

BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

Wildlife Damage Management Committee

Meeting

Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters
1100 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada
May 11, 2007
8:00 a.m.

DRAFT

MINUTES

Committee members in attendance were:

Clint Bentley, Chairman – Commissioner
James Jeffress - Commissioner
David McNinch – Commissioner
Mike Riordan – Commissioner
Joel Blakeslee – Nevada Trappers Association

Staff in attendance:

Craig Mortimore – NDOW staff to the Committee
Russ Mason – NDOW, Game Division Chief

Others in attendance:

Kevin Lansford – Wildlife Services
Mark Jensen – Wildlife Services

At least 15 people were in the audience during the course of the meeting. Most were planning on attending the Commission meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #1– Call to Order– Chairman Bentley

Chairman Bentley brought the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
Support material was distributed to the attendees: 1.) agenda, 2.) Applicants for Vacant Positions Package

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions – Chairman Bentley

Chairman Bentley asked the attendees to identify themselves.
Russ Mason introduced WS Kevin Lansford as NDOW’s new Furbearer, Lion, Bear and Predation Management Program Staff Biologist. Mr. Lansford will assume his new duties at the Reno Headquarters office beginning on May 21st.

Agenda Item #3– Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2007 Meeting – Chairman Bentley - ACTION

The Chairman asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the March 30, 2007 meeting held in Las Vegas. There were none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER RIORDAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Committee Member Items – Chairman Bentley

Commissioner Bentley asked for informational items from the committee members. No items were presented.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment (*Public is asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes per speaker*)

Chairman Bentley asked for any public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

Agenda Item #6 – recommendation to the Commission – Appointment two new members – Chairman Bentley – ACTION

Mr. Mortimore was asked to describe the informational packet prepared for this meeting. There were a total of four applicants that provided their letter of interest pursuant to Chairman Bentley's solicitation letters sent to all CABTMWs and conservation organizations. These applicants were:

Mr. Mel Belding – Reno

Mr. Pyke Boyles – Spring Creek

Mr. Dave Rice – Reno

Mr. Tracy Truman – Las Vegas

Another individual, Mr. Max Carter of Las Vegas, submitted a letter of interest that did not arrive by the deadline. The Committee agreed to allow Mr. Carter to be considered for the recommendation.

Chairman Bentley expressed praise to the candidates for their interest and stated that it was a competitive field for the two vacant positions. Considerable discussion ensued in which committee members familiar with some candidates articulated these candidates' strengths. There was discussion about the fact that the agenda referenced the selection of only two new members. The committee agreed that they were limited to selecting only two members at this time, but were supportive of further discussion about expanding the committee membership at their next meeting in August.

COMMISSIONER MEMBER BLAKESLEE MOVED TO NOMINATE MR. MEL BELDING AND MR. TRACY TRUMAN TO THE COMMISSION FOR SELECTION TO THE WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER RIORDAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Bentley asked Mr. Mortimore to prepare for his signature letters for each of the candidates.

Agenda Item #7 – Assignments and Agenda Items of the Next Meeting – Chairman Bentley - ACTION

Additional discussion ensued about identifying as an agenda topic whether or not to expand the size of the Committee.

Agenda Item #9 – Establish Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – Chairman Bentley –

ACTION

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMMISSION'S MEETING IN ELY. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10 @ 10:00 a.m. AT THE BRISTLECONE CONVENTION CENTER IN ELY. This date is tentative pending commission consideration of changing their august meeting.

Agenda Item #11 - Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Submitted by:
Craig Mortimore
Staff to the Committee
May 14, 2007