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**Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board**  
Minutes  
August 8, 2011

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility on August 8, 2011 at 6:00p.m.

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

Members Absent: Mike Taylor

Others Present: Mike Podborny-NDOW, Jake Tibbitts, and Kathy Porter- Eureka County Natural Resources Assistant/Secretary

**Call to order**

Chairman Jim Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

**Review and Approve Minutes-**

The minutes of the May 9, 2011 and June 9, 2011 meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved, on a motion made by Chairman Evans and seconded by Chris Torres.

**Correspondence and reports**

ECAB members briefly discussed the notice regarding changes to the open meeting law that was received by the members. The Board discussed the opportunity for public comment allowed before any action is taken.

**Public Comment**

The meeting was open to public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

**Wildlife and Mule Deer Enhancement Projects**-update on and consider further efforts to proceed with wildlife and mule deer enhancement projects, including guzzlers, in Eureka County. (Action)

Chad Bliss reported that he has more pictures and GPS coordinates. Jake Tibbitts reported recapped the requirements for the spring projects, by Mr. Furtado. Mr. Furtado will require some springs fenced off based on site specific conditions. The CAB discussed the impacts of fencing the springs off after the PJ thinning has been done. Mr. Tibbitts visited with the bootstraps crew boss and he again expressed interest in doing the work on the springs. Mr. Tibbitts noted that when he toured the Liberty Pipe Project, the area was not fenced after pj was removed. Mr. Furtado said the BLM would donate the fence for fencing the areas that do need to be fenced. Mr. Podborny questioned what type of fence the BLM will require. Mr. Tibbitts replied it will be a spring source fence. It was agreed that one blanket proposal will not work based on vegetation at each sites. General Moly did an entire seep and spring report that we may be able to use when gathering information on the springs. Mr. Tibbitts will ask if we can use the report.

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Mike Podborny and Mr. Bliss scheduled to tour and collect information from Spring Valley and Whistler Mountain range springs on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Evans and Dale Hornickel will work on the other springs possibly on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Porter and Mr. Tibbitts will generate 2 lists, spread sheet for site visits.

Mr. Podborny reported that Cole Husted will be fixing the guzzlers in the Fish Creek area this weekend Thursday thru Sunday, if anyone is available.

Mr. Bliss asked when Heritage proposals are due. Mrs. Porter will check with Suzanne Scourby, NDOW.

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material—**  
The Board may discuss and act upon any or all items.

**Action Item 9: Duck Stamp Request- Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull- Action**

The Commission will review and be asked to approve 21 projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. The total cost of the projects is \$139,407.

Chairman Evans moved to approve all of the duck stamp projects requests that were identified in the plan for the fiscal year 2012. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item 10: Upland Game Stamp request- Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull - Action**

The Commission will review and be asked to approve 15 projects submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The total cost of the projects is \$406,383.

Chairman Evans moved to support the upland game plan as written. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item 11 B: Falconry Regulation Process- Chairman- Action**

The Commission may discuss falconry regulations and give instructions to staff on development of such regulations.

Mr. Hornickel moved to support the falconry regulations as written. Mr. Torres seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item 13: Wildlife Damage Management Committee- Commissioner Hank Vogler- Action**

Commissioner Vogler will report on the actions of the Wildlife Damage Management Committee's recent meeting and the Commission will be asked to review and approve the committee's draft plan recommendations that identify predator management proposals for the Predator

**No Recommendation was given.**

**Action Item 14/20: Commission General Regulation Number 393-R002-11 Bear Hunt Program Officer III Maureen Hullinge**

~~The Commission may adopt from the temporary regulation which expires Nov. 1, 2011, permanent regulations relating to revising provisions governing the establishment of a black bear hunt, eligibility waiting period requirements, bonus point program, weapons restrictions, tag fees and other matters related thereto.~~

**Action Item 21: Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment #7- Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme and Shawn Espinosa- Action**

The Commission may adopt amendments to recommend changes to bobcat, gray fox, mourning and white-winged dove season dates and Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands for Scripps Wildlife Management Area and Washoe Lake State Park, and Overton Wildlife Management Area (hunting Days)

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Chairman Evans moved to support the season dates as proposed. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item 22: Commission Regulation 11-11- Migratory Waterfowl- Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme- Action**

The Commission may adopt the following regulations for the management of migratory waterfowl. These recommendations comply with the proposed regulation frameworks for 2011-12 late hunting season on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Chairman Evans pointed out that NDOW's regulations has included Eureka County in the NW Region. Mr. Podborny reported that NDOW specials recommended that Eureka County be included in the NE region with Elko and White Pine Counties. Special youth hunt is one day at the beginning and end of the season. Chairman Evans moved to support the season regulations as proposed with NE and SW. Mr. Torres seconded the motion with concern that zones are confusing with Eureka County being in the NW region. Chairman Evans moved to recommend that the hunting regions revert to the NE, NW and South region and that Eureka County be included in the NE region with White Pine and Elko Counties. Mr. Hornickel seconded, the motions carried unanimously.

**Action Item 23B: Discussion of sage grouse season and hunting effects on sage grouse pending listing under the Endangered Species Act, and possible action to, close some or all sage grouse hunting seasons if the Commission determines such action to be beneficial- Commissioner Vogler- Action**

Mr. Podborny reported that NDOW does not support closing the sage grouse season due to the fact that hunting has been not been deemed a threat to sage grouse populations. Mr. Hornickel moved to leave the sage grouse hunting seasons alone and that they further study the effects of hunting on sage grouse populations before closing of hunting seasons. Chad Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item 25: Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2012 and Fiscal Year 2013- Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa- Action**

The Commission will review and be asked to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2012-2013.

Chairman Evans moved to approve the Upland game release plan for fiscal year 2012 as written. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Podborny reported on plans to propose the release of rough grouse in Monitor Range. Rough grouse released in the Toiyabe Range two years ago have been found.

**Action Item 26: Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2012 and Fiscal Year 2013 –Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox**

The Commission will review and be asked to approve the Department's proposed biennial big game release plan for fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

Mr. Bliss is concerned with the amount of sportsmen's dollars spent to capture and release of big horn sheep on private property if the game is not totally accessible to the sportsmen. Chairman Evans does not feel there should be a trespass fee for sportsmen to access the land, although the support material does not say one way or the other. The specifics of the agreement are unclear and raised questions. Chairman Evans moved that Eureka CAB recommends that the cooperative agreement include, if not already to allow unrestricted hunter access, trespass fees be waived, and approve the game release plan

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with consideration of suggested recommendations. Mr. Torres seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item 27: Future Commission Meeting- Director Ken Mayer and Commission Chairman- Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24, 2011, 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.

**No Recommendation was given.**

**Action Item 28: 2012 Commission Calendar change- Secretary Mayer- Action**

Secretary Mayer will ask the Commission to consider changing the location of the February Commission meeting from Reno to Las Vegas to allow attendance and commission support of the International Sportsmen’s Expo and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Annual Elk Camp and Convention in Las Vegas on Feb. 3 and 4, 2012

**No Recommendation was given.**

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was schedule for September 19 at 6:00pm.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Evans reported that he has information regarding the sale of private land that could greatly impact a fishing habitat. Would like to put together a proposal that would land ground work to work with new owners, mine.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Hornickel. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Kathy Porter

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Jim Evans