

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of August 10, 2010 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010 in the CVIC HALL 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

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

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Marshall Goldy, Private Citizen
Jim Ornellas, Private Citizen

NOTE: A tape recording of these proceedings is retained by the Board Chairman and is available for review upon request.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 22, 2010

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER RESTORATION WORKING GROUP.

Bob Cook stated the next meeting would be held on August 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at Spooner Lake. A restoration project has been completed at this site and this will give everyone an opportunity to see what was accomplished. Invitees include Tony Wasley,

Carl Lackey, representatives from the Carson City and Washoe County group, a representative from State Lands and the Zephyr Fire Crew. He noted thinning efforts seem to be paying off.

Kevin Servatius thought working the habitat was good but the critical habitat in region 192 is the winter habitat. He talked about the increasing presence of mountain lions on this front, traffic control, and winter habitat and feels these should be addressed to help reduce the number of mule deer deaths.

Craig Burnside indicated he would also attend this function.

Public comment

Responding to a question from Mr. Servatius, Jim Ornellas provided an opinion on the number of lions on the Carson front. He feels there is overpopulation; they are moving to the Valley. The habitat and environment of the Sierra Nevada mountain range and the moratorium in California have been contributing factors to the overpopulation.

Marshall Goldy stated he had a conversation with a wildlife services person who feels these are California lions coming into the valleys and cities.

Discussion took place regarding how large a part scientific studies play in estimating predators.

Public comment closed.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE MITCH PARK FISHING POND.

Public comment

Marshall Goldy stated he did not believe construction had begun yet but thought the Board should watch this because these ponds are a great place for the youth to learn the sport.

Public comment closed.

This was a brief discussion and no action was taken.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE WILD TURKEY THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEVADA.

Mike Turnipseed said the whole state has been closed for the fall season.

Craig Burnside said the turkey numbers are down throughout the state.

Public comment

Marshall Goldy asked why the numbers are down and what is being done to increase recruitment. He would like the Board to find out what is being done about the recruitment situation.

Public comment closed.

Kevin Servatius stated he heard the numbers were down due to the unseasonably warm weather we have had over the last 5-10 years and the absence of recruitment. He was unsure what actions were being taken to increase recruitment.

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Kevin Servatius said Carl Lackey was asked by the Commission to explore the possibility of a Black Bear hunt and that presentation will be made at the upcoming Commission meeting. Mr. Lackey thought there could be an opportunity for a Heritage tag as well as other tags for the general public. Mr. Servatius suggested agendaizing this topic for a future meeting.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 25 AND 26, 2010 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

Craig Burnside attended the meeting and provided an update on the following topics:

- Robert Wallin appeal was pulled.
- Mark Paul petition was denied.
- A slide show was presented on the status of the Comins, Bassett, and Cave Lake fisheries.
- Potential bear hunt.
- White Pine CAB cited all work done by the BLM, Forest Service, and other land management agencies within White Pine County.
- Washoe County commented on the Heritage Project process.
- A regulation regarding guzzlers and water development was tabled to the August meeting.
- Report on the Tri County Deer Restoration Committee activities.
- Statistics on the sheep die off.
- Duck stamp projects were approved.
- The reason for the decrease in the sage grouse numbers.
- Upland game stamp project funding issues.
- A request to revise Goose Creek portion of the Wells Elk subplan was denied.
- Wolf management update.
- Extension was approved for one of the 2009 wildlife heritage projects.
- Lyon County Budget was approved.
- 2011/2012 Commission meeting schedule.
- Bear deaths resulting from accidents and how those numbers may factor into any potential hunt numbers.

- The reinstatement of the wording of NAC 502.4237 (Kevin Servatius provided statistics on the number of tags issued to residents, youths, and non-residents. In order to increase chances for residents, a reduction in the percentage for non-residents or a reduction in the amount of tags being issued to the youths would be necessary unless the deer herd is increased. He also addressed the revenue being raised by non-residents).

No public comment.

This was an update only and no action was taken.

The following items, 6A through 6H, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, August 13 and 14, 2010 at 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.

6A – 6H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

6A. ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL FROM MR. MICHAEL J. PRATT OF LICENSE PRIVILEGES.

No public comment.

There was no discussion on this item.

6B. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and be asked to approve 10 projects submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The projects total \$172,110 plus \$160,000 in associated salary.

Craig Burnside stated this item was reagendaized from the prior meeting and now incorporates salaries into the project costs.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to recommend funding all the projects submitted for the Upland Game Stamp request for this year; carried unanimously.

6C. ACTION REGARDING 2010 AND 2011 HERITAGE PROJECTS: Request to Modify Predator Management Projects. The Department is requesting the Commission approve its recommendations to modify 2010 Heritage Projects #10-23, #10-26, and 10-27; and 2011 Heritage Projects #11-19 and #11-20.

The Board reviewed the title and amount of each project but felt they did not have enough information to make a recommendation on these projects.

Eric Scheetz feels there is a need for monitoring or measuring the success of these projects. He would like to see some type of progress report and final report provided since substantial amounts of money are being spent on these projects. It is important to determine the value of these projects.

MOTION by Scheetz/Cook to add reporting requirements for the results of all money spent for Upland Game Stamp, Duck Stamp, and Heritage Projects;

Public comment

Marshall Goldy suggested this CAB send a direct letter stating sportsman's money is being spent for projects and we are not seeing any report on any results. The sportsmen deserve an answer on whether these projects are worthwhile or not.

Public comment closed.

MOTION; carried unanimously.

Mr. Scheetz volunteered to draft a letter stating this position and bring it to the next meeting for the Board's consideration.

6D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 389, LCB File No. R083-10. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; prohibiting a person from interfering with the use of a guzzler or other water development; providing an exception.

Chairman Turnipseed said language was added to allow BLM and the Forest Service to repair guzzlers. He talked about concerns of the Department of Agriculture relating to the guzzlers in the state drying out the streams and the possibility of requiring a water right for a guzzler. There may be future legislation on this.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

6E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 391-LCB File No. Temporary. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to revising provisions governing eligibility for the main draw if the application applied for the Restricted Nonresident Deer tag draw.

Eric Scheetz asked for a clarification on whether two bonus points would be awarded if the first draw is missed.

Kevin Servatius thought the minutes reflected that is not the case.
No public comment.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

6F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION NUMBER 10-03-

Waterfowl Seasons 2010-2011. The Commission may establish hunting season dates and bag limits for waterfowl, snipe, falconry seasons for migratory game birds, and a youth waterfowl season for the 2010-2011 hunting season.

No public comment.

After reviewing the recommended season dates and bag limits, MOTION by Servatius/Scheetz to approve Commission Regulation 10-03-Waterfowl Seasons 2010-2011 as presented; carried unanimously.

6G. ACTION REGARDING WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK INCENTIVE ARBITRATION PANEL SELECTION.

No public comment.

There was no discussion on this item.

6H. ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman for fiscal year 2011.

No public comment.

There was no discussion on this item.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.

Chairman Turnipseed plans to attend the Saturday portion of the meeting.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for September 24 and 25, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010.

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9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- Letter requiring reporting on monies spent on Heritage, Duck Stamp, and Upland Game Stamp projects.
- Black Bear potential season update.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; carried unanimously.

The minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 20th day of September, 2010

Michael Turnipseed, Chairman