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BAYFIELD COUNTY

AD HOC CERVID STUDY COMMITTEE

Rob Lombard	Jon Gilbert	Fred Strand	Mike Amman
Sandra Naas	Tim Bratley	Jason Fischbach	Ben Dufford

Advisory Members: Rob Schierman, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator

Dear Committee Members:

This letter is written to inform you of the Bayfield County Ad Hoc Cervid Study Committee Meeting scheduled for **Thursday February 28, 2019, 5:00pm**, at the **County Board Room**, Bayfield County Annex Building, Washburn, WI. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Bayfield County Board may be present at the meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the Bayfield County Board pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W.2d 408(1993), and must be noticed as such, although the County Board will not take any formal action at this meeting.

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Discussion and Possible Action regarding minutes of January 10, 2019 meeting.
- 4) Introduction of Tami Ryan, DNR. Fred Strand
- 5) Presentations Tami Ryan, DNR
- 6) Questions and Answers.
- 7) Draft Work Plan Review: Jason Fischbach and Fred Strand
- 8) March Meeting, Other Presenters? Begin to synthesize and develop summary document with recommendations.
- 9) Tentative Future Meeting dates in 2019.

a. March 7 (Laurie Seale, WI Whitetails)

b. April 4

12) Adjournment

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Abeles-Allison
Bayfield County Administrator

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Any person planning to attend a Bayfield County meeting that has a disability requiring special accommodations should contact 373-6100, 24-hours before the scheduled meeting, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

cc: Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
The Daily Press, via fax
The County Journal, via fax

BAYFIELD COUNTY
AD HOC CERVID STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 10, 2019 (to be approved)

1. **Call To Order**

The Chair, Fred Strand called the meeting to order at 5.04 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Fred Strand, Chair; Mike Amman, Vice Chair; Jon Gilbert, Sandra Naas, Tim Bratley, Jason Fischbach and Ben Dufford.

Committee Members Excused: Rob Lombard

Advisory Members: Rob Schierman –Planning and Zoning Administrator
Mark Abeles-Allison–County Administrator—excused

Others Present: Dr. Darlene Konkle, Assistant State Veterinarian and Dr. Amy Horn-Delzer, Veterinary Specialist, Division of Animal Health, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (via Skype). Gerry DePerry, Native American Perspective (in person).

2. Public Comment: none

3. Review and approval of minutes of December 6, 2018. **Motion** by Jon Gilbert, seconded by Ben Dufford.

4. Introduction of Dr. Darlene Konkle and Dr. Amy Horn-Delzer by Fred Strand

5. Introduction of Dr. Darlene Konkle: Dr. Konkle is the Assistant State Veterinarian in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. She received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993. She completed a residency in large animal internal medicine and worked on clinical practice before joining the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in 2005. In the Division of Animal Health, Dr. Konkle oversees animal disease control programs, and coordinates emergency response planning for foreign and emerging diseases of livestock and poultry.

Introduction of Dr. Horn-Delzer: Dr. Horn-Delzer grew up on a Clark County dairy farm. She attended UW-River Falls and is a 1989 graduate of the UW School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Horn-Delzer was in mixed animal/dairy practice for 3 years in Waconia, MN and 23 years in Stoughton, WI. Dr. Horn-Delzer joined the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in November 2015 as Veterinary Specialist, Manager of the Farm Raised Deer and CWD Programs, Division of Animal Health.

6. **Presentation by Dr. Horn-Delzer**

PowerPoint on file for review and attached hereto.

Dr. Horn-Delzer stated the PowerPoint was based on facts and rules and not opinions. Federal Laws; Code of Federal Regulations and State Laws: Statutes and Administrative laws. Rules that Regulate Cervid: Domestic animals, farm raised deer livestock. There are deer keeper requirements for enrolled premises and non-enrolled premises.

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6:10 pm Rob Schierman left meeting.
6:30 pm Jason Fischbach left meeting.
7:00 pm Ben Dufford left meeting.

7. **Questions and answers on Dr. Horn-Delzer's PowerPoint.**

Dr. Horn-Delzer and Dr. Konkle's answers to some of the questions that were presented.

Can the County enforce more stringent rules than the State or Federal rules?

The answer was unknown and unaffirmed. It was suggested that you talk with an attorney for possible answers and to look at different Statutes.

Are deer farms with CWD required to have double fencing?

No.

Have any deer farms enrolled in the Herd Status program longer than 5 years had CWD?

Yes, 7 enrolled deer farms had CWD.

What is the science behind less than 100% testing?

The most concern is about farms that move live deer.

Can farms with CWD move live deer?

Yes, only to other farms under the same license.

What is the status of the voluntary Herd Status program?

The number of enrolled deer farms is decreasing.

The voluntary enrollment is declining, so why the lesser regulations?

We need the rules and regulations to keep up-to-date information, but the Federal and State regulations can change as new information that is gathered. Without the regulations we would not have the statistical information that is needed.

What is the science behind the 5-year movement rule?

It's based on Federal rules.

The depopulation rules/program has changed. Why?

At first CWD farms were depopulated. This policy changed when depopulation funding compensation decreased to no or little funding available for compensation.

There are 14 counties that have CWD in wild deer, but not in deer farms. What is being done to protect the deer farm deer from getting CWD?

Ask the DNR.

Are the regulations really working?

Yes, if there were no regulations CWD would increase substantially.

Quarantine: what are the requirements?

Follow the herd enrollment plan, field inspection and cleaning and disinfecting. This must all be completed before any monetary reimbursement is made and before the 5-year waiting period starts for repopulating.

Do disinfectants work?

Yes, it requires a long contact time.

How do we eliminate the prions in the soil?

Reduce prions, reduce risks by turning the soil over numerous times, rid the top layer of the soil and bury it or use bleach. Research is pending on different soil types such as clay vs. sand.

Are there farms with CWD that still have deer?

Yes, 21 from 2013; 1 from 2015; 1 from 2016; 2 from 2017 and 1 from 2018.

Could CWD be passed to wild deer from these CWD infected farms?

The deer are quarantined, fences are inspected, double fencing maybe required in the future.

As CWD is increasing, are the current regulations working?

Without the current testing, movement restrictions and fencing requirements CWD would be much higher. It's higher than DATCP would like. Prions are a challenge.

What is needed to eliminate CWD in captive deer?

Don't know. Need more science. Remember individual property rights. It is hard to control when it's present in wild deer. We're all responsible.

What needs to be done to eliminate CWD?

Keep Federal and State regulations and redefine over the years. CWD will probably never be eliminated.

8. Introduction of Gerry DePerry, Native American Perspective by Jon Gilbert

9. **Presentation of Gerry DePerry.** Summary

Mr. DePerry spoke about the meaning and Importance of deer to the Ojibwe people. Gerry is a member of the Red Cliff Tribe and he explained how the young people of the Tribe are doing the hunts to provide food for the elders. Other portions of the deer are also used such as the hide and antlers. Animals to the Native Americans are very spiritual creatures. Deer give their life for us, we respect them.

10. **Questions and answers on Gerry DePerry presentation – Summary**

11. **What would happen if CWD hit Bayfield County?**

People would hunt less and find a way to test the deer. Let's hope that the Reservations and Bayfield County stay clear and safe.

12. Draft Work Plan Review: Jason Fischbach and Fred Strand

13. Planning for February (Tami Ryan, DNR and Laurie Seale, Whitetails of Wisconsin)

14. Future Meeting dates in 2019: February 7, March 7 and April 4

15. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

Minutes Submitted by: Karen Swanson

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Tami Ryan has been working with the Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Management Program since 1993. She is currently serving as the Chief of the Wildlife Health program and has been in this role since 2009. Tami's been involved with Chronic Wasting Disease throughout her career starting with serving on the incident command team during the original detection response in 2002 and through each management and response phase to present. She is an alumni of UW Stevens Point College of Natural Resources and UW Milwaukee with an MS in Wildlife Biology and Management and BS in Biological Sciences.