



ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL
RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

to: Director Natalie Finnie
from: Stan McTaggart, Chairman, State Furbearer Committee
date: July 10, 2023
subject: State Furbearer Committee's June 28, 2023, Recommendations

The State Furbearer Committee held their annual meeting on June 28, 2024 in the IDNR Headquarters. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the following projects from State Furbearer Funds:

Grants

One grant application was submitted for consideration for FY 2024:

1) The Wildlife Management Institute is seeking funds to complete a book revision "Wild Furbearer Management and Conservation in North America" - \$36,344.02 – **Approved by the Committee.**

The Committee also approved funding for these projects in Education:

- **Education on furbearers**
 - \$16,000 to maintain and host Trapper Education Website and curriculum for 2 years (NGRREC)
 - \$12,000 for maintenance and hosting of Coyote in the Classroom for 2 years (NGRREC)
 - \$3,000 for maintenance of Wild Illinois History for 2 years (NGRREC)

Total Allocated to education projects in 2022 \$31,000

The Committee wishes to continue working with Lewis and Clark Community College (NGRREC) to implement the Research and Education projects, either by amending the current agreement or by drafting a new agreement to include these projects.

Recommended Total Funding - The total Furbearer Fund expenditures approved for Fiscal Year 2024 is \$67,344.02.

Please indicate your approval of the Division of Wildlife funding recommendations by signing below. Your earliest response will be most appreciated. Funds are currently available for the recommended projects.

Upon your decision staff of the Office of Resource Conservation will inform the State Furbearer Committee and IDNR staff.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

For Stan
Nathan Strider 7-17-23
Stan McTaggart, Chairman Date
State Furbearer Committee

OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Chris Young 7/17/23
Chris Young, Director Date
Office of Resource Conservation

AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Natalie Finnie 7/17/23
Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director
Date Department of Natural Resources

Attachments