

LA CROSSE COUNTY WILDLIFE ABATEMENT/DAMAGE COMMITTEE

Monday, January 30, 2012
Room 3200 – Administrative Center
8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Mueller, Leon Pfaff, Francis Brown

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Harry Meinking

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: DeWayne Snobl, Ron Lichtie, Vicky Kast

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Carl Mueller and noted the meeting was properly posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brown/Pfaff to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2011. **Approved unanimously.**

SHOOTING PERMIT-HARVESTING EXEMPTION CONSIDERATIONS (see attached)

- A WM-40 shooting permit was issued on January 18, 2011. Discussion about harvest objectives and recommendations.
- **MOTION** to approve granting a harvest exemption. Motion by Pfaff/Brown. **Approved unanimously.**

2011- CLAIMS APPROVAL

- **MOTION** by Brown/Pfaff to approve the claim. **Approved unanimously.**

DEER DONATION PROGRAM UPDATE

- Deer donations are down from last years' numbers in the surrounding counties. The only exception to this is Trempealeau. Since numbers are still being turned in, the State does not have a grand total.

UPDATE USDA-AHPIS

- The wolf is officially delisted from the Endangered Species Act as of January 27, 2012. On that date, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin took over management of the species according to each State's management plan. Landowners should contact Wildlife Services if they have damages because the damage needs to be verified and confirmed.

UPDATE WDNR

- No issues have been reported in La Crosse County in regards to wolves. Four losses have been reported in Monroe County. Currently trapping is the favorable method of control over a hunting permit system.
- The Hixton Forest Hunt was a success. Everyone involved enjoyed the experience and there were many deer sightings. The hunt will be held again one more year.
- It's been two years since the Goose Island Hunt. This hunt will only be implemented again if necessary in the future.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The next planned meeting will be held on: October 15, 2012, starting at 8:30 a.m. in Room 3200 of the Administrative Building in La Crosse.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pfaff/Brown to adjourn. **Approved unanimously.** Adjourned at 9:20am.

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