



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Larry Fehrm

Members: Jacob Berg, Jim Marsh, Gene Olson, Joe Reynoso, Tim Turnock, Dirk Wilken

May 16, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

**Minutes
APPROVED**

1. Call to Order

Chair Fehrm called the Deer Management Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Jacob Berg
Larry Fehrm, Chair
Gene Olson
Joe Reynoso
Tim Turnock
Dirk Wilken

Members Absent: Jim Marsh

Also Present: Scott Luczak, General Manager, Del-Hart
Sally DuPont, Recording Secretary

4. Election of the Following Officers for the Deer Management Committee:

1. Chair

Motion by Jacob Berg, seconded by Tim Turnock, to approve Larry Fehrm as the Chair for the Deer Management Committee.

All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Vice Chair

Motion by Larry Fehrm, seconded by Joe Reynoso, to approve Jacob Berg as the Vice Chair for the Deer Management Committee.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Minutes

Discussion and possible action on the following minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by Jacob Berg, seconded by Dirk Wilken, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. City of Delafield Citizen Comments

Hearing no one present who wished to speak, citizen comments on consent agenda items were closed.

7. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

Fehrm welcomed Dirk Wilken to the Deer Management Committee.

A. Discussion to Review Deer Management Committee Form Changes

Fehrm reported Olson, Berg, and Fehrm were tasked with going through all the forms that are on the City of Delafield website for the Deer Management Committee. Fehrm gave a special thanks to Olson for initially suggesting a review of the forms and thanked Berg for helping with the process. Fehrm submitted all the forms, and the city will update the website.

B. Discussion Regarding Private Land Use

Fehrm said the Deer Management Committee still needs private land for hunting.

Wilken spoke about the land in Cherokee Woods and Fehrm suggested Wilken research who owns the land.

Berg said he reached out to Tall Pines Conservancy. Tall Pines Conservancy has 13 acres off Highway C and last year they did not have as much deer hunting on the land as they would have liked. Berg said he will pursue options with Tall Pines Conservancy.

Reynoso said he has four more homeowners that he needs to connect with regarding private land use for hunting and he will have the information for the next Deer Management Committee meeting.

C. Discussion Regarding Deer Stand Locations, Using Trail Cameras, Staggering Stand Times, Etc.

Fehrm said the Deer Management Committee has four deer stands on the Del-Hart property. Fehrm thanked Scott Luczak, General Manager, Del-Hart, for his cooperation.

Fehrm reminded the committee if they are going out to Del-Hart in a group, to let Luczak know.

Fehrm said the Deer Management Committee went out to Del-Hart to evaluate the stands and asked Luczak for his feedback on the location of the stands. There was discussion regarding high traffic areas for the deer and Luczak gave suggestions on areas for deer stand locations.

Berg suggested keeping the four stands, but next year the committee needs to rotate between the stands because the deer quickly figure out where people are hunting.

Luczak asked the committee to stipulate, before the season starts, that people should not be walking around the property looking for deer stands, and they should not be on the property unless they are signed up to use the stands. Fehrm said each year they send out emails to the hunters and next year they can include bullet points on where to park, highlight to use their GPS, and color code the locations, to prevent people walking around the property.

Fehrm asked the committee if they wanted more than four stands in Del-Hart and if so, where they should go.

Olson said he did not think more stands should go in Del-Hart. Olson suggested moving the single stand by the west side of the solar panel and moving it to the other side of the creek. Olson also suggested the Deer Management Committee purchase two-man stands moving forward. Berg suggested there should be a location in mind before a stand is purchased.

The committee members suggested the use of trail cameras. Reynoso agreed to the use of trail cameras for patterning but not to market the data because they want people to hunt all the areas. Olson said the trail cameras can be used to indicate if the deer stands are in good locations and when the hunters are coming to hunt. Reynoso suggested the use of cellular trail cameras.

Fehrm asked Olson to research the trail cameras and come up with two or three options for the next Deer Management Committee meeting. Olson suggested one trail camera can be used and moved around.

The committee discussed staggering stand times. Wilken said staggering stand times will increase the likelihood of success. Fehrm suggested staggering times on the weekends when the stands are busier. Berg suggested implementing some type of open house with the deer stands before the season opens.

D. Discussion Regarding Incentives/Promotions

Reynoso said he and Turnock talked about getting pictures/stories from hunters to use for marketing purposes. Fehrm asked Reynoso and Turnock to continue to brainstorm and bring ideas to the next Deer Management Committee meeting.

Fehrm talked about the previous idea of paying private landowners for deer that are shot on their land.

9. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Note: No discussion on requested items

- A. Deer Stand Locations**
- B. Private Land Use**
- C. Trail Cameras (Olson)**
- D. Deer Stands Open House (Berg)**
- E. Deer Population Survey (Fehrm)**
- F. Incentives/Promotions (Reynoso/Turnock)**

10. Correspondence

11. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Fehrm adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally DuPont
Recording Secretary