

**DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**  
**Minutes of February 2, 2010 Meeting**

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 in the CVIC HALL (DOWNSTAIRS) 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Michael Turnipseed  
Kevin Servatius  
Bob Cook  
Eric Scheetz

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Craig Burnside

**STAFF:** Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marshall Goldy, Private Citizen  
Jim Ornellas, Private Citizen  
Jeremy Drew, RCI  
Bob Pohlman, Private Citizen  
Carl Lackey, NDOW

**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 5:35 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 1, 2009 – MOTION by Servatius/Cook to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Burnside absent.

Kevin Servatius discussed the formation of a subcommittee to look at the mule deer herd and develop a plan and thought a biologist from NDOW should be involved in that committee.

3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** - Jeremy Drew introduced himself and explained he hoped to become more involved with this board.

5. **DISCLOSURES** – Bob Cook said Jean Lamb discussed the fishing taking place at the Martin Slough and thought the area needed to be cleaned up. A duck was tangled in monofilament but, after examination, was determined to be okay.

Chairman Turnipseed and Carl Lackey stated they were aware of the situation with the duck.

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

Bob Cook attended the Carson City meeting and provided an update on Carson City's input on the formation of the subcommittee. Carson City was agreeable to taking part and voted to do so but no date or time was set. During the discussion at that meeting it was suggested that Washoe County and Storey County be invited to join and hopefully form the Sierra Front Deer Herd Restoration Subcommittee. The more counties involved would increase the chances of receiving funding to do projects.

Chairman Turnipseed brought Carl Lackey up to date on the suggestions made at the previous meeting.

Carl Lackey stated he would advise them on what would be helpful but thought some of the projects suggested would be expensive.

The migration routes for different herds were explained and two projects are currently underway; collaring deer and protection of the remaining travel corridor.

Kevin Servatius would like to develop a plan for Unit 192 to present to the Commissioners and instituted over a 3-5 year period. Habitat improvement is #1 in order to improve quotas. Using fire fuel funds, chaining, chipping, or controlled burns from north of Virginia City to Topaz could be a focus.

Eric Scheetz and Bob Cook volunteered to serve on the committee.

Clarifying the goal of the subcommittee, the board decided they would like to focus on Units 192/194/196 first but that could be worked out when the goals and objectives are developed.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to nominate Eric Scheetz to be a member of the joint subcommittee with Douglas County CAB and Carson CAB to improve the deer herd restoration efforts in Nevada; carried with Burnside absent and Scheetz abstaining.

MOTION by Servatius/Scheetz to nominate Bob Cook to be a member of the joint subcommittee with Douglas County CAB and Carson CAB to improve the deer herd restoration efforts in Nevada; carried with Burnside absent and Cook abstaining.

**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 distributed the map and letter received from the USFS in response to the letter written jointly by the CCABMW and the DCABMW. They have agreed to extend one gate opening to November 30<sup>th</sup>, which would allow partial access during the grouse season.

He would like to send another letter thanking them for their support and requesting access to the plane crash area by extending the other gate 4/10 of a mile north.

Kevin Servatius identified another road left off the map, Kings Canyon Road.

Carl Lackey stated support of the proposed gate and moving the south gate 4/10 of a

mile north.

Bob Cook will draft the letter and submit it to the Carson City and Douglas County boards for signature.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE STATUS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF DCABMW'S STRATEGIC PLAN – ERIC SCHEETZ**

Eric Scheetz provided an updated draft copy of the plan. He explained the changes and additions to the document and noted much work is yet to be done. Some of the additions include language regarding meetings and attendance, areas of interest to Douglas County from various NDOW sources, and the manner in which to support NDOW.

The board discussed and suggested goals to integrate into the document. Those included:

- The need for major developments to address the impacts on wildlife and their habitat. This could be added to both the NDOW section and the Douglas County section.
- Management of non-game species.
- Viewing areas.
- Bird watching.
- Public access to public waters.

Bob Pohlman talked about a project by the river proposed by Park Cattle.

The board thanked Eric and thought he was doing a great job on this.

**9. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PRESENTATION BY BLM ON WILD HORSE ROUNDUP PRESENTED TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD OF MANAGE WILDLIFE – BOB COOK**

Jeremy Drew provided a handout with an overview of the wild horse issue. He provided the national program statistics relating to number of horses and burros on the range, population growth rates, AML set by BLM, adoption demand, holding facilities and the cost per day per horse, and the BLM budget. He noted BLM has never reached the AML.

Statewide, the statistics of the herd areas and the gathering efforts were discussed. Media campaigns have been launched and suits have been filed to stop the gathers. A judge has ruled that BLM is within their right to gather and remove excess horses.

A new strategy has been proposed by the Secretary of the Interior and its components include showcasing some of the herds in the west, getting to AML by 2013, using fertility control, and trying to increase adoption. There is going to be a new direction and it will probably come from Congress.

Kevin Servatius suggested the board support Chairman Lent's letter to Secretary Salazar.

Bob Cook stated he would like to write a letter of appreciation to the local BLM stating support of their effort's to control the horse population using sound science and to

encourage continuance of the roundups.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to support Dr. Gerald A. Lent's letter to Secretary Salazar requesting that the use of the Wine Cup Ranch not be changed; carried with Burnside absent.

MOTION by Cook/Servatius to write a letter of support for the local BLM and supporting their efforts using sound science to control populations and continue the roundups and do not consider any moratoriums; carried with Burnside absent.

**10. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE DECEMBER 4-5, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.**

No one attended.

**11. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the February 5-6, 2010 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting.**

Chairman Turnipseed asked to remove item 11D for discussion and Eric Scheetz asked to remove item 11G for discussion.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to approve the consent agenda minus items 11D & 11G; carried with Burnside absent.

**11-A. ACTION REGARDING WINE-CUP RANCH PROPOSAL FOR WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM.** The Commission is being asked to review and approve a draft letter to the Secretary of Interior stating the Commission's opposition to the proposal to manage surplus wild horses on the public and private portions of the Wine-Cup Ranch.

**11-B. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 374 - LCB FILE NO. R114-09 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI.** The Commission may adopt a regulation requiring a person who wounds or otherwise injures any wildlife while hunting to make a reasonable effort to take that wildlife; authorizing the use of an arrow with an illuminated nock; prohibiting the use of certain other arrows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**11-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 374 - LCB FILE NO. R114-09 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI.** The Commission may adopt a regulation requiring a person who wounds or otherwise injures any wildlife while hunting to make a reasonable effort to take that wildlife; authorizing the use of an arrow with an illuminated nock; prohibiting the use of certain other arrows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**11-D. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 377 - LCB FILE NO. R138-09 - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.** The Commission may adopt a regulation authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue a scope permit to a person with a visual disability under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Chairman Turnipseed expressed concern with people who are certified blind being out in the field with a rifle.

Kevin Servatius talked about the difficulty with enforcement.

Discussion only and no action taken.

**11-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 377 - LCB FILE NO. R138-09 - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.** The Commission may adopt a regulation authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue a scope permit to a person with a visual disability under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**11-F. ACTION REGARDING HERITAGE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN GERALD LENT.** The Commission will hear a report on the Heritage Account's interest and principal from Deputy Director Patrick Cates. Chairman Lent will report to the full Commission on the Heritage Committee's meeting that occurred on January 7, 2010, and may ask that the Commission take action on the Committee's recommendation for harvest control for Heritage and Partnership in Wildlife tags in big game units.

**11-G. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER DARYL CAPURRO.** Commissioner Capurro will report to the full Commission on the Legislative Committee that occurred on January 7, 2010, and may ask that the Commission take action on the Committee's recommendations for the Department's legislation for the 2011 Legislative Session and the Legislative Committee's agenda item to amend the Heritage NRS to permit use of more than 75 percent of Heritage funds.

Eric Scheetz stated he is against changing the use to 90% and has an issue with the use of funds. He is against using the funds for non-budgeted major equipment purchases or repairs. He would like the use of the money to be specific. He is opposed to changing this.

Bob Cook said the Heritage account has \$5,500,000 but they can only use the interest and the money donated during the previous year. At the Carson City CAB meeting, they felt no one was held accountable for the expenditures or followed up on how the project went. He agreed with Eric Scheetz.

MOTIONS by Scheetz/Cook that the DCABMW feels this time is the wrong time to bring attention to the Heritage Fund and change from 75% to 90% usage; carried with Burnside absent.

**11-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 10 - 01 2011 HERITAGE TAG QUOTA AND SEASONS - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX.** The Commission will adopt the Heritage tag species, seasons, and quotas for the 2011 season.

**11-I. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 09 - 05 AMENDMENT #1**

**BIG GAME SEASON DATES - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX.** The Commission will consider revisions and adjustments to the 2010 bighorn, pronghorn, and elk hunting seasons, Partner in Wildlife (PIW) hunts, and bighorn sheep indoctrination dates.

- 12. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 5-6, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** A report on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting.

**12-A. CORRESPONDENCE - CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT.** The Commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and provide copies for the exhibit file.

**12-B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - VICE CHAIRMAN SCOTT RAINE AND SECRETARY KEN MAYER.**

**12-C. CABMW REPORT ON MULE DEER OVERVIEW EFFORTS WITHIN EACH COUNTY - CABMW MEMBERS.**

**12-D. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER CHARLIE HOWELL.**

**12-E. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE BUDGET UPDATE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.**

**12-F. TRAIL CAMERA USAGE, EDIBLE PORTIONS OF GAME, AND WATER DEVELOPMENT BARRIERS - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI.**

**12-G. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.**

**12-H. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.**

- 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR THE RECORDING SECRETARY.**

This item was continued to the March 16, 2010 meeting.

- 14. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 19-20, 2010, in Las Vegas; and the Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting.

Pending review of the agenda, Bob Cook is planning to attend.

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

Kevin Servatius will attend Friday's meeting in Reno and Eric Scheetz may attend one of the days also.

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

The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- Recording Secretary Evaluation
- RMEF fundraiser
- USFS road closure
- Herd restoration sub-committee
- Strategic Plan

**18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT.**

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.; carried with Burnside absent.

The minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 16th day of March, 2010

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Michael Turnipseed, Chairman