

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of May 11, 2010 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010 in the DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE (COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS), 1616 8TH STREET, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

PRESENT: Chairman Michael Turnipseed
Vice-Chairman Craig Burnside
Kevin Servatius
Bob Cook
Eric Scheetz

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael McCormick, Assistant District Attorney, Douglas County
Marshall Goldy, Private Citizen
Jim Ornellas, Private Citizen
Carl Lackey, NDOW
Chris Urquhart, Fisheries Biologist

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 – March 16, 2010.

MOTION by Burnside/Scheetz to approve the minutes as presented; carried unanimously.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to approve the agenda as presented; carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Carl Lackey, NDOW, stated the Wildlife Recordbook Trophy Show would be held on the 22nd & 23rd of May at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center.

5. DISCLOSURES

Craig Burnside explained contact with people wondering about a lifetime hunting license in Nevada.

Chairman Turnipseed stated Lee Kenson contacted him regarding a possible nomination to the Wildlife Commission. Greg Tanner contacted him regarding the

opening for a rural representative on the Wildlife Commission and asked him if he would consider applying.

14. PRESENTATION ONLY FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MICHAEL MCCORMICK ON THE OPEN MEETING LAW. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

Michael McCormick, Assistant District Attorney for Douglas County, provided the guidelines of the Open Meeting Law (OML) and highlighted the application of the law, the requirements of the posting and contents of the agenda, what constitutes a serial meeting, the difference between discussion and deliberation, steps to take to avoid an OML violation and what to do if an OML violation occurs. He provided a revised agenda template the Board could use to insure the agenda meets the requirements of the OML.

The Board thanked Mr. McCormick for the presentation.

12-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 10-02, BIG GAME QUOTAS 2010-BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX. The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats for 2010-2011.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to remove item 12K for discussion and possible action; carried unanimously.

Carl Lackey, NDOW, said the quotas are basically the same as last year's. He provided the reason for the ratio of archery to rifle tags and the shift between early and late seasons. He explained there is a strong consideration to recommend a zero quota for the Rocky Mountain Sheep herd. He remained available to answer questions.

No public comment.

Eric Scheetz requested a copy of the MOU with California on the interstate deer herd.

Mr. Lackey provided contact information to obtain that agreement. The agreement is ongoing but the tags are figured annually. The allocation of tags is based on when the deer move into the area and the percentage of the herd they believe exists at the time of hunting. The herd is looked at as a whole herd and not Nevada and California.

Kevin Servatius stated he reviewed the packet and quotas and does not have any concerns.

Craig Burnside noted the number of youth tags went up and he was glad to see that.

Eric Scheetz said last year 3,000 youth tags were recommended and, if that was accepted, is concerned the number is going down.

MOTION by Servatius/Burnside regarding COMMISSION REGULATION 10-02, BIG GAME QUOTAS 2010 for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats for 2010-2011 to approve all the recommendations made by Big Game Biologist Mike Cox; carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BASS PROJECT AT TOPAZ LAKE- CRAIG BURNSIDE

Chris Urquhart, Fisheries Biologist, provided an update on the Christmas tree habitat project and the attempt to increase large mouth bass angling activity.

No public comment.

Mr. Urquhart stated funding was tentatively approved to fund the Mitch Park project. He thanked the Board for their support of the project.

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to support the Department's efforts to establish a bass fishery at Topaz Lake; carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A MULE DEER HERD RESTORATION SUBCOMMITTEE– ERIC SCHEETZ AND BOB COOK

Eric Scheetz summarized a gathering held with members from Carson City, Rex Flowers, and Bob Cook. They would like to do some projects with Heritage money but will run the projects through NDOW.

No public comment.

Bob Cook thought it is a benefit to have three counties involved and explained they are still in the planning stages.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

7. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE HERITAGE ACCOUNT – ERIC SCHEETZ

There was no discussion on this item.

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

There was no discussion on this item.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BASS PROJECT AT TOPAZ LAKE- CRAIG BURNSIDE

This item was heard earlier in the agenda.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RECORDING SECRETARY'S TIMESHEET FOR THE MEETINGS FROM DECEMBER 1, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2010 AND TO BE PAID AT THE RATE OF \$20.70 PER HOUR.

MOTION by Cook/Servatius to approve the Recording Secretary's timesheet for the meetings from December 1, 2009 through February 2, 2010 and to be paid at the rate of \$20.70 per hour for 8 hours; carried unanimously.

11. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MARCH 19 & 20, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

No one attended.

12. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the MAY 14 & 15, 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.

12-A. ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL FROM MR. AARON HUGHES. The Commission will hear an appeal from Mr. Hughes on the Department of Wildlife's denial of his 2010 Master Guide License.

There was no discussion on this item.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

12-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 375- APPRENTICE LICENSE, LCB FILE NO. R019-10-PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to hunting; providing for the issuance of an apprentice hunting license; requiring a mentor hunter to complete a mentor hunter affidavit for each apprentice hunter he accompanies and directly supervises; restricting mentor hunters to accompanying and directly supervising one apprentice hunter at a time; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. *Note: This item is agendized as an informational workshop on Friday, May 14, 2010.*

Kevin Servatius said he was concerned about the qualifications of the mentors.

Bob Cook thought there should be a process the mentor should go through to insure they teach the proper hunter safety methods.

Craig Burnside explained the rationale behind this one time apprentice license.

Chairman Turnipseed stated he did not support this.

No public comment.

This was discussion only and no action was taken.

12-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 378, GUIDE

LICENSE CHANGES, LCB FILE NO. R006-10 – CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising the date after which the Department of Wildlife will not process an application for the issuance or renewal of a master guide license; amending certain examination dates for a master guide license; amending the requirements concerning the amount of insurance a master guide must carry; authorizing the Department to deny, revoke, or suspend a guide's license for a conviction of a crime involving physical violence, theft or fraud; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. *Note: This item is agendized as an informational workshop on Friday, May 14, 2010.*

Kevin Servatius stated this is an administrative change only which would change the dates for renewal.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

12-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 379, JUNIOR HUNT ELIGIBILITY CHANGES, LCB FILE NO. R150-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation relating to junior hunts; expanding the period of eligibility for applicants for a junior hunt; revising provisions relating to the number of years for which an applicant may apply for a junior hunt; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. *Note: This item is agendized as an informational workshop on Friday, May 14, 2010.*

There was no discussion on this item.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

12-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 385, EXPIRED DUCK STAMP PURCHASE, LCB FILE NO. R011-09 – PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation relating to state duck stamps; setting forth the price of unexpired state duck stamps; authorizing a person to obtain or purchase an expired state duck stamp under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. *Note: This item is agendized as an informational workshop on Friday, May 14, 2010.*

There was no discussion on this item.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

12-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE – MANAGEMENT ANALYST 3 KIM JOLLY. The Commission will

conduct a second reading to review recommendations and changes from NDOW staff, including delete stamp printing sections on the last two pages and update the purpose in order to coincide with the new duck stamp regulation. *Note: This item is agendaized as an informational presentation and subsequent first reading on Friday, May 14, 2010.*

There was no discussion on this item.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

12-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 09-01 AMENDMENT #2-PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The Commission is being asked to approve corrections to Commission Regulation 09-01 Amendment #1 to include Fallon Naval Air Station and Nevada Test Site and Training Range restrictions which were omitted in Commission Regulation 09-01 Amendment #1.

There was no discussion on this item.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

12-H. ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (CABMW) BUDGETS- ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER 2 DALE HANSEN. The 17 CABMW's have been polled regarding travel and operating funds needed from the state's Wildlife Account for fiscal year 2011. In accordance with NRS 501.320, the Commission will be asked to approve fiscal year 2011 Advisory Board budgets.

Eric Scheetz explained the formula used to calculate the budget request.

No public comment.

MOTION by Servatius/Burnside, in accordance with NRS 501.320, to approve the 2011 budget request of \$3737 for the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife; carried unanimously.

12-I. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS-CHAIRMAN LENT. The Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the Commission for approval of projects submitted for funding in fiscal year 2011 and including 2010 projects.

Bob Cook stated he would like to support Heritage Project 11-13, Mason Valley leveling project to relevel all the ponds to create better habitat, because it is in Western Nevada.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Scheetz to support Heritage Project 11-13;

Chairman Turnipseed said this is part of the effort to get more water to the Walker Lake.

MOTION; carried unanimously.

12-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 10-01 #1-CHAIRMAN LENT. Presentation of the Heritage Committee's vendor recommendations to the Commission for approval for the 2011 Heritage tags.

Chairman Turnipseed provided some of the organizations where the Heritage Committee sends their tags for auction.

No public comment.

MOTION by Servatius/Burnside to approve the Heritage Committee's vendor recommendations for the 2011 Heritage tags; carried unanimously.

12-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 10-02, BIG GAME QUOTAS 2010-BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX. The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats for 2010-2011.

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

12-L. ACTION REGARDING UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE MAIN STATION-CHAIRMAN LENT. The Commission may draft a letter stating the Commission's position on the potential closure of the University's College of Agriculture and sale of the Main Station.

Craig Burnside said a one year reprieve was granted to the Main Station farm and the college meat packaging plant. They are recommending the College of Agriculture remain in a modified format.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

12-M. ACTION REGARDING THE RUBY PIPELINE VYA WORK CAMP AND NDOW PARTICIPATION IN ROUTING OF PIPELINE-CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The Commission will support or oppose the Department recommendations on the Ruby Pipeline Project Proposal.

Chairman Turnipseed talked about the 42" natural gas line and its route. This will destroy prime sagegrouse habitat.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

12-N. ACTION REGARDING THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND

WILDLIFE AGENCIES (WAFWA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE-CHAIRMAN LENT. The Commission will designate one Commissioner to attend WAFWA's annual conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

There was no discussion on this item.

No public comment.

No action taken on this item.

- 13. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 14 and 15, 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.

13-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.

13-B. CABMW Reports on Mule Deer Overview Efforts Within Each County – CABMW Members.

13-C. Bighorn Sheep Disease Update – Wildlife staff Health Specialist Peri Wolff.

13-D. Mule Deer Harvest Strategies – Big Game Biologist Tony Wasley. A report will be presented on mule deer harvest strategies and their population level impacts.

13-E. Wildlife Management Committee-Commissioner Raine.

13-F. Finance Committee-Commissioner Howell and Deputy Director Patrick Cates.

13-G. All Gifts, Grants, Donations, and Bequests to Nevada Department of Wildlife Presented to Commission for Recognition – Deputy Director Patrick Cates.

13-H. Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Nhu Nguyen.

13-K. Department Activities/Leadership Team Notes – Secretary Ken Mayer.

Items 13A-13K were not discussed.

- 14. PRESENTATION ONLY FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MICHAEL MCCORMICK ON THE OPEN MEETING LAW. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.**

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

- 15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION FROM**

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE ON THE UPCOMING VACANCY ON THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION.

No public comment.

No discussion or action taken on this item.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Chairman Turnipseed will attend Friday's portion and Bob Cook will attend the Saturday portion of the May meeting.

No public comment.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT DCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for JUNE 25 AND 26, 2010, in Ely. The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

Craig Burnside will attend the June meeting in Ely.

No public comment.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mule deer herd restoration committee
- New agenda format
- Gas pipeline
- Mitch park fishing pond

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Cook/Servatius to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; carried unanimously.

The minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 22nd day of June, 2010

Michael Turnipseed, Chairman