

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board

Minutes

September 02, 2009

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board met in the Administrative Facility on September 12, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Mike Taylor

Others Present: Jake Tibbitts- Natural Resources Manager and Gary McCuin- Extension Educator

Call to order

Chairman Torres called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Board Business

Request for Silver State Tag Drawing to be placed on the Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda-

Chad Bliss explained that he would like to see the implementation of the Silver State Tag (Tag) Drawing and that it could only move forward if it was placed on the Wildlife Commission (Commission) agendas. Mr. Bliss further noted that at the past Commission meeting, Chairman Lent had stated his desire to work with the various county advisory boards (CAB) and would like to see their requests and ideas placed on Commission agendas.

Mr. Bliss felt that in order to get the Tag moving, a lot of details still need to be worked out such as language for the regulations and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), fees, resident requirements, and number of allotted tags. Mr. Bliss voiced his concern that these final details of the Tag should not be rushed, but should go through all the channels and be a group effort between all of the CABs and the Commission so that it is done right and collaboratively. Dale Hornickle stated that he didn't see the Tag being implemented any earlier than 2011 because of all the things that needed worked out. Jim Evans and Mr. Bliss both noted that the process should start now as to get the Tag implemented as soon as possible, especially given the benefit that the Tag would have for the average sportsman in addition to the amount of funds that the Tag could generate for on the ground projects that would benefit dwindling deer herds and other wildlife.

After more discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to see the Silver State Tag move forward and that the Tag continue to be on future Commission agendas so that the involvement of CABs could continue.

Mr. Evans made the motion to write a letter requesting that the Silver State Tag be placed on the next Wildlife Commission agenda and future agendas so that progress could continue to be made on getting it implemented and that a copy of the letter is transmitted to each Commissioner and CAB. Mr. Hornickle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the letter is below:

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September 3, 2009

Dr. Gerald A. Lent, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Lent,

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (Board) requests that the Silver State Tag (Tag) be continued to be placed on the Commission meeting agendas as to move forward with discussions on and implementation of the Tag.

We realize that many details need to be worked out on the Tag before it can be implemented and that taking the time now to do things right will pay dividends in the end. Given the capacity of the Tag to contribute to sportsman opportunities and the benefit of wildlife, we feel that the work on these details should begin now so that these benefits can be realized as soon as possible.

Placing the Tag on the next agenda and subsequent agendas will help to invoke participation from the CABs resulting in implementation of the Tag in a collaborative, efficient, and proper way.

We thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,

/s/ Chris Torres

Chris Torres, Chairman
Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board

cc: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
(Scott Raine, Bruce Kobrin, Thomas Cavin, Michael McBeath, Daryl Capurro,
Pete Mori, Charles Howell, Grant Wallace)
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Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Gary McCuin congratulated Mr. Bliss and the Board on successfully helping to get the Silver State Tag through legislation. Mr. McCuin thought the Tag was a great idea and wished the Board luck on their efforts in finalizing its implementation.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Bliss and seconded by Mr. Hornickle to adjourn. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2009.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Kathy Porter

Approved: _____, Chairman
Chris Torres