

Crook County Wolf Committee



Committee Board Meeting Minutes

July 24th, 2025 | 3 PM

Extension Office Conference Room
498 SE Lynn Blvd, Prineville OR 97754

Attendees

Libby Rodgers (Zoom)
Elaina Huffman
Hunter Neuharth
David Condrin

GUESTS: Tim Deboodt, Scott Duggan. Multiple Zoom guests initially.

QUORUM: ☒ Yes ☐ No

I. CALL TO ORDER: 3:09 PM

- a. Initial Zoom meeting was hijacked by a virtual hacker. The Zoom had to be ended due to offensive piracy. Replacement Zoom meeting was provided to the only board member in attendance – Libby. Meeting re-convened at 3:25 PM.

II. COMMITTEE UPDATE

- a. Ellie Gage (past chair) term expired; Hunter had stepped in and is willing to continue if the committee approves. Dave moves that Hunter continues as chair, Elaina seconds; passes unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tim Deboodt shares about Senate Bill 777
 - i. Will be changes (increases) in compensation for livestock loss to wolf depredation.
 - ii. Dept. of Ag wants to be in Prineville August 2026 5:30-7PM to discuss the implementation of SB777, inviting ranchers and people affected by wolf depredation to attend. Flyer to be distributed before too long.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATE (continued)

- a. Three applicants for three vacancies on the Committee. Applications reviewed by the board, discussed. Each applicant approval was passed unanimously.
 - i. John Dehler
 - ii. Seth Crawford
 - iii. Linda Steele

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Depredation Funds
 - i. Two in Crook County – one confirmed, one probably on McCormacks. We have \$2,840 that we can allocate; Hunter moves to give \$2,840 to McCormacks, Dave seconds. Passes unanimously.
- b. Grant Funds
 - i. We have \$50k for non-lethal use, and need to review the prior applications from Desert Creek Ranch, McCormacks, and Hatfield. Discussion about how much each ranch asked for, and did they receive funds from Deschutes County's wolf committee?
 - 1. Scott advised he will get minutes from the Deschutes Wolf Committee meeting so we can review, then award funds to these ranches.

Meeting adjourned 3:47 PM