LA CROSSE COUNTY WILDLIFE ABATEMENT/DAMAGE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 12, 2018
Room 2208 – Administrative Center
8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Francis Brown, Leon Pfaff, Mike Geise
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carl Mueller
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Eisenbacher
OTHERS PRESENT: DeWayne Snobl, Ron Lichtie, Kaitlyn Lance, Vicky Kast

CALL TO ORDER
Leon Pfaff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. County Board Member, Mike Geise, is attending in order to have a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Brown and seconded by Pfaff to approve the meeting minutes from October 16, 2017. Approved unanimously.

SHOOTING PERMIT – HARVESTING EXEMPTION CONSIDERATIONS
Snobl reported Ted Dovenberg is requesting a Harvest Exemption. Upon review and discussion with Mr. Dovenberg, Wildlife Services and Wisconsin DNR would recommend approving the exemption. MOTION by Brown and seconded by Geise to grant a Harvest Exemption to Mr. Dovenberg. Approved unanimously.

2017 WDACP CLAIMS APPROVAL
Snobl reported only one claim has been received. Ted Dovenberg has a claim for an appraisal loss of $1,723.11 and a payable loss of $1,223.11. Upon review, Wildlife Services recommends approval of the claim. The 2017 WDACP Claim is lower than in 2016. MOTION to approve the 2017 WDACP claim by Geise, seconded by Brown. Approved unanimously.

DEER DONATION PROGRAM UPDATE
Overall the number of deer being donated has been going down in La Crosse County. Pfaff reported that in an effort to support our one processor in the program, he received approval from Administrator O’Malley to pay the dumpster fee needed for the donated deer. The office will contact Craig’s Meats to get the invoice and process payment using the County’s Wildlife Abatement funds.

UPDATE USDA-AHPIS – DEWAYNE SNOBL
Snobl reported that the deadline date for submitting reimbursements could be changing to an earlier date. This is in effort for the counties to be able to get all the expenses in one year and closed. Kast reported that this has not been a problem for La Crosse County.

UPDATE WDNR – RON LICHTIE
Lichtie reported CWD is now in the area, just outside of Chaseburg. Since CWD spreads by saliva, effective February 1, 2018, it is illegal to feed deer. The agency is working on outreach efforts on this issue. Discussion occurred on what is involved in processing a deer, and what happens when CWD is positive. Lichtie will contact Pfaff with further details.

The WDNR and Wildlife Services have been working with the City and La Crosse Police Department on the pigeon problem in downtown La Crosse. The droppings are a health hazard and destructive to buildings. A variety of measures are being used to deal with the birds including live trapping and a sort of chemical birth control feed.

The WDNR is receiving more reports on bobcat sightings.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
The next meeting will be on October 15, 2018 starting at 8:30 a.m. in Room 2208 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center. Agenda items include; 2017 Deer Donation Update, 2017 Damage Program Annual Report, 2018 Crop Price Considerations, Harvest Date-90% Cut Off, 2019 Program Budget Considerations
and Approvals, Update USDA, Update WDNR, 5-Year Wildlife Services Cooperative Service Agreement Renewal 2019-2024.

**ADJOURNMENT MOTION** by Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pfaff. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

*Disclaimer: The above minutes were approved at the October 15, 2018 meeting, Vicky Kast, Recorder*
Wildlife Damage Program: February

1) Shooting Permit Harvest Exemption Consideration:

Ted Dovenberg: WM-40 Permit (Harvest Objective = 80% by September 15th)
Permit Issuance – February 2, 2017
Harvest Quota – 10 deer
Harvest Objective – 8 deer by 9/15/17
Actual Harvest – 7 deer by 9/15/17, missed by 1
Total Harvest – 10 deer

Recommendation: After discussion with Mr. Dovenberg and review of his shooting permit information, WS and DNR would recommend Trempealeau County grant a Harvest Exemption.

2) 2017 WDACP Claims: review/approve

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3) 2017 Deer Donation: update (2016 DD)

Buffalo – 101 (119)
Clark – No Participating Processors (NPP)
Jackson – 28 (29)
La Crosse – 31 (30)
Trempealeau – 48 (37)
Statewide Total - ??? (1,258)

4) Other Wildlife Activity/Questions?