

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)

Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex) on August 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Evans (Chair), Trent Gordon, and Lester Porter

Others Present: Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager; Eric Candee, NV Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Game Warden; Clint Garrett, NDOW Biologist; Magee Braswell, CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., a quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None.

Board Business

Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item.

Chair Evans motioned to approve the agenda as written, Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Review and approval of minutes-

Mr. Porter motioned to approve to approve the minutes from June 13, 2019 meeting as written.

Chair Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence and Member Reports- Review and discuss any or all items.

None.

Discuss and consider response on petition to amend regulation related to taking or gathering shed antlers on public land (NAC503.172), including but not limited to joining petition.

Jake Tibbitts stated that this correspondence is also on the NDOW agenda and it can be covered once they get to the NDOW material. The board agreed.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects

Update on pinyon-juniper thinning project, wildlife guzzler installation, and other potential projects including fisheries, and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.

Mr. Tibbitts stated that they (Eureka Conservation District) were successful in receiving \$25,000 to put towards pinyon-juniper thinning project related to improving sage grouse habitat. This money will be used for smaller private land parcels and general maintenance (follow-up cutting) in areas previously treated.

Clint Garrett stated that due to the heavy winter there was damage to the guzzlers in the Fish Creek Range as well as a few other ranges. Even so, the water level was around 95% full for all four systems. He has reached out to the NDOW water development divisions in Winnemucca as well as Reno for the guzzlers to have maintenance done on them or if needed be replaced. Mr. Garret would like to see some design changes such as a heavier gaged metal and take away the tiering so that they are all one level. If possible he would like to see they even be increased slightly in size. If they are not able to get the structures fixed prior to this fall, Mr. Porter stated the county does have the means to do water hauls to the guzzlers to keep the water at appropriate levels if needed.

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Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material

Action Item #9- Amendment to Shed Antler Regulation

The board had a general discussion on the points outlined in the petition from Elko County CAB to amend current shed antler regulation. The Eureka CAB members were all in agreeance on the petition point to require out of state shed hunters to buy a Nevada license (of some type).

As far as the petitioned date range changes, Chairman Evans did state he does have a concern about potential implications to sage grouse leks by allowing the shed hunt season to extend into April with shed hunters potentially disturbing active leks. Chair Evans stated he would like to see more information from NDOW on how they would handle it and if they would offer possible training or education, regarding what is happening with wildlife and birds, primarily sage grouse, during the spring time, to shed hunters.

After discussion, Mr. Porter made a motion to support the points in Elko CAB's petition except the dates at this time but to allow the petition to move forward and look at points and dates for the regulation changes that would work. Trent Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The CAB wanted to continue to evaluate the issue of changing the dates when shed hunting is closed but did have a consensus on wanting NDOW to retain some flexibility in adjusting season dates on a year-by-year basis based on resource issues, water conditions, etc.

Action Item #11A Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program

The CAB discussed the draft regulation and recognized that many of the components are non-discretionary due to the bill requiring these changes. The CAB had a general support of the need to allow tag transfer, deference, or return in some circumstances. The CAB did not make any specific recommendation but decided to simply stay informed and involved as the regulation process moves forward.

Next Meeting

The board should get any other desired agenda items to the secretary for the next meeting. **The next meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 4:30 P.M.**

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Evans and seconded by Mr. Porter. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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Approved this _____ day of _____ 2019.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Magee Braswell, Secretary

Approved: _____

Jim Evans, Chairman

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