

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the December 1, 2009 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009 in the CVIC HALL (SECOND FLOOR) 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

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

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rittenhouse, Private Citizen

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 22, 2009

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Servatius abstaining.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Craig Burnside asked to remove item 8 (**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DCABMW'S INPUT ON THE STATEWIDE TAGS RECOMMENDATIONS**) from the agenda.

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to approve the agenda minus item 8; carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Bob Rittenhouse introduced himself and explained his involvement with outdoor organizations.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WAYNE E. KIRSH CONSERVATION AWARD

Bob Cook distributed the completed nomination form nominating Barbara Byington for the award. This is a fitting nomination due to her conservation efforts.

Chairman Turnipseed indicated he would mail the nomination to the appropriate person.

MOTION by Cook/Burnside to submit this application for the Wayne E. Kirsh Award representing Barbara Byinton/Galeppi Land and Cattle Company; carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MULE DEER HERD RESTORATION – ERIC SCHEETZ

Eric Scheetz explained he had been researching options by reading the minutes of other Advisory Boards and the Commission. He suggested forming a sub-committee to gather public input. There are a lot of potential projects even some that were submitted for predator control.

Chairman Turnipseed thought chaining 30,000 acres in the Pinenuts would be beneficial to the mule deer.

Kevin Servatius provided a history of the lion program and said 450-500 lions per year are harvested. Habitat improvement and the mitigation of traffic deaths are the keys. He thought the options should include fuels reduction for fire prevention, habitat improvement and traffic control. He suggested Bill Miller, Chair of the White Pine Commission, may be a resource for chaining projects.

Eric Scheetz said NDOW has put together a management plan for mule deer which could apply to our area. They are looking for input and a sub-committee with a six month duration may be the best way to gather it.

Kevin Servatius suggested focusing on something that is important instead of painting with a broad brush. Habitat improvement is the #1 thing we could do. Heritage money could be sought for burning, chipping or chaining.

Chairman Turnipseed suggested having two members from Carson City and two members from Douglas County sit on the sub-committee.

Eric Scheetz stated he would call Gil Yanuck to see if they would be interested.

Kevin Servatius added Carl Lackey could also be a member of the committee. The resulting document could speak to traffic control, habitat improvement, and fuels reduction for fire prevention. The final document, approved by both advisory boards, could be presented to the Commission in the first quarter of 2010 and address units 192, 194, 196 and 291.

Board direction and consensus only and no action was taken.

7. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF FOREST SERVICE GATES IN UNIT 192-KINGSBURY GRADE/SPOONER LAKE AREA AND STATUS OF JOINT LETTER WITH THE CCABMW – BOB COOK

Bob Cook said the gate was not closed on October 18th but was closed on Thanksgiving weekend due to snow.

He will contact Doug Martin to see if there has been a response from the Forest Service. He

would like to get a response from them regarding the additional gates considered on top as well as the end gates.

No action was taken.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DCABMW'S INPUT ON THE STATEWIDE TAGS RECOMMENDATIONS – CRAIG BURNSIDE

This item was removed from the agenda.

9. DISCLOSURES

Chairman Turnipseed cited contact from Bob Rittenhouse.

Bob Cook discussed the contacts he had while preparing the Kirsh Award nomination.

Eric Scheetz noted an email he had received from a local group regarding a membership letter. He did not respond to it.

10. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

No one attended but Eric Scheetz read from the minutes of the meeting regarding mule deer restoration efforts and the Commission's request for Advisory Board input.

11. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.

Eric Scheetz asked to remove items 11E, 11F, 11M, and 11N.

MOTION by Cook/Burnside to approve the consent agenda minus items 11E, 11F, 11M and 11N; carried unanimously.

11A. ACTION REGARDING CENTRAL NEVADA ELK PLAN COORDINATION AND OVERSIGHT TEAM – GAME DIVISION CHIEF MARK ATKINSON

11B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 AMENDMENT #5 – CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM

11C. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 370 LCB FILE NO. R041-09 – CHIEF GAME WARDEN BOB BUONAMICI

11D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 371 LCB FILE NO. R082-09 – CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN

11E. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 372- LCB FILE NO. R115-09 – CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI

Eric Scheetz stated he did not have an issue with this but found it odd that, after all these years, we are defining more what these animals are.

Bob Cook thought it was only clean up language.

11F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 372 – LCB FILE NO. R115-09 – CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI

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11G. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 373 – LCB FILE NO. R-110-09 – CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN

11H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 373 – LCB FILE NO. R-110-09 – CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN

11I. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 376 – LCB FILE NO. R137-09 – CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN

11J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 376 – LCB FILE NO. R-137-09 – CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN

11K. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICIES, FIRST READING – COMMISSIONER KOBRIN

11L. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICIES, SECOND READING – COMMISSIONER KOBRIN

11M. ACTION REGARDING BIENNIAL BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011 – BIG GAME STAFF BIOLOGIST MIKE COX

Eric Scheetz discussed the augmentation of the sheep and asked where they are coming from and who is paying for it.

Chairman Turnipseed thought there could be trading or they could be transplanted from other areas of the state where there is an excess. Funding is probably from NBU and Q1 money.

Craig Burnside noted many of the augmentations are in Lincoln County and added this is the plan but funding is needed. If there is no funding, the project will not continue.

11N. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER SCOTT RAINE

Projects requested by Hunters Alert and Nevada Alliance for Wildlife was discussed by the board.

11O. ACTION REGARDING WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES – CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT

THE DECEMBER 4 AND 5, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

12-A. CORRESPONDENCE – CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT

12-B. APPLICATION AMENDMENT – PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER

12-C. JUNIOR HUNT ELIGIBILITY - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER

Craig Burnside noted there was no support material for this item and questioned whether its intent is to extend the age from 16 to 18 to be eligible for the junior hunt.

12-D. NEVADA WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES – WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST CRAIG MORTIMORE

Craig Burnside talked about the opening of duck season in Elko and White Pine Counties. Within the federal framework, changes only be done at specific times and stay in effect for five years.

12-E. LAPSED ANGLER PROGRAM – MARKETING COORDINATOR LYNNE FOSTER

Craig Burnside discussed the lapsed angler program and how it was determined to be a success.

12-F. 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY

12-G. WILD HORSE AND BURRO UPDATE – CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM

The board discussed the Winecup Ranch and wild horse management.

12-H. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

12-I. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES – SECRETARY KEN MAYER

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSILBE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY’S TIMESHEET

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

14. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING – DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

No discussion.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Kevin Servatius and Chairman Turnipseed will attend the Reno meeting. Eric Scheetz may

attend also.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT DCABMW MEETING.

The next DCABMW is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

17 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Recording Secretary performance evaluation
- Mule deer restoration
- Strategic plan
- Forest Service road closure

18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; carried unanimously.

The minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 2nd day of February, 2010

Michael Turnipseed, Chairman