

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Wolf Depredation Prevention Payables

<p>Background: The Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee met and reviewed the applications for compensation for wolf deterrents. The grants and the payments are before the Board for approval. Payments include requests from eight producers that incurred expenses.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Adopt Order No. BCC2026-010</p>
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ATTACHMENTS :

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Budget (copy)
- ( ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: March 4, 2026

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

**UMATILLA COUNTY WOLF DEPREDATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

January 20, 2026, 5:30 PM

OSU Extension – Umatilla County Conference Room, BMCC, Umatilla Hall, Pendleton, OR

**Meeting Minutes**

**A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerry Baker at 5:35 PM**

Committee members present – Jerry Baker, Ian Murdock, Tim Hawkins, Dan Dorrان, Casey Evans

Committee members absent – Carl Scheeler, Carter Kerns

Staff present – Jaime Chambers

Guests present – Andrew and Gabe (ODFW)

**B. Chair Baker reminded the committee this is a public meeting subject to the Oregon Public Meeting Law.**

**C. Agenda reviewed and adoption**

It was moved (Dorrان/Hawkins) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**D. Approval of minutes**

It was moved (Dorrان/Hawkins) to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting. Motion passed.

**E. Old Business**

**a. 2025 Grant Funding Award**

	<b>Ask</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>2024 Grant Funds</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
Category 1 Confirmed depredations	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	-	\$ 2,250.00	
Category 2 - Missing Livestock/Dogs	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	
Category 3 - Non-lethal Deterrents	\$100,000.00	<b>\$ 53,196.31</b>	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 46,345.76	\$ 8,654.24
Category 4 - Admin Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total grant funds requested</b>	<b>\$ 103,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 56,446.31</b>		<b>\$ 49,595.76</b>	<b>\$ 8,654.24</b>
Category 5 - County contribution	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			

Jaime reminded the committee that we have funds from last year that were supposed to be spent on more GPS location tags. Dan asked Casey how the tags were working and Casey gave a quick update. Jaime also pointed out the \$53,196.31 that was awarded from ODA grant for non-lethal deterrents as the amount the committee has available for this year's non-lethal requests.

## **F. New Business**

### **1. Update from Andrew and Gabe with ODFW**

Both Andrew and Gabe noted that it was a busy year within Umatilla County. The two most active packs (in terms of depredation) in Umatilla County this year were the Pearson Creek Pack and Arbuckle Pack. Two were trapped and taken out from Pearson Creek but there were no removals from Arbuckle this year. Andrew mentioned that numbers of wolves feel like they were up this year, but he can't say for certain yet as they are still working on doing their winter counts.

### **2. Compensations Rates**

\$2,500 for steer/bull calves

\$2,300 for heifer calves

\$4,00 for 2-year-old bred heifers

\$275 for yearling ewe

These values were determined by Casey and Ian (producer committee members) from local market reports.

### **3. Review of producer applications for compensation**

Maximum multiplier was applied for all direct loss claims.

#### **a. Robert and Cheryl Cosner**

- i. Non-lethal: \$2,170 requested; \$670 for livestock guardian dog food cost and \$1,500 for additional labor for night penning; \$2,170 approved

#### **b. Krebs Livestock LLC**

- i. Non-lethal: \$3,027.60 requested for dog food for livestock guardian dogs, wages and night penning supplies; \$3,027.60 approved

#### **c. Eric Harlow**

- i. Non-lethal: \$9,641.19 requested for labor, feed and fuel; \$9,641.19 approved

#### **d. Charlie Doherty**

- i. Non-lethal: \$1,215 requested for extra labor for checking livestock and being a human presence to deter wolves; \$1,215 approved

#### **e. Mike Becker – Bar V Cattle Co.**

- i. Confirmed depredations: 4 beef calves for a total of \$10,400 requested; \$2,500/animal x 5 multiplier = \$12,500/calf x 4 calves = \$50,000; \$50,000 approved
- ii. Non-lethal: \$12,133 requested for range rider; \$12,133 approved

#### **f. Cunningham Sheep Co.**

- i. Confirmed depredations: Beef – 2 2-year-old beef cows \$8,000 requested; Sheep – 1 yearling ewe \$275 requested; Beef - \$4,000/animal x 3 multiplier x 2 head = \$24,000 approved; Sheep - \$275/animal x 5 multiplier = \$1,375 approved
- ii. Non-lethal: Beef - \$575 requested for range rider; \$575 approved; Sheep - \$9,704.52 requested; \$319.41 non-lethal supplies, \$5,223.79 additional livestock guardian dog and dog food, and \$3,886.32 additional labor; \$9,429.52 approved

**g. Steve Hansen**

- i. Confirmed depredations: 3 beef calves \$6,600 requested; \$2,500/animal x 5 multiplier x 3 head = \$37,500 approved

**h. Jim and Kelly Doherty – O’Doherty Cattle Co**

- i. Confirmed depredations: 4 bull calves and 3 heifer calves \$38,700 requested; \$2,500/bull calf x 4 head x 5 multiplier = \$50,000 + \$2,300/heifer calf x 3 head x 5 multiplier = \$34,500 = total \$84,500 approved
- ii. Non-lethal: \$12,860 requested for increased labor for human presence and increased feed cost for having to move animals off pasture due to wolf-livestock interactions; Worked with Morrow County as the property runs through both counties. Morrow County staff confirmed they were covering \$3,000 of requested \$12,860. Umatilla approved the rest. \$9,860 approved.

It was moved (Hawkins/Dorran) to pay-out \$48,051.31 in non-lethal preventative funds. Motion passed.

Amendment – Late applications were received after meeting. Approved through committee via email. Total payout for non-lethal prevention \$53,196.31 (Hawkins/Baker). Motion passed.

**i. Stubblefield Land & Cattle**

- i. Confirmed depredations: 2 calves \$5,000 requested; after discussing with ODFW, it was determined that only 1 calf was confirmed; \$2,500/animal x 5 multiplier = \$12,500 approved
- ii. Non-lethal: \$12,800 requested for additional range rider hours; due to it being an after the deadline application and the committee had already approved the on-time applications non-lethal prevention payouts, the leftover funds were approved; \$5,145 approved

**j. Cable Creek Cattle Co.**

- i. Confirmed depredations: 1 calf \$2,400 requested; \$2,500/animal x 5 multiplier = \$12,500 approved.
- ii. Non-lethal: \$4,775 requested for additional range rider hours; due to it being an after the deadline application and all non-lethal funds available had been allocated to the on-time applications, no funds will be awarded; \$0 approved

**4. 2026 ODA Wolf Compensation Grant Application**

It was moved (Hawkins/Evans) to request \$197,375 for direct loss claims on the 2026 ODA Wolf Compensation grant application. Motion passed. Amendment - Due to 2 late applications, it was confirmed through email to request \$222,375 for direct loss claims on the 2026 grant application (Hawkins/Baker). Motion passed.

It was moved (Dorran/Hawkins) to request \$125,000 for non-lethal prevention and \$1,000 for admin expenses on the 2026 Wolf Compensation grant application. Motion passed.

<b>2026 Grant Funding Request (Due by Febuary 28, 2026)</b>	
Category 1 - Confirmed depredations	\$ 222,375.00
Category 2 - Non-lethal Deterrents	\$ 125,000.00
Category 3 - Admin Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total grant funds requested</b>	<b>\$ 348,375.00</b>



THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Approval )  
of Grants for Preventative ) Order No. BCC2026-010  
Measures under the Umatilla )  
County Wolf Depredation Program )

WHEREAS the 2011 Legislature passed House Bill 3560, codified as ORS 610.150 to 610.155, for a wolf predation loss compensation program;

WHEREAS pursuant to ORS 610.150, a county may qualify for a grant for wolf depredation and financial assistance, if the county establishes a program to compensate livestock losses due to wolf depredation that includes a process for application for the grants and the establishment of an advisory committee to oversee the county program;

WHEREAS on February 9, 2012, the Board of Commissioners adopted Order No. BCC2012-15, establishing a Umatilla County Wolf Depredation program and the formation of the Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS Umatilla County was awarded funding from the Oregon Department of Agriculture for financial assistance for implementing methods that limit wolf-livestock interaction, for confirmed depredations and for qualified expenses incurred for implementing the county program;

WHEREAS a number of applications for financial assistance have been received and reviewed by the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee, and the Committee has made a recommendation for the granting of awards of \$53,195.77.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners approves the following for distribution of Wolf Depredation Grants for financial assistance and expense reimbursement for 2025 preventative measures:

1. Mike Becker - \$12,133.00
2. Robert & Cheryl Cosner - \$2,170.00

- 3 Cunningham Sheep - \$10,004.52
4. Eric Harlow - \$9,641.19
5. Stubblefield Land & Cattle - \$5,145.00
6. Charlie Doherty - \$1,215.00
7. Jim and Kelly Doherty - \$9,860.00
8. Krebs Livestock - \$3,027.06

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel N. Dorran, Chair

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

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Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer















