

## Wood County State Wildlife Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** October 12, 2022, 5:30pm at Sandhill Outdoor Skills Facility

**Present:** Dennis Polach, Meggin Weinandt, Dale Weis, Dawn Schmutzer, Fritz Schubert, Curt Pluke, Jim Winkler, Cheyenne Wehler, Kyle Andreska, Darren Ladwig.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Chair Dale Weis.
2. No quorum with four members present.
3. Motion by Curt and seconded by Jim to approve July 20, 2022 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried
4. No correspondence.
5. No public comments.
6. Stan Pliss: Meggin attended last meeting with the group. They are providing \$7000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Impoundment tree removal and the rest of their funds to aid with dike repair. No update on if the group is disbanding.
7. Sandhill-Meadow Valley-Wood County Updates: Staff attending meeting introduced themselves (Biologist & 2 Wildlife Techs).
  - Sandhill managed hunts going well with harvest of 47 ducks, 85 squirrels and 15 grouse.
  - draw downs on D & G flowages are having great response with increase ducks present.
  - Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Learn to Hunt has 38 hunters signed up.
  - trapping and collaring of bucks will be done this winter. 63 trail cameras will also be used to aid in study of deer density.
  - Wood County has 27 CWD sampling permits out with 42 tags given out.
  - timber sale audit went well with no corrective actions needed.
  - dike repairs have been done for the last 3 months; Ingram Flowage next. Spillways are also getting repaired.
  - Ball Road, South Bank & Ditchbank all mowed. Mowing is completed.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Impoundment burn moved to 2023.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Impoundment will have 45 acres of bigger trees removed in 2023.
  - herbicide spraying completed.
  - Summer's Marsh, Wood County Barren & 4<sup>th</sup> Impoundment burn will be spring of 2023.
  - trapping education workshop was held at Sandhill.
  - Master Plan will be presented at the December meeting to the Natural Resources Board. Public input summary released today.
8. Allotment: Curt made motion, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. MOTION: This committee supports using the 2023 allotment to be used for pre-harvest treatment of buckthorn removal and will vote when there is a quorum at our next meeting.
9. Members Matters: None.
10. Future Agenda: Allotment vote.
11. Next meeting: January 24, 2023, 5:30pm at Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center.
12. Curt motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.