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2001 Fall Advisory Board Meeting
December 14, 2001

PRESENT: Ken Toop, Gary Melby, Barb Ash, Rita Greer, Meryl Jost and Jerry Jeffers
ABSENT: Richard Price and Duane Schatz

Director Dean Hildebrand opened the meeting and welcomed the group. He introduced Clare Renner, Wildlife Division Administrative Assistant, who was filling in for his Assistant, Geralyn, who was out sick.

The meeting was handed over to President Ken Toop. Ken Toop, started out the meeting with the highlights of District 5 fall meeting. Some discussion was held on fee hunting and outfitter guides. They would like the outfitter guides to pay a $1,000 fee, have a Federal I.D. number and be CPR trained.

Gary Melby gave the highlights of District 2 fall meeting and some discussion on opening deer season a week earlier to coincide with tribal land, length of season and doe tags.

Barb Ash, District 3, gave highlights of their fall meeting which consisted of game farm domesticated elk and wild elk. Some discussion was held.

Rita Greer, District 6 highlights and discussion was on the split season of 2B, hunters do not like the unit split and touched on the 25 proposed perch limit.

Meryl Jost, District I highlights and discussion held on closing antelope season so we could get bigger bucks. Discussion on too many white-tail licenses for units 4C and 4B, being allowed 1 deer license e.g., bow license, muzzleloader license, and a gun license. Some depredation issues were brought up and how to deal with depredation calls discussed.

Jerry Jeffers, District 8 highlights and discussion on violations on no hunting posts and states attorney.

Duane Schatz, District 7, and Richard Price, District 4 were absent. Dean Hildebrand read their reports of their district fall meetings. Discussion of pheasant opening dates was held. A concensus was taken and all present agreed to changing the opening date to a week after waterfowl season.

Roger Rostvet briefed the advisory board on the legislative interim studies of the nonresident issues, taking out the Theodore Roosevelt's National Park elk, and on a survey that is being done on access on land that is available to hunting.

Terry Steinwand gave a briefing on the proposed changes to the 2000-2002 fishing proclamation. The 25 perch limit came up and the advisory board recommended leaving the perch limit as it was before to 50 perch. Small discussion on liability issues of darkhouse spear fishing safety and there were no recommendations on changing the northern pike limits.

Jerry Stein gave a briefing on Save our Lakes which pertained to cleaning up the lakes and improving our fishing resource.

Randy Kreil briefed the advisory board on NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program and the departments acquisitions. He will give them an update on the progress and says the departments plot programs are doing good.

Brian Hosik, new GIS personnel gave briefing on the capabilities of GIS and what he is doing. Data is on cd which allows accessibility.

Mike McKenna briefed the board on Sovereign Lands, clarification on Private and Public lands and the monitoring and managing of ND Prairie Dogs.

Ted Upgren gave a progress report on Coverlocks program. He handed out coverlocks brochures and says he anticipates 45 coverlocks by the end of the year.

Jim Carter gave an update on the new Hunter Education training aides and spoke on the years of service incentives for instructors.

No further discussion, meeting was adjourned.