

LA CROSSE COUNTY WILDLIFE ABATEMENT/DAMAGE COMMITTEE

Monday, October 19, 2020
Room 1107 – Administrative Center
8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Mueller, Francis Brown, Ted Eisenbacher, Kevin Hoyer

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: DeWayne Snobl, Kaitlyn Davis, Kasey Burg, Andrea Northey

CALL TO ORDER

Carl Mueller called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brown and seconded by Hoyer to approve the meeting minutes from February 10th, 2020.

Approved unanimously.

DEER DONATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Snobl shared the 2019 deer donation totals statewide was 1,243. The total for La Crosse County was 59. Gary is no longer participating, but St. Joes is still participating.

2019 DAMAGE PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Due to the global pandemic COVID-19, the USDA-APHIS – Wildlife Services Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – 2019 summary report is not yet available. The work load for La Crosse County has been similar to the past: last year there were 10-1 claims, and this year there were 11-1 claims. There have been very few bear claims, with only one in La Crosse County.

2020 CROP PRICE CONSIDERATIONS

Snobl explained where the pricing came from – a combination of Ag Statistics, UW Extension and Nine Mills. The WDACP crop prices are set to \$3.24/bu for field corn, \$8.48/bu for soybeans, \$167.50/ton for alfalfa, and \$124.08/ton for alfalfa/mixed hay. **MOTION** by Hoyer seconded by Eisenbacher to set the 2020 crop prices as stated above. **Approved unanimously.**

HARVEST DATE – 90% CUT-OFF FOR WDACP

Discussion was had over when to set the 90% cut-off date due to the weather this year. The season has been good so returning to the regular cut off dates. **MOTION** by Hoyer seconded by Eisenbacher to set the date of December 1st, 2020 as the 90% cut-off date. **Approved unanimously.**

2021 PROGRAM BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS AND APPROVAL

Snobl reported overall the budget has increased by 1.3%. **MOTION** by Hoyer seconded by Eisenbacher to approve the proposed 2020 WDACP La Crosse county budget. **Approved unanimously.**

UPDATE USDA-APHIS

No other updates than the items listed above.

UPDATE WDNR

Snobl informed the committee that Shaurette is not in the La Crosse County area, instead he has moved to the Eau Claire County Region. Anna Johns is the best contact for the committee's needs.

The bill that was approved by the Assembly was dropped by the Senate, so for now this bill won't be brought forward again until January 2021 possibly.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The next meeting will be February 22, 2021, starting at 8:30 a.m. in Room 2208 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center. Agenda Items include: Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Election of New Chair Position, Shooting Permit/Harvest Exemption Considerations, 2019 WDACP Claims Approval, Deer Donation Program Update, Update USDA/APHIS, Update WDNR, Adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Eisenbacher to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brown. **Approved unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above may be approved, amended or corrected at the next meeting, Kaitlyn Lance, Recorder