

LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Monday, November 17, 2008

6:00 P.M.

FERNLEY JUSTICE COURT

565 East Main Street

Fernley, NV 89408

MINUTES

Board Members: Jim Jenne, Joe Mortensen, Bill Meyer, Willis Lamm, Leland Graves

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.
Board members present: Jim Jenne, Joe Mortensen, Bill Meyer, Willis Lamm
Board members absent: Leland Graves
Staff present: Maureen Williss
Guests: Maureen Hullinger, NDOW, Larry Johnson, President-Coalition for Nevada Wildlife
2. Pledge of Allegiance
No action taken.
3. Approval of minutes
Joe Mortensen moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2008. Willis Lamm seconded- unanimous.
4. Advisory Board Items for discussion (no action will be taken)
Bill Meyer: I think we should submit a recommendation prior to the Wildlife Commission meetings. If there commission doesn't get their agenda out at least 1 week prior to our meetings it doesn't leave us much time to give a recommendation.
Jim Jenne: They are governed by the open meeting law 3 day rule. As of today the Wildlife Commission can't change the agenda as it is within the 3 day rule. However, most Wildlife boards have met before the Commission has finalized their agenda, and therefore may not be able to comment on anything that was changed on their agenda. Jim Jenne stated he will send a letter of concern to the Wildlife Commission regarding changes to their agenda after local boards have met.
5. Public Comment (no action will be taken)
No public comment.
6. Discussion and possible action on vacant seats on board (action will be taken)
Jim Jenne: There will be one seat (Joe Mortensen) and my term and Bill Meyer's terms are up. Bill Meyer: I have submitted a letter asking to be re-appointed. Jim Jenne: I also would like to be re-appointed and I will submit a letter.
7. Discussion and possible action on Operational Manual for Co. Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (action will be taken)

Jim Jenne: I think this is one of the best things to come out and I'm glad to see it. All members have received the operational manual. Other game boards seem to be happy with it as well. Willis Lamm: This supports our argument that we need to get the information from the Wildlife Commission in a timely manner.

8. Discussion and possible action on Coalition for Nevada Wildlife (action will be taken)

Larry Johnson, President, Coalition for Nevada Wildlife: This organization has been around for about 18 years and have testified on every bill in the legislature. At the last session a bill was introduced to remove mountain lions from being listed as big game to unregulated. We opposed it and the bill was killed. There are many other examples of what this coalition does. We are now in the process of getting sportsmen groups to find people who want to get involved, so that during the legislative session, and would be willing to voice their opinion. There will be three openings on the Wildlife Commission next year and we need to lobby from the background to get some qualified people appointed. We will be having conference calls two weeks before the Commission meeting and would like all of you to join in. We aren't asking for anyone to join this organization and we aren't asking for money. Several legislative issues that will be coming up are the off-road vehicles. A bill is being crafted now that will require registration and titling with the DMV. Also there is the tag issues, such as the Dream Tags etc. We want to have your input as well as sportsmen groups when these issues are being discussed in the legislature. Mr. Johnson stated that he was pleased he could come and give a short presentation on his organization and what they are doing for Nevada. James Jenne and the Board thanked him for his presentation.

9. Discussion and possible action on Crossbow & Muzzleloader issues (action will be taken)

Jim Jenne: Everyone I've talked to is against this issue. Any legal weapon hunt includes crossbow. Willis Lamm: Have the archery groups weighed in on this? Jim Jenne: They are all opposed. Joe Mortensen moved to continue the status quo. Willis Lamm seconded – unanimous 4-0

10. Discussion and possible action on a petition from Mr. Mark Carlton to change regulations regarding largemouth bass. (action will be taken)

Jim Jenne: I think Southern Nevada went against this and I'm not for it. The fisheries man from Fallon doesn't support this either. Bill Meyer moved to have Clark County amend this to their needs if they desire. Willis Lamm seconded – unanimous – 4-0

11. Discussion and possible action on Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner's agenda and support material. May discuss and act on any or all items (action will be taken)

Jim Jenne: Basically no one knows what is going on with the request for a BDR by Assemblyman Claiborne. Joe Mortensen: I think he is asking for information for a BDR. Joe Mortensen moved that all pertinent information gathered for this possible

BDR be provided to local game boards in a timely manner for their review and possible recommendation. Bill Meyer seconded – unanimous 4-0

Maureen Hullinger Program Officer III for Licensing, Division of Wildlife: I was asked to draft a temporary regulation so that if application was rejected for the guided draw (non-resident) they can go into the general non-resident draw. Joe Mortensen: I don't see why we should change this for one person. Willis Lamm: I think this guy just found a flaw as he was rejected due to some error not because he was unsuccessful. Bill Meyer: How long before we go to a strictly computer application process? If in two years its computerized why would we want to change it? Willis Lamm: In order to be in the general tag we have to change the regulations. There is a difference between rejected and unsuccessful. Bill Meyer moved to go along with the temporary regulation as written to allow applications for the guided draws if rejected, are allowed into the general draws. Joe Mortenson seconded – unanimous 4-0

Jim Jenne: There is a request to change the Desert Bighorn Sheep season dates on the military range - #280, #281 & #282. Joe Mortensen moved that we approve changing of dates from 12/13 through 12/28/2008 to 12/20 through 1/4/09. Bill Meyer seconded – unanimous 4-0

12. Adjourn

Joe Mortensen moved to adjourn. Willis Lamm seconded – unanimous 4-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.