase an additional 2 dozen larger ones and bring the receipt to Bonnie for reimbursement. Bonnie's staff will pick up some nippers (side cutter type tools) for cutting off tails, flags, and various size gloves. Board members suggested putting 3 traps together for a door prize. Bonnie asked the board to come up with Plan B in case of bad weather. The weather has not been ideal lately and even though we can possibly get undercover of a hayshed, attendees do not get the full experience and others may not attend due to unfavorable conditions. Bonnie will make the call regarding weather on Friday morning.

New Business

2024 Budget Requests-Bonnie shared budget worksheets will be coming out late April and will be due on or around May 15th. Please think of any adjustments you would like to see, and we will discuss them at our May meeting.

The next regular Rodent District meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Troy Mock to adjourn, second by Bob Shirts. Motion carries unanimous, meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.