



C.O.R.A. Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024



The meeting came to order at 7pm in the upper courtroom. Opening prayer was led by Ronald Lambert. Mark J. Tidwell called roll with 2 present via phone, 10 members present and 4 absent. The minutes from January 2nd, 2024 were read and approved.

No publicity, newsletter, membership, activities or fundraising reports were given. In the trails report, Sheila Westray stated that some large groups had committed to upcoming cleanups.

NCWMA Manager Keith Thomas said there were no updates on the elk poaching cases. In other news, there may be a vote on the WMA alcohol ban by mid-April. The OHV user survey, being conducted by UT on the NCWMA, is underway via user interview

at exit points. 500 or so surveys are expected to be obtained. Thomas went over the questions on the survey with those in attendance.

Glennis Monday provided a detailed report on the OHV routes in Campbell County that are approved by the state legislature. The Campbell County Sheriffs Department is still in the process of placing OHV signage around the county.

Tidwell gave a report on updating the CORA website and getting it up and running. Sheyanne Taylor had built a sample site for the board to look at. Costs were discussed as to various plans from website hosts. The board voted to try a 3-year-plan at a cost of around \$400.00.

Bill Stanley spoke about observing the elk capture program on the NCWMA and the vet workup by UT personnel. Area manager Thomas also spoke about the process and the elk herd in general. Due to mortality and reproductive issues, the growth of the elk herd is minimal on an annual basis. The herd probably has a census of about 450 elk. 19 elk tags are set for the next hunting season.

Fred Walker asked NCWMA Manager about the possibility of a late winter flintlock season segment for deer on the NCWMA.

The meeting was dismissed at 8pm.

