

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
November 30, 2017, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
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Thursday, November 30, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2018
- Blair Stringham, Waterfowl Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. R657-19 – Taking of Non-game Mammals Rule Amendment
- Jessica Van Woeart, Utah Prairie Dog Wildlife Biologist | ACTION |
| 7. Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2018 Season Dates, Application Timeline
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. R657-5 – Taking Big Game Rule Amendments
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. R657-71 - Removal of Wild Mule Deer from Domesticated Elk Facilities
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan
- Randy Larsen, Wildlife Research Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Statewide Moose Management Plan
- Kent Hersey, Big Game Projects Coordinator | ACTION |
| 12. NR Deer Management Plans
- Jim Christensen, Northern Region Asst. Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 13. CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2018
- Mike Wardle, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 14. Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2018
- Mike Wardle, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 15. R657-67 – Mentor Rule Amendments
- Phil Gray, Licensing Coordinator | ACTION |
| 16. Other Business
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**)

Action Log Items addressed:

CWMU Single Permits - not recommended

4) Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2018 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments 2018 as presented by the Division.

5) R657-19 Taking of Non-game Mammals Rule Amendment (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-19 Taking of Non-game Rule Amendment as presented by the Division.

6) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2018 Season Dates, Application Timeline (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep hunt on the Oak Creek unit.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and failed 4 to 3. Byron Bateman, Kevin Albrecht, and Steve Dalton opposed. Chairman Woodward broke the tie in opposition of the motion.

MOTION: I move that we accept the new archery only, once-in-a-lifetime Bighorn Sheep hunts on the Newfoundland and Zion units.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst and died for lack of a second vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve the multi-season elk hunt with a 5,000 cap for spike and 5,000 cap for any bull.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the multi-season hunt as presented with the caveat that the Division conduct a survey gauging permit holders' success rates and weapon types, and provide the Board a report of the results next year.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4 to 2. Calvin Crandall and Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the early rifle season hunt as presented excluding the Panguitch Lake unit.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's alternative recommendation provided by the Mule Deer Management Committee that allows for a late muzzleloader, limited entry hunt on units that exceed the buck-to-doe ratio objective, keep last year's units minus the Plateau/Boulder and Kaiparowitz, and add the Beaver and North Slope units.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the bison recommendation as presented by the Division with the addition of creating a working group modeled after the Henry Mountain working group.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the cactus buck hunt on the Paunsaugunt.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we set the Paunsaugunt rifle hunt date to begin alongside the limited entry hunt date and end on the last day of October; in addition, the Division may adjust the other management hunts accordingly.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall, then withdrawn since either sex hunt was already in the elk management plan, but had not been implemented.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a Division review of turning the muzzleloader elk hunts into an either sex hunt on units that are over objective and report back to the board next year.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed 5 to 1. Kevin Albrecht opposed

MOTION: I move that we put on the action log a review of the season date change for archery elk hunting and add a survey concerning this issue prior to the next revision of the statewide elk management plan in 2022. The Division will report back next year to look at how season date changes would look with the requested change.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2018 Season Dates, Application Timeline as presented by the Division.

- 7) R657-5 Taking Big Game Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-5 Taking Big Game Rule Amendments as presented by the Division including a definition change for cactus buck of 50% velvet coverage to antlers.

- 8) R657-71 Removal of Wild Mule Deer from Domesticated Elk Facilities (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-71 Removal of Wild Mule Deer from Domesticated Elk Facilities as presented by the Division.

- 9) Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan as presented by the Division.

- 10) Statewide Moose Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Statewide Moose Management Plan as presented by the Division.

11) NR Deer Management Plans (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the NR Deer Management Plans as presented by the Division.

12) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2018 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve Jump Creek CWMU's three-year COR with the understanding that they will apply for the variance in February 2018. Contingent upon a favorable recommendation, permits will be issued for years two and three; otherwise, an unfavorable recommendation will bring it back to the Wildlife Board.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2018 along with the recommended permit changes for Jacob's Creek and Woodruff Creek CWMUs for 2018 and 2019.

13) Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2018 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept Diamond Mountain Landowner Association's variance request; grant six landowner permits to the Book Cliffs and five landowner permits to Three Corners; and approve the remainder of the 2018 permit numbers as presented by the Division.

14) R657-67 Mentor Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-67 Mentor Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

15) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed

unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we recommend to the Division that they form a sheep working group or committee prior to the next statewide sheep management plan.

APPROVED

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kirk Woodward – Chair
Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair
Mike Fowlks – Exec Sec
Kevin Albrecht
Calvin Crandall
Donnie Hunter
Karl Hirst
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs

Central – Ron Camp
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Dan Abeyta
Northern – Randy Wood

Division Personnel

Mike Canning
Bill Bates
Chris Wood
Kevin Bunnell
Boyde Blackwell
Jason Vernon
Rick Olson
Robin Cahoon
Justin Shannon
Kenny Johnson
Scott White
Mitch Lane
Mike Christensen
Paul Gedge
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Ben Nadolski
Daniel Olson
Shelly Clement
Jack Lytle

Martin Bushman
Greg Hansen
Lindy Varney
Teresa Griffin
Guy Wallace
Riley Peck
Randy Wood
Dax Mangus
Blair Stringham
Jessica Van Woeart
Covy Jones
Randy Larsen
Kent Hersey
Jim Christensen
Mike Wardle
Phil Gray
Mark Hadley
Brad Crompton
Steve Newren

Public Present

Lee Tracy
Gerda Dickinson
David Hinkins – Senator
Troy Justensen – SFW
Ben Lowder – UBA
Kyle Whitherspoon – SCI
Bill Christensen – RMEF
Scott Chew – UT House of Representatives
Ken Clegg – Jump Creek CWMU
Jared Robinson – Muley Fanatics Foundation
Dennis Beardall – Jump Creek CWMU
Leslie McFarlane – UT Dept of Agriculture and Food
Dennis Blackburn – Wayne County Commission
Marc Dickinson – 3 Corners Landowners Association
Casey Hopes – Carbon County Commission
Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau
Tammy Pearson – Beaver County Commissioner

Jana Johansen
Brian Pedersen
Wade Garrett
Tom Barton
Jennifer Nichols
Gary Hallows
Lloyd Pehrson
Brent Anderson
Kami Marriott
Jeanie Jensen
Bryce Pilling

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- 00:00:10** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.
- 00:04:35** 1) **Approval of Agenda** (Action)
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:04:58** 2) **Approval of Minutes** (Action)
The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:05:27** 3) **Old Business/Action Log** (Contingent)
Vice-Chair Bateman reviewed action log item CWMU Single Permits. The Division did not recommend this action, opting for more public hunting opportunities.
Other items were addressed during the RAC meetings and/or during agenda items of this board meeting:
Shed Antler Gathering
2nd General Season Rifle Hunt
Limited Entry Late Season Muzzleloader Hunts on General Season Units
Velvet Only Buck Hunts on the Paunsaugunt
Antlerless Public Hunting Ending Dates
- 00:09:13** 4) **DWR Update** (Informational)
Mike Fowlks summarized DWR's winter projects: big game captures, and trap and transfer of bighorn sheep. Fowlks thanked Executive Director Styler and Assistant Director Canning for working on finalizing the SITLA Access Agreement.
- 00:10:27** 5) **Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2018** (Action)
Blair Stringham presented the recommendations and rule amendments.
- 00:18:10** **Board Questions**
The board asked about hunter/youth retention and goose terminology.
- 00:19:40** **RAC Recommendations**
All RACs passed the rule amendments unanimously. Northern RAC had an

exception to delaying the start of the scaup season.

00:21:56 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:24:30 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments 2018 as presented by the Division.

00:25:30 6) R657-19 Taking of Non-game Mammals Rule Amendment (Action)

Jessica Van Woeart presented the rule amendment.

00:29:05 Board Questions

The board asked for clarification on what this means for the division and requested for updates as developments occur.

00:30:36 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed R657-19 unanimously except for Southern RAC, which had one abstention.

00:31:16 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:37:56 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-19 Taking of Non-game Rule Amendment as presented by the Division.

00:38:36 7) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2018 Season Dates, Application Timeline (Action)

Covy Jones presented the agenda item.

00:51:19 Brad Crompton provided background on bison unit boundary.

01:00:55 Board/Public Questions

The board asked for clarification on the boundary, fencing feasibility, and partnerships to address issue. Public questions were also accepted at this time.

01:11:33 Technical Difficulty – break

01:19:12 Board/Public Questions continued

01:21:13 Presentation continued

01:26:20 Board/RAC Questions

Questions revolved around multi-season elk hunts, additional deer permits, split deer hunts, permit numbers, late muzzleloader hunts, reasoning behind limited entry, and effects on general season hunting opportunities.

01:36:11 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

01:51:52 RAC Recommendations

Each RAC had various stipulations for the 2018 bucks, bulls, and OIAL season dates. They all passed the balance of the recommendation with varying dissent.

02:01:39 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

02:32:58 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions, outlined the order of topics to tackle, then opened it up for board discussion.

02:43:15 Bighorn sheep hunt discussion on Oak Creek, Newfoundland, and Zion units.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep hunt on the Oak Creek unit.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and failed 4 to 3. Byron Bateman, Kevin Albrecht, and Steve Dalton opposed. Chairman Woodward broke the tie in opposition of the motion.

MOTION: I move that we accept the new archery only, once-in-a-lifetime Bighorn Sheep hunts on the Newfoundland and Zion units.

02:56:23 Multi-season elk hunt discussion.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst and died for lack of a second vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve the multi-season elk hunt with a 5,000 cap for spike and 5,000 cap for any bull.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the multi-season hunt as presented with the caveat that the Division conduct a survey gauging permit holders' success rates and weapon types, and provide the Board a report of the results next year.

03:12:34 Early rifle season deer hunt discussion.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman

and passed 4 to 2. Calvin Crandall and Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the early rifle season hunt as presented excluding the Panguitch Lake unit.

03:16:56

Late season muzzleloader discussion.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's alternative recommendation provided by the Mule Deer Management Committee that allows for a late muzzleloader, limited entry hunt on units that exceed the buck-to-doe ratio objective, keep last year's units minus the Plateau/Boulder and Kaiparowitz, and add the Beaver and North Slope units.

03:22:00

Bison boundary discussion.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the bison recommendation as presented by the Division with the addition of creating a working group modeled after the Henry Mountain working group.

03:30:15

Cactus buck hunt and Paunsaugunt hunt date discussion.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the cactus buck hunt on the Paunsaugunt.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we set the Paunsaugunt rifle hunt date to begin alongside the limited entry hunt date and end on the last day of October; in addition, the Division may adjust the other management hunts accordingly.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall, then withdrawn since either sex hunt was already in the elk management plan, but had not been implemented.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a Division review of turning the muzzleloader elk hunts into an either sex hunt on units that are over objective and report back to the board next year.

Other items were mentioned with no action taken: boundary change on south Manti unit; and South Book Cliffs late season, limited entry primitive weapon hunt.

03:44:05

Discussion on season date change for archery elk action log request from Northeast region.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed 5 to 1. Kevin Albrecht opposed

MOTION: I move that we put on the action log a review of the season date change for archery elk hunting and add a survey concerning this issue prior to the next revision of the statewide elk management plan in 2022. The Division will report back next year to look at how season date changes would look with the requested change.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2018 Season Dates, Application Timeline as presented by the Division.

03:49:56 Lunch Break

04:39:50 8) R657-5 Taking Big Game Rule Amendments (Action)

Covy Jones presented the rule amendments.

04:49:08 Board Questions

The board asked for clarification on magnifying scope use for a crossbow.

04:53:44 RAC Recommendations

Northern and Central RAC passed R657-5 rule amendments as presented. Southern, Southeastern, and Northeastern RAC passed the amendments with some exceptions.

04:56:12 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

05:01:52 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC recommendations. Southeast RAC chair explained their decision to maintain the draw weight. The board discussed the definition of cactus buck and draw weight. Rick Olson, law enforcement chief, expanded on the cactus buck discussion.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-5 Taking Big Game Rule Amendments as presented by the Division including a definition change for cactus buck of 50% velvet coverage to antlers.

05:09:16 9) R657-71 Removal of Wild Mule Deer from Domesticated Elk Facilities (Action)

Covy Jones presented rule R657-71.

05:13:30 Board Questions

The board asked for clarification on 'major breach,' response timeline, and penalties.

05:16:27 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed rule R657-71 unanimously.

05:16:55 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

05:19:12 Board Discussion

The board discussed frequency of occurrence, reporting timelines.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-71 Removal of Wild Mule Deer from Domesticated Elk Facilities as presented by the Division.

05:22:10 10) Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan (Action)

Randy Larsen presented the statewide pronghorn management plan.

05:28:45 Board Questions

The board asked about pronghorn population, the effects of shifting the harvest age, and breeding/reproduction.

05:31:22 RAC Recommendations

Northern, Central, and Southeastern RAC unanimously passed the management plan. Southern RAC also passed the plan with one abstention. Northeastern RAC passed the plan with an amendment.

05:33:18 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

05:39:53 Board Discussion

The Board talked about reviving the working group.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan as presented by the Division.

05:42:00 11) Statewide Moose Management Plan (Action)

Kent Hersey presented the statewide moose management plan.

05:50:04 Board Questions

Donnie Hunter asked what moose compete with.

05:51:53 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

05:53:20 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the management plan. Northeastern RAC included

an amendment.

05:55:32 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

05:56:46 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Statewide Moose Management Plan as presented by the Division.

05:57:11 12) NR Deer Management Plans (Action)

Jim Christensen presented the deer management plans.

06:09:41 Board Questions

The board asked about habitat issues.

06:11:54 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously accepted the plan as presented.

06:12:19 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the NR Deer Management Plans as presented by the Division.

06:13:12 Break

06:20:25 13) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2018 (Action)

Mike Wardle presented the CWMU management plans and permit numbers.

06:29:50 Board Questions

The board asked about the statewide count of CWMUs, how long the program has been in place, and acreage requirements.

06:32:55 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

06:42:46 RAC Recommendations

Central, Southeastern, and Northeastern RAC unanimously accepted the 2018 plans and permit numbers as presented. Southern RAC passed the recommendation with one abstention. Northern RAC unanimously passed the recommendation with changes.

06:45:30 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

06:54:40 Board Discussion

The board asked the Northern RAC to explain their motion. Brad Crompton explained his decision to deny Jump Creek. There was further discussion about acreage requirements, variance process, and what options are available for Jump Creek.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve Jump Creek CWMU's three-year COR with the understanding that they will apply for the variance in February 2018. Contingent upon a favorable recommendation, permits will be issued for years two and three; otherwise, an unfavorable recommendation will bring it back to the Wildlife Board.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2018 along with the recommended permit changes for Jacob's Creek and Woodruff Creek CWMUs for 2018 and 2019.

07:21:18 14) Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2018 (Action)

Mike Wardle presented the landowner association permit numbers.

07:25:30 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked for clarification on the difference between requested vouchers and qualified vouchers, the disparity of the Book Cliff's request, and the function of vouchers.

07:32:21 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

07:39:25 RAC Recommendations

Northern, Central, and Southern RAC passed the 2018 recommendations as presented. Southeastern RAC passed the recommendation with an exception. Northeastern RAC had various stipulations which all passed with some degree of dissent.

07:44:31 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

07:51:58 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RACs' motions. The Board discussed the RAC's vote for Book Cliffs and Three Corners, damage costs, conflict of domestic and wild sheep, and the need to continue cooperative efforts.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and

passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept Diamond Mountain Landowner Association's variance request; grant six landowner permits to the Book Cliffs and five landowner permits to Three Corners; and approve the remainder of the 2018 permit numbers as presented by the Division.

08:02:10 15) R657-67 Mentor Rule Amendments (Action)

Phil Gray presented the rule amendments.

08:10:32 Board/RAC Questions

The Board posed scenarios to help clarify how the amended program could be applied. Central RAC asked for justification of allowing two tags.

08:17:00 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the rule amendments with varying dissent and stipulations.

08:18:19 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

08:23:42 Board Discussion

The board discussed the issue of harvesting more than one animal of the same species, limiting harvest to one antlered animal, and crafting language to meet specific needs.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-67 Mentor Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

08:33:55 16) Other Business (Contingent)

Based on the chairman's unease with a couple of the Division's management plans that appeared to lack public process or input, he opened a discussion on working groups and committees, suggesting that management plans should have working groups especially for sheep.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we recommend to the Division that they form a sheep working group or committee prior to the next statewide sheep management plan.

08:48:40 Meeting adjourned.