



Resolution XX-2013

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds that feral hogs are an invasive species responsible for significant environmental and personal property losses to the citizens of Caldwell County; and

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds that diseases carried by feral hogs pose a risk to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Caldwell County; and

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds that feral hog activity along county roadways pose a safety risk to travelers throughout Caldwell County; and

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds that the current level of feral hog management practices implemented in Caldwell County have not been sufficient to effectively control and/or decrease the local feral hog population; and

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds that the development and implementation of a five-year feral hog management plan for Caldwell County is critical to address said concerns; and

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds that an existing local task force has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the local risks, liabilities and impacts from feral hogs, and has developed preliminary goals and objectives for evaluating and mitigating the Caldwell County feral hog population; and

Whereas, The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Caldwell County, Texas, that the Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force be established and operated for the years 2013 through 2018.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Caldwell County Commissioner's Court:

Section 1. The Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force (task force), which exists as an ad-hoc group of local landowners, citizens, government representatives and industry experts, at the request of its Leadership Committee and voting members, shall be established as an official Caldwell County program from the date of the adoption of this resolution through a date and time not to exceed 11:59 PM, September 30, 2018.

Section 2. The task force shall be directed by a Leadership Committee consisting of and established by citizen stakeholders and the Caldwell County Commissioner's Court (see Section 3, below) to approve the activities and coordinate and preside over meetings of said task force.

Section 3. The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court is directed to annually appoint a representative of the Court to serve on the task force Leadership Committee throughout the term established in Section 1, above.

Section 4. The charge of the task force shall include but not be limited to the development, implementation and funding of a 2-year Feral Hog Action Plan for Caldwell County to commence on or before October 1, 2013, to be followed by a 3-year Feral Hog Maintenance Plan for Caldwell County to be completed on or before September 30, 2018.

Section 5. The Caldwell County Commissioner's Court in coordination with the Caldwell County Auditor is directed to provide technical and financial services to the task force to be determined annually through separate court action(s).

Section 6. The task force Leadership Committee shall approve and submit an annual report of its recommendations and any findings to the Caldwell County Commissioner's Court on or before September 30, 2014 and henceforth each year thereafter throughout the term established in Section 1, above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, State of Texas, on the 28th day of May 2013.

Tom Bonn,
County Judge

Alfredo Munoz
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Fred Buckholtz,
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

Joe Ivan Roland
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Carol Holcomb, County Clerk