

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING

APR. 13, 2015

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session Apr. 13, 2015 at 7:07 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Committee Chairman Jeff Doss called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Nancy Swan, Carol Ingham, Barbara Schmitz, Tonya Cummings, Larry Morris and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn and Michael Crevoisier were absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Jan. 12, 2015. Larry Morris made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tonya Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

The Wildlife Incident Reports submitted reflect 2 injured doe, 3 injured bucks, 1 dead doe and 2 dead bucks. Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incident Reports. The motion was seconded by Nancy Swan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

*Michael Mayfield, H.P. Deer Manager* Commented the deer season was good and thanked all that helped in TTT process. There were a total of 55 deer moved out of Hollywood Park, but says that number barely keeps up with reproduction rates. We must also consider the mortality rates and Hill Country Village. In laying out the FY2015-16 Plan, he said the numbers from the Fall Survey would be most important in factoring the effectiveness of current management. Saying we needed to get to acceptable population levels based on true wildlife management. At that time, perhaps we can consider maintenance phase and other options. When we talk about removing the deer, we're really not changing the population until we increase our proposed numbers. Cost wise, we were well under budget without the use of the GPS equipment. If we use the same methods next season, we can continue to cut costs. The darting session must meet 90%+ recovery on the darts. Mr. Allen at Ozona wants more deer and was very pleased with this past years' results, while the Sabinol recipient was a "dud". Jeff Doss asked about the survival rate of the deer once released at destination. Mayfield told us that Mr. Allen had pens set up with food and water provided for several months of transitioning (soft release) that has a much higher success rate of 80%. Tonya Cummings asked Michael to explain to the group the difference between the GPS associated darts that must be cut away from the deer's hide and the gel darts that can be gently pulled out. Fortunately, it all went well or better than expected due to the GPS equipment being on back order, as well as the political delays. Last years' challenges has been overcome. The last session of darting this season, the game warden and the mayor was present to see the operation. Mayfield says there's always room for an observer during these sessions. He expressed appreciation for Officer Bass's excellent participation and assistance in utilizing their equipment and providing location information. Tonya Cummings also commented about the use of H.P. magnetic signs being used on vehicles in service during operations to promote identity throughout the community. Barbara Schmitz suggested posting a photo of the missing darts on the digital sign at City Hall for residents to be aware of this item and request they return them to City Hall, if found. Mayfield told us that a paper and digital copy of this program will be provided to Naomi and suggested we continue with our survey method in deer count because of its consistency and in providing trend information. Jeff Doss commented on the majority of the population being does.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

*Ms. Karen Waugh* provided Spring Survey dates from 2014.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Review, discuss and take possible action on TTT update and associated H.P. Deer Management expenditures.*  
Expenditures were below proposed budget. The original proposed 2014 Budget Break Down totaling approximately \$8500, while actual expenditures were ~~\$8500~~ *\$5797.79*
2. *Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing sign locations in Hollywood Park*  
Tonya Cummings reported the majority of the Deer Signs have been installed throughout the community.

3. *Review, discuss and take possible action on spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control.*  
Barbara Schmitz suggested this item be tabled for future meetings. Mayfield stated he had constituents in Kingsville and Doss responded, "We are interested".

**CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:**

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Spring Survey results.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on TTT update and associated H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on updated status of Deer Crossing road signs and magnetic signs.
4. Review, discuss and take possible action on spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control.

The schedule for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting was set for July 13, 2015. Barbara Schmitz made a motion to accept the next meeting schedule/agenda and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Ingham. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNED:**

Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ( ).  
CORRECTED (x) THIS 13 DAY OF July, 2015.

  
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Chairman, Jeff Doss

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

  
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City Attorney