

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board

Minutes

August 11, 2008

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board met in the Administrative Facility on August 11, 2008 at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Chairman Chad Bliss, Mike Taylor, Chris Torres, Jim Evans and Kirk Nicholes

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Podborny – NDOW

Jake Tibbitts – Eureka County Department of Natural Resources Manager

Judy Overton – Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. A quorum was determined to be present.

Minutes

After reviewing the minutes of June 23, 2008 meeting, **Chris Torres made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded Mike Taylor and carried unanimously.**

Correspondence and reports

Chairman Bliss gave a brief report on the four, newly appointed, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

Chairman Bliss reported that BDR76, sponsored by Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea, for the Silver State Tag has been written and is in the final review stages.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold their meeting in Eureka on August 15 & 16, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Eureka Courthouse in the second floor courtroom. Mike Podborny stated that he has been in contact with the Board and the arrangements for the meeting have been made.

Chairman Bliss reported that there will be a shoot at Perdiz after the Commissioners' meeting on Friday. Following the shoot there will be a dinner that will start around 7:30pm.

Desert Bighorn Sheep release

Mike Podborny said that he will be giving a report to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the proposed release at their Saturday meeting. He reported that he has talked to several permittees, landowners and Barrick Mine since our last meeting. The main concern of the permittees is that they would like a written guarantee that their AUMs won't be affected and that they would not be held responsible for the death of any sheep. He also said that Barrick Mine is considering utilizing goats for weed management.

Chairman Bliss wondered if NDOW has looked at moving sheep with good genetics to areas with sheep with poor genetics instead of releasing in areas without any sheep.

When asked, Mike Podborny said that the species of sheep that is release into a particular area is determined by the Nevada Big Horn Sheep Management Plan.

Future Guzzler Projects

Mike Podborny reported that up to six tanks are already available for use. Heritage Fund monies that would have been used to purchase tanks can be used to possibly build three guzzlers instead of the two guzzlers that were originally proposed. Members discussed fencing design that would allow for easy installation but also better access by wildlife, particularly deer, to a guzzler. Chairman Bliss encouraged members to be thinking of locations for future guzzlers.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission Agenda and support material

Item 7 – Commission General Regulation 358 – LCB File No. R066-08 – Eligibility Waiting Periods: Following review and discussion regarding the changes, **Chris Torres made a motion to support the changes as written. The motion was seconded by Mike Taylor and carried unanimously.**

Item 8 - Commission General Regulation CGR 362 – LCB File No. R155-08 – Wolverines: **No action was taken by this Board.**

Item 9 – Commission Regulation 08-02 Waterfowl Seasons for 2008-2009: Following a review of the changes, **Chris Torres moved to approve the 2008-2009 Waterfowl Seasons as proposed. The motion was seconded by Kirk Nicholes and carried unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2008 at 6:30pm, if needed.

Public Comment

Kirk Nicholes informed the Board that he will be moving to Utah by the end August and will be submitting his resignation. The members thanked him for his service. Mike Podborny invited the members to participate in a sage grouse capture that will be held August 26, 27 and 28. The purpose of the capture is for radio collaring. Chairman Bliss asked Mike Podborny to check into the timeline for submittal of Predator Projects, in particular, consideration of a raven project. Jim Evans reported that his company, Basin and Range Resources, is pursuing working with Barrick Mine to establish a fisheries rehabilitation initiative for Cold Creek and Huntington.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Taylor and seconded by Kirk Nicholes to adjourn. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2008.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Judy Overton

Approved: _____, Chairman
Chad Bliss