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Subject: Re: 1-5-15 RTF/R draft minutes

A quick update on the bill for wildlife damage. I think we may be able to take the funding from FWP instead of the General Fund. I have mixed feelings as this may bring the hunters out against it if we are using license fees. Any feedback on that issue would be appreciated. The other issue is whether we have the counties administer the claims or have it done at the state level. I have asked MACO to check with the counties and will discuss it with Greg Chilcott, as well. As soon as I have a draft I will send it to Brian.

Nancy

In a message dated 2/1/2015 3:56:21 A.M. Mountain Standard Time, aranch@jimellingson.com writes:

Ravalli County Right to Farm and Ranch Board

Meeting Minutes for January 5th, 2014 for a meeting held in the Hamilton House meeting room in Victor, Montana

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Meyer at 7:15 PM.

Roll call

Members Present:

Jay Meyer (chair)

Joann Hosko

Al Pernichele

Brian Rouse

Howard Lyons

Jim Ellingson

Katrina Mendrey (ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Dan Huls

Theresa Manzella

Phil Tummarello

Also present: Doug Schallenberger and Bill Menager

Additions to the agenda: Katrina presented her idea of having a quarterly breakfast or lunch for the purpose of producer education. She also told of a tentative presentation/meeting that will hopefully be held Friday, January 23rd with MSU's beef specialist Rachel Endicott. All are invited.

Public Comment – Items Not on Agenda: none

Approval of the Minutes of December 1st, 2014:

1. Joann noted that the first name Mr. Babcock, who was a visitor at our last meeting, is actually Richard.
2. Joann also noted that the word "stationary" should have actually been spelled "stationery."
3. **Howard moved and Al seconded that the minutes be approved with those two changes. All voted aye.**

Old Business:

1. Supplemental labelling:
 - a. Al reported that Celestine Duncan, who is the private tester (independent contractor) of herbicides who gave us a report on Aminopyralid at our December

meeting, has written a letter to DOW Chemical regarding our request for Montana supplemental labeling on Aminopyralid.

i. DOW will now contact the Montana Department of Agriculture regarding that issue.

b. A conversation ensued to bring our guests up to speed regarding the issue.

c. Katrina is going to contact extension agents in some of the states that have adopted the supplemental labels and determine how well it has or hasn't worked in those areas.

2. Wildlife Damage Control:

a. Brian reported that Nancy Ballance is sponsoring a bill supporting producer reimbursement for lost crops.

i. Minnesota and Wisconsin have such programs

ii. Saskatchewan also has such a program and their producers are reimbursed 100%.

iii. Wisconsin pays out about \$900,000 per year.

1. The money is raised by charging \$1 on each residential hunting license and \$2 on each out of state license.

2. That amount has proven not to be enough so they will be raised to \$2 and \$4 respectively.

3. Wisconsin has adjusters that handle the claims.

iv. Brian think such a program will probably cost Montana about \$400,000 per year.

1. Nancy is requesting that the money come out of the general fund.

b. Brian also reported that Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks still refuses to release wildlife target numbers.

3. Role of the Right to Farm and Ranch Board

a. Jay reported that we have a meeting scheduled for January 13th with the board of county commissioners, at 10 a.m., to discuss how we might maximize the power of our board and be of the most use to the BCC.

4. Ag Gag:

a. Jay reported that Theresa Manzella is moving forward with our proposed change to the current law that will require more accountability for animal protection organizations that want to confiscate animals that they believe are being abused.

5. FFA:

- a. Jay reported that he is scheduled to meet with the new Corvallis superintendent of public schools on January 22nd regarding his vision of starting a new FFA chapter in Corvallis.
 - i. Zach Miller at the Western Montana Ag Experiment Station wishes to get involved and offer that facility to the program.

New Business:

1. Annual Bitter Root Stock Growers' meeting:

- a. Brian reported that it will be held January 17th at the St. Mary's Family Center
 - i. "Land is Your Legacy" will be promoted there.
 - ii. Katrina said that the Ravalli Republic will be running a story on the annual meeting and the "Land is Your Legacy" should be included within that article.
 - iii. The Mountain States Co-op "Land is Your Legacy" meeting is scheduled for February 5th.

2. Katrina reminded everyone that the Jim Garrish "Kick the Hay Habit" seminar is from 9 until 4 on January 15th.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton House meeting room in Victor, Montana.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.