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**Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board**  
Minutes  
March 2, 2011

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility on March 2, 2011 at 6:00p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Chris Torres, Chad Bliss, Jim Evans and Dale Hornickle

Members Absent: Mike Taylor

Others Present: Mike Podborny-NDOW, Jake Tibbitts- Eureka County Natural Resources Manager and Kathy Porter- Eureka County Natural Resources Assistant/Secretary, Raymond Hodson- Nevada Houndsmen Association

**Call to order**

Chairman Jim Evans called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

**Review and Approve Minutes-**

The minutes of the January 31, 2011 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved, on a motion made by Chad Bliss and seconded by Mike Taylor.

**Correspondence and reports**

Mr. Bliss reported the Commission approved 1 elk tag, 1 deer tag and 1 antelope tag for the Silver State Tag draw.

**Wildlife and Mule Deer Enhancement Projects in Eureka County-** Discuss and consider further efforts to proceed with wildlife and mule deer enhancement projects, including guzzlers, in Eureka County:

Mr. Tibbitts reported that formal permission to thin pj around springs on private property has been received from Ben Zunino, Tom Belaustegui and verbal permission has been given from Martin Etcheverry. The group looked at maps of these springs and prioritized the springs according to species utilization, possible erosion issues and over all enhancement potential. Discussion was also had as to which projects had the greatest potential to begin work on quickly while continuing to work on other proposed areas and gathering of additional funding. Chairman Evans recommended beginning work as soon as possible to stay out of the sage grouse nesting window. Mr. Taylor moved to prioritize the springs as follows; #1 the Nichols Horse Ranch, #2 Venini Creek, #3 the most southern 40 acre parcel on the North Fork of Hendersen Creek. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously. Chairman Evans and Mr. Taylor volunteered to tour and assess the Cottonwood Ranch area with Mr. Belaustegui for a potential project.

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Agenda and Support Material Packet –**  
The Board may discuss and act upon any or all items.

**Action Item: 9 B Wildlife Damage Management Fiscal Year 2011 Plan –**  
**Commissioner Vogler**

The Commission will discuss and provide guidance to the Department concerning development and information provided in the 2011 and future Wildlife Damage Management plans.

The CAB gave no recommendation.

**Action Item: 10 Additional Application Hunt System Report Format – Chief of Operations**

**Bob Haughian**

The Commission may endorse or deny a request made previously at the December 2010 Commission meeting from Commissioner Cavin to introduce an additional report format to publicly display a list of successful tag applicants by hunt unit on the huntnevada.com website.

Mr. Bliss commented that the information is all ready accessible, the change would create unnecessary costs to implement the action. Mr. Bliss moved to not support the additional report format. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item: 11B The Commission may take action to support, not support, or take no action on bills reviewed at the Legislative Committee meeting - Commissioner Capurro**

The Eureka CAB agreed to support AB13.

The Eureka CAB gave no recommendation for AB19

Mr. Hornickel moved to support AB167. Mr. Taylor seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hornickel moved to support ACR3. Mr. Taylor seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

The Eureka CAB gave no recommendation on SB56.

Mr. Taylor moved to support SB102. Mr. Taylor seconded motion carried 3-1. Mr. Hornickel expressed concern that this would create criminals out of honest people who happen to stumble upon a shed who want to pick it up.

The Eureka CAB gave no recommendation on SB108.

Mr. Hornickel moved to support SCR1. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The Eureka CAB gave no recommendation for SJR4.

The Eureka CAB gave no recommendation for SJR5.

**Action Item: 12 Consideration of Disbanding de facto Committee to Meet with Governor**

**Sandoval - Chairman Raine**

At a prior meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners voted to send a two-member delegation to meet with Governor Sandoval concerning regulation changes being brought before the Board. Counsel advised that it is possible the previous vote technically created a *de facto* public body subject to the Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The Board will consider taking action to disband the delegation.

No Recommendation was given.

**Action Item:13 Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRC) Committee**

**Report and Recommendations – Vice Chairman Lent**

The Commission will hear a report from the APRC Committee and conduct a first reading of proposed changes to Commission Policy #10, "Wildlife Heritage Tags and Vendors"; and first readings on two new proposed Commission Policies, "Transparency" (policy number pending) and "Wolves" (policy number pending).

No Recommendation was given.

**Action Item: 15A The Commission may give guidance, and provide guidelines to NDOW concerning, development of language for regulation establishing a management bull elk season – Chairman Raine**

No Recommendation was given.

**Action Item: 18 Commission Regulation Number 11- 09 – Black Bear Draw Application**

**Deadline – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger**

The Commission will consider adoption of the 2011 and 2012 black bear hunt online application deadline of the second Friday in May until 5 p.m. except as provided in LCB file R155-09, and the Wildlife Administrative Services Office will accept applications for the black bear hunt online only at [www.huntnevada.com](http://www.huntnevada.com).

No Recommendation was given.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Raymond Hodson, Nevada Houndsmen, proposed taking over fixing and maintaining the McCoullogh guzzlers with a sign stating the guzzlers are maintained by the Nevada Houndsmen. Discussion was had as to materials, and structure plans. Mr. Bliss recommended placing this on the next agenda. Mr. Bliss informed Mr. Hodson of the spring's projects that the Eureka CAB will begin working on if the Nevada Houndsmen would like to assist with those projects.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Hornickel. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Kathy Porter

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Jim Evans