

MINUTES
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission Meeting
FWP Headquarters – 1420 East 6th Avenue
Helena, MT

NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Commission Members Present: Dan Vermillion, Vice-Chairman; Willie Doll; Ron Moody; Bob Ream.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff Present: Joe Maurier, Director, and FWP Staff.

Guests: See November 12, 2009 Commission file folder for names of who signed in.

A work session was held immediately following the regular Commission meeting to entertain the topics of FWP land purchases, shed antler hunting on wildlife management areas, and crucial areas and corridors. A briefing on the wolf season was also presented as a result of a request during the Commission meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

1. **Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2009 and of the October 13, 2009 Conference Call**
3. **Approval of Commission Expenses through October, 2009**
4. **Audio Streaming System Briefing**
5. **2010 Commission Meeting Schedule - Final**
6. **Commission Reports**
7. **Eight Mile Ford Fishing Access Site on the Madison River Acquisition - Endorsement**
8. **Dearborn River FAS Development at the Highway 287 Bridge - Endorsement**
9. **Commercial Use Administrative Rules – Final**
10. **Commercial Use Permit Fee Rules – Final**
11. **Holter Lake Water Skiing ARM Amendment to Include All Waterborne Recreational Devices – Tentative**
12. **Bull Trout Fishing Closure Extension and Expansion in Region 1 – Final**
13. **Ralston Conservation Easement in the Big Hole Valley – Endorsement**
14. **Hell Roaring Creek Water Right Lease – Endorsement**
15. **2010 Non-Resident Combination License Annual Rule Amendment - Tentative**
16. **Helena Urban Deer - Final**
17. **Montana Bighorn Sheep Conservation Strategy - Final**
18. **Adaptive Harvest Deer Management Plan - Informational**
19. **Pablo / Ninepipe WMA Land Exchange – Final**
20. **Open Microphone – Public Opportunity to Address Additional FWP Issues**

1. **Opening - Pledge of Allegiance.** Vice-Chairman Vermillion called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2009, and October 13, 2009.** *Action: Doll moved and Ream seconded the motion to approve the October 8 minutes. Motion carried. Ream moved and Doll seconded the motion to approve the October 13 minutes. Motion carried.*

3. Approval of the October, 2009 Commission Expense Report. *Action: Ream moved and Doll seconded the motion to approve the expense report as presented. Motion carried.*

4. Audio Streaming System Briefing. Dustin Temple, FWP Network Services Manager, briefed the Commission on the purpose of the new audio streaming system, which is to provide Internet streaming of Commission meetings to the public, to provide better acoustical sound, and to provide audio minutes. He stressed the importance of speaking into microphones to avoid gaps in the audio streaming clips. Turning away from microphones or sitting back from microphones creates gaps in the stream, which does not produce a quality audio product. Minutes will no longer be in written format as they are now, so it is important that the audio version be clear. A video streaming demonstration is scheduled for November 17, with the expectation that a contract will be awarded soon so the system can be in place before the end of the year.

5. 2010 Commission Meeting Schedule - Final. Due to conflicts in January and September, the January meeting was changed to January 15 rather than January 14, and the September meeting will be combined with the August 31 meeting (no regularly scheduled September meeting will be held). Meeting locations will be discussed at a later date.

Action: Moody moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2010 Commission Schedule with the amendments to set the January meeting date for January 15 rather than January 14, and to combine the September meeting with the August 31 meeting (no September meeting). Motion carried.

Action: A consensus via e-mail was reached on November 13 to change the January 2010 Commission meeting back to the original January 14 date.

6. Commission Reports. Ream suggested including a briefing on the wolf hunting season to the work session following today's meeting. Vermillion reported that there are concerns there may be a significant overrun of the wolf quota in Region 3. Sportsmen would like to have had a longer opportunity. He has been working closely with Kurt Alt and Quentin Kujala.

7. Eight Mile Ford Fishing Access Site on the Madison River Acquisition – Endorsement. Chas Van Genderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, explained that FWP acquired this 26-acre fishing access site on the Madison River in 1957, and began developments in the late 1970's, with additional improvements made in the 1990s. Inadvertently, a portion of the access road and the entire boat ramp were constructed on private property, which FWP was unaware of until the landowner, Granger Ranch, recently brought it to the Department's attention. After discussing several options, an agreement was reached for FWP to pursue acquisition of the land on which the encroachment was made, along with a piece of adjoining wetland for a total of three acres.

Action: Ream moved and Doll seconded the motion to authorize the Department to pursue potential land acquisition of approximately three acres from the Granger Ranches as an addition to the Eight Mile Ford Fishing Access Site. Motion carried.

8. Dearborn River FAS Development at the Highway 287 Bridge – Endorsement. Chas Van Genderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, explained that FWP is proposing to work with the Montana Department of Transportation and Lewis and Clark County to improve an existing public access point on the Dearborn River fifteen miles northeast of Wolf Creek. Currently, public access occurs along a narrow, unimproved strip of MDT right-of-way leading to a fenced area near the river. This site is the primary launch location for recreationists, and use increases each year. The Dearborn River meanders through several miles of private land that provides no other public access until its confluence with the Missouri River. Last spring FWP wardens made improvements to the pedestrian walk-through in the fence and constructed a roller rail for rafts, canoes and kayaks, but the site is in need of sanitation facilities. Additionally, the approach off the highway and parking area are in need of improvements. Lewis and Clark County has offered to help with material and labor for basic road and parking area improvements. FWP proposes to acquire a Recreation Use Permit from the Department of Transportation for development of a fishing access site.

Action: Moody moved and Doll seconded the motion authorize FWP to pursue a Recreation Use Permit with the Montana Department of Transportation for the purpose of developing a fishing access site on the Dearborn River at the Highway 287 bridge.

Vermillion inquired what type of sanitation devices would be placed at the site.

Van Genderen replied that the situation is under evaluation as to whether or not it will be fixed or portable latrines.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

9. Commercial Use Administrative Rules – Final. Chas Van Genderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, explained that the Commission adopted Commercial Use Administrative Rules and a Commercial Use Permit Commission Fee Rule in 2006. In 2008, the Commission readopted the fee rule with no changes, but directed staff to evaluate both sets of rules for any recommended changes prior to adoption in 2009. Staff evaluated the rules and made recommendations, which the Commission adopted as tentatives in August. After accepting comments over a thirty-three day public comment period, FWP now recommends that the Commission adopt the commercial use administrative rules as proposed in the tentative rules, with one change which is to simplify the new definition of “nonprofit organization”. It will now read: (12) “*Nonprofit organization*” means an organization that is officially registered as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Action: Ream moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve the final commercial use administrative rules as proposed in the tentative rules with a simplified definition for “nonprofit organization”.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment. There was none.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

10. Commercial Use Permit Fee Rules – Final. Chas Van Genderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, stated that this is the second part of the commercial use rules, which pertains to the fees charged. The Commission approved the tentative rules in August. In response to comments made during the thirty-three public comment period, FWP recommends approval of the permit fee rules as proposed, with the exception of replacing the \$35 three-day FAS Permit with a \$15 single-day FAS Permit.

Moody questioned the reduction in price, as this is one area the Department can receive money that does not come from license dollars.

Van Genderen replied that the fiscal policy states that fishing access sites are to be purchased with license money and vehicle license dollars. The fishing access sites are not exclusive to fishing; they are used for recreation of all kinds. Based on feedback of users, FWP felt this to be an appropriate fee. The Department is attempting to balance pricing and management with public use of these sites. This rule expires in two years and can be reevaluated at that time.

Vermillion stated that the number of affected whitewater outfitters is relatively small, so the loss of funding is not great, plus more people who normally would not pay the higher price of \$35 will pay the \$15.

Action: Ream moved and Doll seconded the motion to approve the rule for commercial use permit fees including a \$15 single-day FAS Permit.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment. There was none.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

11. Holter Lake Water Skiing ARM Amendment to Include All Waterborne Recreational Devices – Tentative. Jim Kropp, FWP Enforcement Division Bureau Chief, explained that this proposal is to amend Administrative Rule 12.11.3215(3) which prohibits water skiing on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays on Holter Lake from the mouth of the canyon to the Gates of the Mountains. As new forms of waterborne recreation have evolved, there is more boat traffic involving wake activities and tubes and other devices being pulled by towing vessels, so FWP is proposing to expand the rule beyond skiing, to include these forms of activities for public safety purposes, and for clarification and enforcement purposes. This rule was put in place as a safety precaution because of the narrowness of canyon and high density of boat traffic through the canyon on weekends and holidays. The proposed amendment affects item (3), and would strike “to water skiing” on the first line, and add wording to the end of the second line. New wording is underlined. (See rule below).

12.11.3215 HOLTER LAKE

(1) Holter Lake is located in Lewis and Clark County.

(2) Holter Lake is limited to a controlled no wake speed, as defined in ARM 12.11.101(1), in the following areas:

(a) Gates of Mountains marina on (Upper Holter Lake) within 300 feet of docks or as buoyed;

(b) Bureau of Land Management boat landing on Holter Lake as buoyed;

(c) Juniper Bay;

(d) Log Gulch;

(e) Departure Point;

(f) Merriweather Camp; and

(g) Holter Lake lodge docks.

(3) Holter Lake is closed ~~to water skiing~~ on Saturday and Sunday of each week and on all legal holidays from the mouth of the canyon on upper Holter Lake to the Gates of the Mountains near Mann Gulch, as marked, to

(a) water skiing, tubing, or any similar activity in which a vessel is towing a person; and

(b) wake surfing or any similar activity in which a person is riding the wake of a vessel.

Action: Ream moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve amendment of Administrative Rule of Montana 12.11.3215 (3) by striking out the words: “ to water skiing” on the first line, and adding verbiage to the end of the second line so that the rule would read as follows: (3) Holter Lake is closed on Saturday and Sunday of each week and on all legal holidays from the mouth of the canyon on upper Holter Lake to the Gates of the Mountains near Mann Gulch, as marked, to

(a) water skiing, tubing, or any similar activity in which a vessel is towing a person; and

(b) wake surfing or any similar activity in which a person is riding the wake of a vessel.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Rod Bullis said fishing in that stretch is often bottlenecked. This amendment is wise and prudent.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

12. Bull Trout Fishing Closure Extension and Expansion in Region 1 – Final. FWP proposes to extend closure of the mouths of Big, Bear and Woodward Creeks for a 150-yard radius from June 1 through September 30 to protect the adult bull trout while they are staging. Karen Zackheim, FWP Fisheries Division Acting Bureau Chief, stated there are no changes to the tentatives, which were approved by the Commission in October. FWP received nineteen comments in favor of the proposal.

Action: Ream moved and Doll seconded the motion to extend the angling closures at the mouth of Big Creek on the North Fork of the Flathead, Bear Creek on the Middle Fork of the Flathead, and on Woodward Creek on the Swan to a radius of 150 yards from June 1 through September 30. Motion carried.

13. Ralston Conservation Easement in the Big Hole Valley – Endorsement. Karen Zackheim, FWP Fisheries Division Acting Bureau Chief, explained that the 2,773-acre Ralston property is located 12 miles south of the Wise River at the mouth of Deep Creek. It borders the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest, Bureau of Land Management land, and Mount Haggin WMA. The property includes important habitats for the Big Hole Arctic grayling population. The property is a popular angling site, and it includes grasslands that support an abundance of wildlife species, and it provides migratory corridors as well. FWP proposes to allocate \$100,000 of Habitat Montana Funds as a match for \$1,000,000 in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding to develop a conservation easement on the Ralston property. The landowner is also donating \$600,000.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve preliminary endorsement of FWP's efforts to develop a conservation easement on the 2,773-acre Ralston property in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment. There was none.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

14. Hell Roaring Creek Water Right Lease – Endorsement. Karen Zackheim, FWP Fisheries Division Acting Bureau Chief, explained that this proposal is for acquisition of a water lease. Hell Roaring Creek is a tributary to Red Rock Creek in the Centennial Valley which provides critical habitat for the Red Rock Lake Arctic grayling population. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Red Rock Lakes Compact, negotiated with the State of Montana, provides for instream flows on Red Rock Creek. The compact also allows the USFWS to negotiate cooperative agreements with water users to ensure these instream flows are met. All but one water user on Red Rock and Hell Roaring Creeks have signed cooperative agreements. The ownership of the holdout has since changed, with the new owners potentially willing to lease their water rights to provide for instream flow. The Montana Water Trust is working with the landowner and the Nature Conservancy to develop a water lease. An alternative to fund these costs is to have FWP hold the water right lease and contract with the Montana Water Trust to prepare and pursue the water right change with DNRC. FWP proposes to research and negotiate the terms of a water right lease and contract with Montana Water Trust.

Action: Moody moved and Doll seconded the motion to endorse FWP's efforts to research, develop and negotiate the terms of the acquisition of the water right lease on Hell Roaring Creek and the accompanying contract with Montana Water Trust to prepare and pursue the water right change application, subject to final approval of the commission. Motion carried.

15. 2010 Non-Resident Combination License Annual Rule Amendment – Tentative. Hank Worsech, FWP Licensing Bureau Chief, stated that the 2009 legislative session passed HB585 allowing for 500 Class B-10 Nonresident Big Game Combination licenses and 500 Class B-11 Nonresident Deer Combination Licenses. Adult nonresidents who have family members residing in Montana and who previously hunted as a resident in Montana or have completed Montana Hunter safety prior to March 1, 2010 may receive a sponsored B10 or B11 license. The nonresident must be sponsored and accompanied by an immediate family member. The quotas for the licenses will not affect the license quotas established in 87-2-505 and 87-2-510. This was inadvertently left out of the tentative proposals approved by the Commission in October.

Action: Vermillion moved and Ream seconded the motion to direct the department to proceed with public comment for the proposed Annual Rule amendment.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment. There was none.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

16. Helena Urban Deer – Final. In 2003, the Montana Legislature authorized cities to create plans to control wildlife to address public health and safety within city limits. Plans must be approved by FWP. Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Bureau Chief, said Commissioners ultimately approved two pilot projects that recently allowed for the removal of 200 urban deer by the City of Helena Police Department with limited assistance from FWP. Now, the City of Helena is seeking to define a programmatic approach for its Urban Deer Management Plan. This includes a third, programmatic environmental assessment that confirms objectives and methods relative to urban deer management in Helena, however any take/removal of deer will require approval by the FWP Commission on an annual basis. The City requests authorization of the removal of an additional 150 deer of any sex and age class by Helena's Police Department in any part of Helena between November 13, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

Action: Ream moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to endorse the proposed guidelines of the programmatic EA for further implementation of the Helena Urban Deer Management Plan and approve the recommendation to allow the City of Helena to cull 150 deer between November 13, 2009 and March 31, 2010 as proposed by FWP.

Bob Lane, FWP Legal Counsel, said this programmatic EA is the fundamental basis that the Commission will base approvals on. There are no further MEPA analyses to be done. Quotas will be approved each year – the City of Helena will appear before the Commission annually.

Vermillion said this does not relinquish authority, but is the decision plan for the next ten years. He asked if complaints had gone down over the last year.

McDonald said it has been quieter on the FWP end; complaints are usually regarding aggressive deer now. Troy McGee, Helena Chief of Police, said they had gone down on their end as well. Jim Kropp said the numbers of injured deer are also down.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Ron Alles, Helena City Manager, said the City would continue to implement the plan as approved.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

17. Montana Bighorn Sheep Conservation Strategy – Final. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Bureau Chief, stated that two years ago Tom Carlsen assembled this comprehensive strategy, which documents the history of Montana bighorns, and defines future management direction and guidance for this species for at least the next 10 years. In August of 2009, the Commission approved the Plan. Public review and comment ran from August 14 through September 28, and FWP met directly with the Montana Woolgrowers and sporting groups. Comments are divided - some support the strategy, and some request definitive changes. There are disagreements over how to pursue additional sheep populations within Montana, there are advocates for transplanting sheep within Montana rather than shipping them out-of-state, and there are debates over domestic sheep on public lands that would provide habitat for bighorns. Any final strategy must comply with existing statutory guidance that protects both wildlife and livestock.

Vermillion stated that sportsmen in Region 3 had suggestions for small wording changes.

Moody said comments he had heard were that FWP should emphasize establishment of new populations. He asked if we will have to wait ten years to see how it turns out, or if it will be an ongoing process. He suggested that FWP provide annual summaries as to how the Plan works each year.

Kujala assured the Commission that staff will continue to discuss changes and new site information - it will be on-going. FWP will provide any new information to the Commission, and can also provide annual reports.

Moody said he did not see within the document an effort to formalize relationships with land management agencies. He wants to keep BLM and the Forest Services accountable.

Vermillion recommended expanding the Plan to include the BLM and Forest Service. The Forest Service does not always feel the state is actively participating in their plans.

Risley suggested that the Commission may want to direct FWP to develop formal agreements with the federal agencies.

Discussion on verbiage changes ensued. Perhaps Chapter two should include the word "mortalities". The word "elimination" conveys destruction of a herd of sheep, which might not be accurate. Use the word "should" and strike "only".

Doll wants to see more sheep transplanted within Montana.

Kujala said yes, there are problems when domestic and wild sheep come together, but bighorn sheep die-offs are not always due to domestic sheep. This plan has left plenty of room for collaboration. These guidelines offer an annual adjustment opportunity.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Jim Bailey said the amendments are improvements to a good draft. The words "only" and "eliminate" are problems. The word "eliminate" on public lands is combative. Perhaps use the word "remove" in both places and "localized removal or transfer or convert to livestock". This is less threatening. State law says that these transplants may not threaten livestock production. Transferring or converting allotment is not eliminating livestock production, so there is room to work collaboratively. The word "only" creates private veto power over the use of public land.

Jim Brown, Montana Woolgrowers Association, said they are not taking a position on this plan. They are impacted by the plan, but they would like to see a healthy and viable population of wild sheep. Commends FWP for their hard work and their willingness to listen and accommodate their concerns. He takes issue with some of the terminology. This is a guidance plan and FWP's actions are governed by state law. There are property rights and limitations on transplantation of bighorn sheep. He has read the statute, and making changes recommended by Gallatin Wildlife could be a violation of the state law. Woolgrowers wants to be privy to meetings on changes. He said agricultural interests wants to be a partner too, so they do not want to recommend not approving the plan. Domestic sheep are being blamed for die-offs when there is not proof. FWP must keep their agreements. They don't want to see landowners close land to hunting. He recommended keeping the plan as is, and working out the transplants on a case-by-case basis.

Glenn Hockett, Gallatin Wildlife Association, said status quo in Region 3 is not good. Herds are below viable population. You cannot have domestic and wild sheep together. If there are domestic sheep there, that will preclude wild sheep. The Forest Service said the majority of bighorn sheep population occurs on national forest lands. They want to be complimentary and not put one use above the other. They want to develop a partnership with the woolgrowers if possible. BLM comments on the strategy are not near as comprehensive as the Forest Service. The Forest Service says it is a privilege to have grazing rights.

Vermillion said it not his intention to violate the statute by changing the wording in the strategy. He is not trying to convey animosity to grazing allotments. The two landscapes do interact, and everyone must work together. There is a strong correlation between domestic and wild sheep intermingling.

Moody recommended tabling final action on the strategy pending clarification and an opportunity to address the various issues brought up today. He is not persuaded that a change in language would harm the interest of the woolgrowers or violate the statute.

Vermillion encouraged the woolgrowers to send further comments, and agreed that there are indeed pre-existing agreements with grazing partners. He wants comments from all stakeholders.

Action: Moody moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to table the final approval of the Bighorn Sheep Conservation Strategy until January, 2010.

Doll and Moody suggested sitting down with the major stakeholders to work through this. Vermillion agreed, saying the major issues are the statute, and how the framework for a collaborative process is established.

Director Maurier stated that he is pleased to see there are goals established to move the bighorn sheep program along. It is especially important when it comes to moving sheep out of state. There are many inquiries as to why FWP doesn't repopulate areas of heavy die-offs, but there are concerns about putting them on a die-off area only to have them all die too. FWP is being criticized about what some folks perceive as not doing enough, but in fairness, FWP does not have the capability to make every issue a number one priority. FWP does not have the staff to deal with all of the issues with the degree of involvement they have need of. If the Commission has a stratagem of priorities to follow, let FWP know so we know where to put our resources.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

18. Adaptive Harvest Deer Management Plan – Informational. Jeff Herbert, FWP Wildlife Division Assistant Bureau Chief, explained that the Department will be making recommendations regarding structure changes, so it is important for the Commission to be familiar with the approach described within this Plan, which serves as the basis for establishing deer hunting regulations, season frameworks, and license quotas. He stated that there is a more explicit process in setting the deer regulations, and noted that deer are influenced by weather patterns more than elk are. This Plan was developed to manage populations, but not drive populations. Herbert then briefly went through the Plan.

19. Pablo / Ninepipe WMA Land Exchange – Final. Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Bureau Chief, explained that because the area around the Pablo WMA has been heavily developed, including a dragstrip and stock car racetrack, the historic wildlife values and recreational uses associated with the WMA have declined significantly. Therefore, FWP proposes to exchange 223 acres of Pablo WMA dry-land pasture for 240 acres of wetlands and grasslands, owned by Alan Griffiths, located adjacent to Ninepipe WMA.

The Griffiths 240-acre property is valued at approximately \$600,000 and FWP's 223 acres is valued at about \$644,000 based on appraisals completed by Dave Heine, Accredited Rural Appraiser. Any difference in value between the FWP Pablo and Griffiths property would be credited to the FWP Wildlife Restoration account to compensate that program using non-license FWP funds. Because the Pablo WMA parcels were acquired by Pittman-Robertson funds, the disposal of these parcels will need USFWS approval. The Service is supportive of the exchange and is in the process of completing their NEPA evaluation process. The Flathead Reservation Fish and Wildlife Board and Tribal Wildlife Staff are also in support.

Action: Ream moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to approve the exchange of 223 FWP-owned acres at Pablo WMA for the 240 acres owned by Mr. Griffiths adjacent to Ninepipe WMA for the benefit of wetland and wildlife habitat conservation.

Vice-Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment. There was none.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

20. Open Microphone – Public Opportunity to Address Additional FWP Issues.

Jim Bailey commented that FWP knew they had to find homes for the quarantined bison, which they did but it fell through. Now Ted Turner has offered to take the bison for a while, which would set a bad precedent. He said to let them all stay where they are for another year, or release them on WMAs as an emergency solution. He said FWP is negligent in not having a better plan.

Glenn Hockett, Gallatin Wildlife Association, said the best option is to work with Ted Turner. It is a quagmire, and they are opposed to privatization of wildlife. Their desire is to visit with the Commission to talk about win-win solutions to bison management. Ted Turner's offer sets a bad precedent, and he cannot believe FWP has even considered the offer. The Department has not discussed with or scoped the public for their opinion on where they can be placed. Bison are essentially extinct from the State of Montana. He said to challenge Ted Turner to be a part of the plan.

Rod Bullis, said the one-week antlerless season in Region 2 has put excessive pressure on the bull elk. Everyone is hunting bulls. There is unbelievable crowding. There is pressure on the public lands too. It is too much.

Moody said there are two points that he needs answers for:

1. What is the legal authority FWP is using to make a deal with Ted Turner.
2. What is the justification for continuing with the bison quarantine program when there is no market for those bison. Why continue it when there is no place for them to go?

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*Action: Doll moved and Ream seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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**Dan Vermillion, Vice-Chairman**

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**Joe Maurier, Director**