

Wood County State Wildlife Area Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 24, 2023, 5:30pm at Sandhill Outdoor Skills Facility

Present: Dennis Polach, Meggin Weinandt, Scott McAuley, Dawn Schmutzer, Fritz Schubert, Curt Pluke, Marie Luchterhand, Jim Winkler.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Chair Jim Winkler.
2. Quorum.
3. Motion by Curt and seconded by Marie to approve October 12, 2022 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried
4. No correspondence.
5. No public comments.
6. Stan Pliss: Meggin updated that bank account funds were given to Sandhill. Club will more than likely disband.
7. Sandhill-Meadow Valley-Wood County Updates
 - Deer Farm plan going to DNR Board tomorrow.
 - Aspen shearing off of 1st impoundment starting soon. Timber sale cutting complete. Lots of brush mowing through winter.
 - Gravel work on Potter Lane being attempted.
 - Dike repairs on Wood Cty area soon.
 - Budget planning and 3-year plans being worked on.
 - 2023 burns & draw-downs being planned.
 - Waterfowl stamp proposals: Stewart Marsh resurfacing and engineering assessment of dams.
 - Master Plan going to DNR Board.
 - Deer trapping starting tomorrow at Sandhill. Bait sites have been established. Hoping for 20 deer to be collared.
 - 3 helicopter surveys for population count at Sandhill. Weather permitting.
 - Hiring LTE Wildlife Tech, 40-hour week. Education Tech hired; has several activities planned.
 - Otter & carnivore tracking through winter.
 - Youth hunt was low harvest due to bad weather.
8. 2023 Allotment to be used for Buckthorn treatment. Vote: all ayes. Motion passed.
9. Members Matters: None.
10. Future Agenda:
11. Next meeting: April 10, 2023, 5:30pm at Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center.
12. Curt made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Scott. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.