

County Livestock Loss Authority

P.O. Box 507

Reserve, NM 87830

September 10, 2025

## Special Meeting

### Minutes

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH AND LISTEN TO THE MEETING VIA:

Zoom:

Call to order at 2:03 pm

Roll Call:

Audrey McQueen, Catron County *Present*

Jim Paxon, Sierra County *absent, Proxy to Director Monette*

Daniel Monette, Socorro County *Present, online*

Tom Paterson *Present*

Nelson Shirley, *Present, online*

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests:

*Commissioner Flores, Grant County*

*John Oakleaf, USF&W*

*Dr. Ebert, NMDA,*

*Anthony Colin, NMDA*

*Patricia Depner, NMDA*

*Lourdes Saenz, NMDA*

*Gaby Hernandez, NMDA*

- I. Approval of Agenda *Moved by Director Paterson, Second by Director Monette. Passes 4/0/1 Passes (Paxon absent)*
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Approval of Minutes for August 20, 2025 *Moved by Director Monette, second by Director Shirley. Passes 3/0/2 (Director Paterson recused, Paxon absent)*
- III. Public Comment: Limited to 3 Minutes *No public comment*

#### IV. Presentations/Reports

- A. Introduction by Grant County Commissioner Flores as an Ex-Officio member of the CLLA Commissioner Flores introduced himself. *Welcomed by multiple directors.*

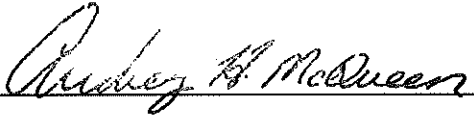
#### V. New Business:

- A. Discussion and Action to approve request to the New Mexico State Legislature for appropriation to pay for direct and indirect damages from Mexican wolves and administrative expenses. *Discussion by Director Paterson regarding past appropriations. He advised that the appropriation provided by the legislature required the CLLA house to be in order. He was not going to ask for additional funds until that had been done. Through the work of the CLLA Board and the Administrator we have accomplished that. We are paying producers timely; we have records and minutes. Director Paterson asks, "What do we need?" Presentation by Director Paterson of past income, uses, and carry forwards. The CLLA will be out of money with the current appropriations by 2027. Director Shirley and Director Paterson have examined the data and determined that \$1.5 million is needed annually. Producers are currently not being fully compensated, missing cattle, only confirmed or probable depredations are compensable. The Indirect Damage payments will total \$600,000 as decided by the CLLA Board. That payment will help cover the losses associated with decreased conception rates and weaning weights because of wolves. USF&W will calculate the losses based largely on the intensity of wolf interactions. These payments still understate losses because CLLA does not pay for active conflict avoidance. We do not pay the value or cost of a rancher's time and expense to keep wolves away from cattle. We do not pay for horseback time to keep cattle and wolves apart. Or the feed required to keep them apart. We do not pay for missing cattle. Discussion on LIP payments and how they do not provide full compensation for losses. LIP pays half of current market value as calculated by Dr. Peel, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Gifford. Director Paterson advises that we should request \$4.5 million dollars for 3 years of payments. Producers are not making out. They are still underpaid for their losses from Mexican Wolves. Director Paterson moves that CLLA requests the Legislature appropriate \$4.5 million for the next 3 years. Requests that the appropriation authorizes the CLLA to pay for Direct Damages (confirmed and Probable) Indirect Damages and Administrative. Director Shirley comments that as of Aug we will have used or encumbered \$730,000 with approximately \$120,000 - \$140,000 to pay out until the end of the year. CLLA will be paying close to \$900,000 out of the state money by the end of the year. We will burn through all of the county donated funds and the Groves estate funds by the end of 2026. Director Shirley advises to hold onto the county money as long as possible for unforeseen issues with depredations. Second to Director Paterson's motion by Director Monette. Director Monette asks Director Paterson if he has heard that there are concerns regarding our local Legislators supporting it. Director Paterson advises that every legislator was on-board in 2024 funding. Passes 4/0/1 (Paxon absent)*
- B. Discussion and Action regarding the attached Depredation claims for Reports 2508140753 and 2508260758 for Audrey McQueen. The claims provided have been processed by the CLLA Administrator. CLLA Board approval is required to issue payment. *EXHIBIT 1 Chair McQueen recused. Director Shirley. Administrator advises that the invoices provided are for confirmed depredations of a cow and a calf. Both values for invoices were provided by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Market Values. No discussion. Move to approve both claims by Director Paterson. Second by Director Monette. Passes 3/0/2 (Paxon absent, McQueen recused).*

#### VI. Adjourn at 2:38

The next proposed Regular Meeting of the CLLA will be Thursday October 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Socorro County Administration Building, 198 Neel, Socorro NM. Items for the agenda must be submitted to the County Livestock Loss Authority Administrator no later than 5:00pm on the Monday the week before the meeting.

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Approved: 

Audrey McQueen, Chair