

Resolution No. 2013-16

A Resolution of Kiowa Board of Commissioners
Adopting

The Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan

WHEREAS, The Lesser Prairie Chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) is an upland grouse species found in four ecosystem regions in parts of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado, including, as potential this County;

WHEREAS, The limited, disaggregated and incomplete body of human, procedural and scientific data for the Lesser Prairie Chicken suggests current regional policymaking and planning efforts for the Lesser Prairie Chicken to be premature;

WHEREAS, The Lesser Prairie Chicken is not in immediate or long term threat of extirpation, threatened throughout its range, nor in jeopardy of genetic hybridization;

WHEREAS, the Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan provides immediate conservation actions, proposes collaborative, peer-review of scientific data and information, and outlines meaningful study actions to address data gaps, omissions and needs;

WHEREAS, the Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan contains Conservation principles, actions and policies designed to manage and conserve the Lesser Prairie Chicken over the long term;

WHEREAS, The Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan provides for consistency of conservation activities between County, State and Federal initiatives through Government-to-Government coordination of activities invoked by the NRCP and this plan;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to list the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Kiowa COUNTY, KANSAS RESOLVE TO:

1. ADOPT The principals, practices and policies of Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan;
2. PROMOTE, as outlined in the Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan, the conservation recommendations to residents, landholders, agricultural interests and industry as appropriate.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this _____ day of August, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Kiowa COUNTY, KANSAS

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ATTEST: County Clerk