

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Douglas R. Olsen  
County Counsel

SUBJECT: Wolf Depredation Prevention Payables

<p>Background: The Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee met and reviewed the applications for compensation for wolf deterrents. The grants and the payments are before the Board for approval. Payments include request from five producers that incurred expenses.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Adopt Order No. BCC2024-029</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Minutes; Payables; Proposed Order

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Budget (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
Robert Pahl

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: March 6, 2024

Action taken:

## Umatilla County Wolf Depredation Compensation Committee

Meeting held January 16, 2024 at the OSU Extension – Umatilla County conference room in Pendleton.

**Attendees:** Tom Pitzer, Jerad Mitchell, Carl Scheeler, Tim Hawkins, Jerry Baker, Dan Dorran, Casey Evans, Shevon Hatcher, Chris Schachtschneider, Andrew Rosenberg

President Jerry Baker called meeting to order 5:07 PM.

Discussion of By-Laws, and Term limits – most of the board members have reached their term limits (attached). Commissioner Dorran will check with County Counsel Doug Olsen to see if any amendments have been made to the original by-laws (attached) and if the current committee can continue. Casey Evans was appointed to replace VP Ryan Raymond.

Discussion was had about necessary documentation to be turned in with the application and creating a possible examples page. Possible documentation could include receipts, payroll, timesheets, owner/operator hour logs, etc.

Definition of terms

- staff: range riders, herders
- Minimum wage is \$13.20/hr – need to set a standard rate to be consistent
- Size of the herd isn't documented; this needs to be asked on the application

### Non-lethal Deterrents

**Motion by Carl Scheeler:** All labor associated with all livestock depredations is paid at \$25/hr with documentation of hours above and beyond normal operations, either new staff payroll receipts or for owner/operator daily record of hours. This rate includes all associated equipment, materials and supplies. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Hawkins,

Discussions – amended to add owner/operator – amended from \$20/hr to \$25/hr – amended to add “This rate includes equipment, materials, and supplies.”

Motion Passed as amended.

**Fladry** is paid out at 100% with documentation. Night penning is paid out at 100% with documentation.

### Dogs

Need to create a metric to use per dog per year; discussion follows:

Discussion of Maintenance for dogs at 1/3-1/3-1/3. For replacement of lost dogs, compensate for loss over an above normal dog use of 2 dogs/band.

Assuming 4 dogs per band in AKWA – we'll compensate as funding is available 1/3 of the price of a new dog above and beyond that and a fixed price for maintenance.

Maintenance is \$477.37/dog based on Cunningham's 2023 application; normally have 2 dogs per band; compensating at 2 additional dogs per band at \$500 per dog.

**Motion by Carl Scheeler:** Offset for expenses associated for guard dogs will be at a rate \$1,000 per band (1,000 sheep) or \$1/head per year as funding is available. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Hawkins

No additional discussion, motion passed.

**Update from Andrew Rosenberg, ODFW, on wolf activity:** 3 investigations – 2 confirmed depredations

We have the same packs in 2023 that we had in 2022.

Andrew can provide an investigation/depredation report at the end of the year to provide documentation to the committee for producer application review. Committee staff member to request this documentation prior to annual meeting.

## **2023 Applications**

**Eric Harlow** - \$15,000 Non-lethal - no documentation, Jared Mitchell confirmed Eric runs 1 band in Umatilla County

Shevon will reach out for additional documentation.

\$2,800 Missing Livestock – not addressed

**Jana & Eric Smith** - \$1,200 Direct Loss claimed – no documentation, approved \$1,600 confirmed by Andrew Rosenberg, ODFW

Non-lethal – no \$ figure asked; Approved \$8,187.50 based on owner/operator hours submitted.

\$10,500 Missing Livestock – not addressed

**Cunningham** – Direct Loss claimed - \$2,000; approved \$1,600, confirmed by Andrew Rosenberg, ODFW

Non-lethal claimed - \$13,839; Approved \$12,250 for staff + \$3,000 for dogs = \$15,250

No missing claimed

**Cheryl Cosner** – No Direct Loss claimed

Non-lethal claimed - \$829.62 – no documentation. Shevon will reach out for additional documentation.

No missing claimed

**Becker** – Non-lethal claimed - \$12,600 – no documentation. Shevon will reach out for additional documentation.

**Motion by Carl Scheeler:** To approve animal values based on Tom Pitzer/Ryan Raymond research, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Dorran, motion passes.

Calves \$1600

Bred Heifer \$2800

Bred Cow \$2600

Bull \$4500

Commissioner Dorran shared there is a matching grant available for non-lethal deterrents from Western Livestock Producers. He asked if the committee would like to pursue these matching dollars.

**Motion by Carl Scheeler:** Commissioner Dan Dorran to pursue the matching grant for non-lethal deterrents from Western Livestock Producers. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Pitzer; motion passed.

**ODFW Fladry Request: \$2191.88 + shipping**

**Motion by Carl Scheeler:** To award \$2500 to Andrew Rosenberg, ODFW, for fladry and supplies to be added to the ODFW supply closet that can be checked out to producers on an as-needed basis. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Hawkins, motion passes.

Next meeting will be held at the OSU Extension – Umatilla County conference room in Pendleton on 1/30/24 at 5 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 7:21 PM

**UMATILLA COUNTY WOLF DEPREDAATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

January 30, 2024, 5:00 PM

OSU Extension – Umatilla County Conference Room, BMCC, Umatilla Hall, Pendleton, OR

**Meeting Minutes**

**A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerry Baker at 5:11 PM**

Committee members present – Jerry Baker, Tom Pitzer, Carl Scheeler, Tim Hawkins, Dan Dorran

Committee members absent – Carter Kerns, Casey Evans

Staff present – Shevon Hatcher

Guests present – None

**B. Chair Baker reminded the committee this is a public meeting subject to the Oregon Public Meeting Law.**

**C. Agenda reviewed and adoption**

It was moved (Pitzer/Scheeler) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**D. Approval of minutes**

It was moved (Hawkins/Scheeler) to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

**E. Old Business**

**a. Term limits**

Commissioner Dorran conferred with County Counsel Doug Olsen regarding term limits. It was advised to amend the committee by-laws to extend terms for 2 additional terms. A motion was made (Dorran/Scheeler) to amend the committee by-laws striking two and placing with four in Article IV: Committee Membership, 2. Terms of Service: "Committee member are limited to ~~two~~ four consecutive terms." Updated by-laws will be provided at the next committee meeting. An updated chart of committee terms is as follows:

**Umatilla County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee  
2024**

Person	Title	Appointed	Term	Expire	Notes
Dan Dorran	County Commissioner	2021	1	2025	County Commissioner
Jerry Baker	Coexist	2012	4	2028	Committee Chair
Tom Pitzer	Producer	2015	3	2027	
Carl Scheeler	Coexist	2015	3	2027	
Carter Kerns	Business	2015	3	2027	
Casy Evans	Producer	2024	1	2028	
Tim Hawkins	Business	2021	2	2029	

**b. Review Umatilla County Request for Compensation Application**

Shevon provided examples from Wallowa, Union, and Baker Counties (attached) – Wallowa and Union use the separate category applications provided by ODA. Wallowa also provides the committee approved compensation rates for the year. Baker uses a combined application similar to Umatilla’s current application, but also includes Exhibit A Range Rider Information and Exhibit B Livestock Number Verification for additional information from producers. Baker also provides a checklist for producers that describes all the documentation to be included with application. It was motioned (Scheeler/Hawkins) for Shevon to update the Umatilla application to include the additional Exhibits and checklist. Motion passed. Dan cautioned not to make the application too complicated for producers to complete. It was motioned (Scheeler/Pitzer) for Shevon to provide a draft to the committee via email for editing/approval. Once approved, the application will be made available to Andrew Rosenberg and Jared Mitchell to distribute to producers as they are investigating interactions throughout 2024. Motion passed.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the compensation widgets developed at the last meeting. The committee determined best practice for this year is to fund based on the documentation provided by each producer and then clarifying the requested documentation on the new compensation application to get consistent and appropriate information. A motion was made (Scheeler/Hawkins) to revise the current labor widget to include “not to exceed \$25/hr with a maximum of \$250/day.” Motion passed.

**c. Compensation for Lambs/Ewes**

A motion was made (Pitzer/Scheeler) to compensate ewes at \$190/head and lambs at \$245/head. Motion passed.

**d. 2023 Compensation Applications**

- i. Eric Harlow – Committee reviewed the additional documentation for the Non-lethal Deterrents claim and approved \$12,427.01 in compensation; \$2,800 for Missing Livestock (9 lambs @ \$200/head and 4 ewes @ \$250/head) was requested, compensation was approved for \$1,460.
- ii. Jana & Eric Smith - \$10,500 for Missing Livestock (7 calves) was requested, compensation was approved for \$5,600.
- iii. Cheryl Cosner – Committee reviewed the additional documentation for Non-lethal Deterrents claim of working dog maintenance. Per the widget of \$1/head compensation for working dog, committee approved \$310 based on herd size of 280 ewes and 30 goat does.
- iv. Mike Becker – Committee reviewed additional documentation for Non-lethal Deterrents claim and approved the full \$12,600 requested based on \$200/day range rider fees.

**F. New Business**

**1. Administrative Costs**

Pitzer stated the committee should consider paying Shevon for her administrative contributions. Shevon is not sure if this is allowable under OSU policy. Commissioner Dorran said he would call a staff meeting. It was suggested to increase the Admin Costs to \$2,500. Commissioner Dorran approved the increase to the County Contribution to accommodate this increase.

**2. Approve 2024 grant application.**

It was moved (Scheeler/Pitzer) to submit a 2024 grant application as follows:

Category 1, Confirmed 2023 depredations - \$3,200

Category 2, Approved 2023 - \$7,060

Category 3, 2024 Non-lethal deterrents - \$100,000

Category 4, Administrative costs to implement the County program - \$2,500

Total ODA grant funds requested - \$112,760

Category 5, County contribution (10% of Cat. 4) - \$250

Motion passed. The grant signature page was passed around the table to collect all committee signatures. Shevon will submit the application to ODA.

**3. Committee Website**

It was suggested that the committee needs a website to post information. Dan thought other counties had pages on the OSU Extension website. Shevon noted that Union and Baker committees have their pages on their respective County websites. She is willing to admin the webpage but does not have access to the Umatilla County website. She will inquire with Extension Admin if a page could be published on the Extension website. Dan Dorran will investigate who could administer a page on the County website. Social media was discussed and unanimous consensus was social media would not be beneficial to the committee, producers, or the public.

- G. **Next Meeting Date and Venue** – Unless there is a need to meet sooner, the next Committee meeting will be scheduled for January 2025. OSU Extension – Umatilla County Conference Room is the preferred site, subject to availability.

**H. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM**

Respectively submitted,  
Shevon Hatcher

# UMATILLA COUNTY PAYMENT REQUEST

<b>PEID - AC</b>		Call Finance for PEID #
<b>NAME</b>	Mike Becker	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	10406 N McAlister	
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	La Grande, OR 97850	

<b>AUTHORIZATION-APPROVAL</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	SIGNATURE	DATE PAID
<b>CFO</b>	SIGNATURE IF OVER \$3,000	
<b>BOARD</b>	DATE - ATTACH APPROVAL	CHECK NUMBER
<b>SUBMITTED</b>	2/22/2024	RETURN - HOLD

AMOUNT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE NUMBER	INVOICE TOTAL	INVOICE DATE	FINANCE CODES	
\$12,600.00	9001-59200	2023 Preventative Measures		\$12,600.00	01/30/24		

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# UMATILLA COUNTY PAYMENT REQUEST

<b>PEID - AC</b>	11659-01	Call Finance for PEID #
<b>NAME</b>	Robert & Cheryl Cosner	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Upper Dry Creek Ranch	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	54756 Upper Dry Creek Rd	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	Weston, OR 97886	

AUTHORIZATION-APPROVAL		
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## UMATILLA COUNTY PAYMENT REQUEST

<b>PEID - AC</b>	T1250-01	Call Finance for PEID #
<b>NAME</b>	Cunningham Sheep	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	PO Box 1186	
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	Pendleton, OR 97801	

AUTHORIZATION-APPROVAL		
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## UMATILLA COUNTY PAYMENT REQUEST

<b>PEID - AC</b>	11660-01	Call Finance for PEID #
<b>NAME</b>	Eric Harlow	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	85080 Butler Grade Rd	
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	

<b>AUTHORIZATION-APPROVAL</b>		
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## UMATILLA COUNTY PAYMENT REQUEST

<b>PEID - AC</b>	18246	Call Finance for PEID #
<b>NAME</b>	James Eric Smith	
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS</b>	74107 Camp Cr Rd	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	Imnaha, OR 97842	

<b>AUTHORIZATION-APPROVAL</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	SIGNATURE	DATE PAID
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\$8,187.50	9001-59200	2023 Preventative Measures		\$8,187.50	01/30/24		

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approval )  
of Grants for Preventative ) Order No. BCC2024-029  
Measures under the Umatilla )  
County Wolf Depredation Program )

WHEREAS the 2011 Legislature passed House Bill 3560, codified as ORS 610.150 to 610.155, for a wolf predation loss compensation program;

WHEREAS pursuant to ORS 610.150, a county may qualify for a grant for wolf depredation and financial assistance, if the county establishes a program to compensate livestock losses due to wolf depredation that includes a process for application for the grants and the establishment of an advisory committee to oversee the county program;

WHEREAS on February 9, 2012, the Board of Commissioners adopted Order No. BCC2012-15, establishing a Umatilla County Wolf Depredation program and the formation of the Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS Umatilla County was awarded funding from the Oregon Department of Agriculture for financial assistance for implementing methods that limit wolf-livestock interaction, for confirmed depredations and for qualified expenses incurred for implementing the county program;

WHEREAS a number of applications for financial assistance have been received and reviewed by the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee, and the Committee has made a recommendation for the granting of awards of \$48,775.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners approves the following for distribution of Wolf Depredation Grants for financial assistance and expense reimbursement for 2023 preventative measures:

1. Mike Becker - \$12,600
2. Robert & Cheryl Cosner - \$310

3 Cunningham Sheep Company - \$15,250

4. Eric Harlow - \$12,427.01

3 James Eric Smith - \$8,187.50

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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John M. Shafer, Chair

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Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

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