Thursday, November 30, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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

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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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Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
November 30, 2017, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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.
Utah Wildlife Board Meeting  
November 30, 2017, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Attendance

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

Division Personnel  
Mike Canning  
Bill Bates  
Chris Wood  
Kevin Bunnell  
Boyde Blackwell  
Jason Vernon  
Rick Olson  
Robin Cahoon  
Justin Shannnon  
Kenny Johnson  
Scott Johnson  
Mike Christensen  
Paul Gedge  
Staci Coons  
Thu Vo-Wood  
Ben Nadoslki  
Daniel Olson  
Shelly Clement  
Jack Lylte  
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

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

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
Utah Wildlife Board Meeting  
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1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
https://youtu.be/Zb2YAO7ORBk

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
except 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, andSoutheastern 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.