

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of June 22, 2010 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010 in the CVIC HALL, 1602 ESMEALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

PRESENT: Chairman Michael Turnipseed
Vice-Chairman Craig Burnside
Kevin Servatius
Bob Cook
Eric Scheetz

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Bernard, Private Citizen

NOTE: A tape recording of these proceedings is retained by the Board Chairman and is available for review upon request.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Cook/Burnside to approve the agenda as presented; carried unanimously.

ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2010

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to approve the minutes as presented; carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Cook and Chairman Turnipseed both noted they had attended the Wildlife Recordbook Trophy Show.

Public comment closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. These recommendations may be forwarded on to Nevada Wildlife Commission.**

The working group did not have a meeting but hopes to have Tony Wasley and Carl Lackey attend their next get together in order to work on a submittal for a Heritage project.

Eric Scheetz thought the group would benefit from having someone spearhead their meetings in order to accomplish what they wish to.

Bob Cook agreed.

Craig Burnside will attend both days of the meeting in Ely and will report on the effort of this tri-county working group.

Kevin Servatius talked about a BLM Pinenut chaining project and suggested it would be an appropriate project for Heritage funds.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RUBY PIPELINE'S PROPOSAL FOR A 42" NATURAL GAS PIPELINE ACROSS THE NORTHERN THREE COUNTIES OF NEVADA.

Chairman Turnipseed discussed the route of the 675 mile pipeline and stated 80 miles of it will go through prime sage grouse habitat. The permitting process has begun and construction is expected to follow shortly.

Eric Scheetz corrected a statement regarding a gas pipeline in southern Nevada; it is not a gas pipeline but is an electric transmission line.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

3. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

All members stated they received communication from Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 14 & 15, 2010 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. There will be no action taken.

Chairman Turnipseed attended the May 14th meeting and talked about the agenda being amended to allow the vote on the Heritage projects to take place on Friday instead of Saturday. That item did not pass.

He said he commented on the Ruby pipeline and asked if anyone had the location of the proposed man camp but no one knew.

Bob Cook provided an update on the Commission meeting of May 15th. Topics

discussed included:

- Budget for the CABs and the desire by the CABs to have the annual calendar be approved at the same time as the fiscal budget calendar.
- Board secretaries and office supply budgets.
- OML issues.
- CAB attendances at meetings.
- Heritage projects were approved as presented in spite of the objections voiced by the CABs.
- Jeremy Drew stated the Safari Club International would withdraw all the heritage tag applications because of the alleged illegal activity of the NDOW board,

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE UPCOMING VACANCIES ON THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION.

No public comment.

No member of the Board had a recommendation so no action was taken.

The following items, 6A through 6K, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, June 25 and 26, 2010 at 150 6th Street in Ely, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.

6A – 6K. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

6A. AN APPEAL FROM MR. ROBERT G. WALLIN ON DENIAL OF HIS 2010 MASTER GUIDE LICENSE.

No public comment.

No discussion or action taken on this item.

6B. AN APPEAL FROM MR. MARK PAUL ON “PREFERENCE POINTS THAT WERE NOT APPLIED FOR BY 5 P.M. ON DEADLINE DATE”.

No public comment.

No discussion or action taken on this item.

6C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 383, LCB FILE NO. R005-10. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; prohibiting a person from hunting or taking a big game mammal or discharging a firearm within a certain distance of a wildlife highway crossing.

Eric Scheetz wondered if this legislation would be beneficial to Douglas County if an

overpass were ever built.

Kevin Servatius thought this would be a good regulation and Chairman Turnipseed agreed.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to support Commission General Regulation 383, LCB File No. R005-10; carried unanimously.

6D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 389, LCB FILE NO. R083-10. Regulation relating to wildlife; prohibiting a person from interfering with the use of a guzzler or other water development; providing an exception.

Kevin Servatius explained this would prevent guzzler water from being redirected to a different area in order for people to set blinds. He supports this regulation.

Chairman Turnipseed provided the statistics on the acre feet consumed by the 1,000 guzzlers; domestic wells and livestock consume more water. The Department of Agriculture is considering legislation that would require a permit to install a guzzler.

Craig Burnside wondered if animals could be shot while at a guzzler or if that would be considered interfering with the use of that guzzler.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Scheetz to clarify distance the blinds should be kept off the guzzlers and the intent of this legislation; carried unanimously.

6E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 AMENDMENT #6. The proposed amendment recommends changes to season dates, open areas, game management units, bag limits and special regulations for sage grouse and wild turkey; and bobcat season and sealing dates.

Chairman Turnipseed asked why the fall turkey hunt was closed.

No board members were aware but Kevin Servatius thought it must be a biological problem.

Eric Scheetz asked if there would be a hunt once the turkeys were released.

Chairman Turnipseed responded many of the hunts are on private property.

Kevin Servatius recalled concerns with planting birds and using department resources on private land where most cannot hunt. After researching it, they found the Brooks family would make trespass rights available once there is recruitment.

Public comment

Matt Bernard expressed opposition to using department resources on private property. He is opposed to closing Unit 32 down for sage grouse because it would be too hard to get it reopened.

Public comment closed.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

6F. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and be asked to approve 23 projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. The projects total \$141,036.

Bob Cook asked if the monies from this program were being used for the leveling of the ponds in Mason Valley as that is a Heritage fund project.

Chairman Turnipseed said the idea of that project is to make more efficient use of the Mason Valley management area and provide more water to Walker Lake.

Craig Burnside wondered how much money was available in this fund but feels the projects proposed are worthwhile and supports them if the funds are available.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to support funding all the projects submitted; carried unanimously.

6G. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and be asked to approve 10 projects submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The projects total \$172,110 plus \$160,000 in associated salary.

The Board reviewed the projects.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to support all the Upland Game Stamp requests; carried unanimously.

6H. ACTION REGARDING GOOSE CREEK PORTION OF THE WELLS ELK SUB-PLAN. The Commission will consider a request to set up a steering committee to revise the elk population objective of the Goose Creek portion of the Wells Elk Sub-Plan.

No public comment.

No action was taken.

6I. ACTION REGARDING PETITION FROM THE NEVADA GUIDES AND OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES ASSOCIATION TO “ RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL WORDING OF NAC 502.4237 THAT ALLOWED APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL OR REJECTED TO APPLY IN THE MAIN DRAW FOR DEER.” The Commission may accept and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

Public comment

Matt Bernard stated he is opposed to this. He is a Nevada resident who has helped pay for and manage the Wildlife in Nevada and has had difficulty in drawing a tag. It is not equitable to have a non-resident be allowed two bites at the apple; they can put in for the Outfitters draw and the regular draw. There are no merits or rationale in allowing this, other than the creation of more revenue, to happen. This is not right or fair because the odds are better for non-residents.

Public comment closed.

Chairman Turnipseed agreed with Mr. Bernard.

Kevin Servatius recused himself because he is a Master Guide but provided some educational background on this item. He explained the allocation formula of the antlered mule deer tags for the restricted guide's draw and how that impacts the total tags allocated to the residents. *He left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.*

Eric Scheetz thought the guided tags were meant to provide an opportunity for the guides to have an income. He was wondering if the guide services are being cutback unfairly and maybe they should have more business somehow. Is there a way to improve the guide business or help them?

Craig Burnside thought the timing to reestablish this was a function of the economy and the reduction in the number of tags. The regulation as it is written is not discouraging applications.

MOTION by Cook/Burnside to oppose the petition; carried with Servatius abstaining.

6J. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS. The Heritage Committee will provide a recommendation to the Commission to approve one Fiscal Year 2009 Heritage project which requested an extension of funding into fiscal year 2011.

The Board reviewed the project and feels the study could be beneficial.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Burnside to support; carried with Servatius absent.

6K. ACTION REGARDING 2011 AND 2012 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE. In accordance with NRS 501.177 the Commission will be asked to approve a

schedule of meetings and locations for 2011 and 2012.

No public comment.

There was no discussion or action taken.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.

No public comment.

Craig Burnside will attend the Ely meeting.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

No public comment.

The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- Tri county deer restoration working group
- Status of the wild turkey throughout the State of Nevada
- Status of the Mitch Park fishing pond.

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.; carried with Servatius absent.

The minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 10th day of August, 2010

Michael Turnipseed, Chairman