

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406  
June 19, 2019**

**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 19, 2019.

PRESENT:	Member Peggy A. Hughes, Chair Member Jim Curran Member Timothy Gubler Member Jason Sibley Member Gary Cordes Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
ABSENT:	N/A

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

**Public Comment:**

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

**Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:**

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 13th day of June, 2019, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

**Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:**

**Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:**

**A- May 1, 2019.**

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED:

**Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2019 as submitted. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence presented.

**Appointments:**

**A- Consideration and possible action re: Training Session for CivicClerk.**

Deputy Clerk Moore will provide the board with a training session for the CivicClerk Agenda Management Program and BoardView.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore provided training to the board on the CivicClerk Agenda Management Program. There was no action taken, as this was for informational and training purposes only.

**B- Consideration and possible action re: Duck Stamp Program Report and Projects.**

The Duck Stamp Program Report is provided for consideration. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will take action to approve up to \$117,500 for projects submitted for FY 2020 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Assessing Avian Nest Success at Carson Lake (\$45,000).
- Geo-Tube Dams for Regulating Water at Carson Lake (\$22,500).
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000).

- Overton WMA Ponds Fence Project (\$15,000).
- Mason Valley WMA Waterfowl Habitat Enhancement (\$15,000).
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000).

FISCAL IMPACT: \$117,500.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: If all projects are approved, \$117,500 will be funded from the state's Duck Stamp account.

FUNDING SOURCE: State of Nevada's Duck Stamp Account.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

**Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve the Duck Stamp Program Report and proposed projects. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**C- Consideration and possible action re: Fiscal Year 2020 Heritage Project Proposals for up to \$979,702.65 for projects submitted for FY 2020 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account.**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear recommendations from the committee and may take action to approve up to \$979,702.65 for projects submitted for FY 20 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the committee are:

- Bighorn Sheep Capture, Transplant, and Monitoring - Project #20-01 (\$100,000).
- Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase - Project #20-02 (\$100,000).
- South Mountains Habitat Restoration - Project #20-03 (\$75,000).
- Toole Springs Lek Juniper Removal - Project #20-04 (\$65,000).
- Egan Johnson Basin Restoration - Project #20-05 (\$70,000).
- North Cave Valley Habitat Restoration - Project #20-06 (460,157.65).
- Prioritizing and Protecting Natural Water Sources - Project #20-07 (\$50,000).
- Monitoring Moose Expansion in Nevada - Project #20-08 (\$28,000).
- Big Game Survey Tool - Project #20-09 (\$70,000).
- Maximizing the Effectiveness of Common Raven Removal - Project #20-10 (\$70,000).
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments - Project #20-11 (\$36,000).
- Staheli Chaining Maintenance Project - Project #20-12 (\$75,000).
- Blacktop Apron Guzzler Upgrade - Project #20-13 (\$21,400).
- Mormon #3 Prospect Guzzler Upgrade - Project #20-14 (\$21,615).
- Douglas Canyon PJ Removal Project - Project #20-15 (\$50,000).
- Bighorn Disease Susceptibility Analysis - Project #20-16 (\$62,530).

- Steptoe Valley Shooting Complex - Project #20-17 (not recommended for funding)
- Lincoln County Mule Deer Collaring Project - Project #20-18 (\$25,000).

These recommendations may change at the 8:00 AM, June 21, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: Up to \$979,702.65.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: If all projects as listed are approved, \$979,702.65 will be funded from the state's Wildlife Heritage account.

FUNDING SOURCE: Nevada Wildlife Heritage Account.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

**Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve the recommendations from the committee to approve up to \$979,702.65 for projects submitted for FY 20 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**D- Consideration and possible action re: Upland Game Bird Stamp request to approve up to \$295,100 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2020 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account.**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$295,100 for projects submitted for FY 20 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are:

- Greater Sage-Grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$48,710).
- Upland Game Bird Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,640).
- Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$20,000).
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape-Level Treatments on Greater Sage-Grouse within the Desatoya Mountains (\$18,000).
- Estimating Sage-Grouse Vital Rates within Nevada's Most Novel Habitats (\$22,500).
- Effects of Conventional Raven Control and Wildfire on Greater Sage-Grouse within the Virginia Mountains (\$22,500).
- Monitoring Greater Sage-Grouse and Habitat Post-Martin Fire (\$25,000).
- Bi-State Sage Grouse Coordinator (\$5,000).
- Columbian Sharp-Tailed Grouse Restoration Project - Population Modeling and Publications (\$22,250).
- Response of Greater Sage-Grouse to Vegetation Treatments in South Cave, Hamlin, and Steptoe Valleys (\$7,500).
- Wildfire and Geomorphology Effects on Riparian Habitats and Related Restoration Implications (\$10,000).

- A Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$10,000).
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000).
- Post-Fire Upland Habitat Restoration - Tule Springs (\$12,500).
- Post-Fire Upland Habitat Restoration - Kane Springs (\$12,500).
- Quinn River Valley Habitat Enhancement - Vanderhoek Property (\$10,000).

FISCAL IMPACT: Up to \$295,100 for all projects.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: If all projects are approved, \$295,100 will be funded from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account.

FUNDING SOURCE: Nevada Upland Game Bird account.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

**Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve the Upland Game Bird Stamp request for up to \$295,100 for projects submitted for FY 20 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**E- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 18-12, Amendment 2, 2018-2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits.**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider and vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals, as well as furbearers, for the 2019 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Amendments that are recommended in this Commission Regulation deal with sage-grouse and turkey seasons that address local variations in populations, recruitment, and access. Hunting season recommendations for Great Sage-Grouse follow guidelines established by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as well as the Nevada Sage-Grouse Hunting Season Strategies developed in 2018. A summary of recommendations includes:

*Greater Sage-Grouse Hunting Season Recommended Amendments:*

Unit 141 in Eureka County - reduce season length from 9 days to 2 days.

Unit 061 in Elko County - close due to South Sugarloaf Fire.

Units 104 and 121 in Elko County - reduce season length from 16 days to 9 days.

Unit 143 in Eureka County - reduce season length from 16 days to 9 days.

Unit 154 in Lander County - reduce season length from 16 days to 9 days.

Units, or portions of units, 104, 108, 111-113, 121, 131, 144, 221, and 222 in White Pine County - reduce season length from 16 days to 9 days.

Units 221 and 222 in White Pine County - close (Lincoln County portions of these units have been closed for several years).

Sheldon Special Sage-Grouse Hunt - recommend reducing the number of reservations in each season from 75 to 45.

Junior Wild Turkey 2020 Spring Turkey Hunt:

Lincoln County - recommend increasing the number of available tags from 2 to 4.

Limited Entry 2020 Spring Turkey Hunt:

Units 102 and 065 in Elko County - recommend reducing the number of available tags from 12 to 10.

Unit 154 in Lander County - recommend opening this hunt unit with a quota of 3 tags.

Lincoln County - recommend increasing the number of available tags from 8 to 12.

Mason Valley Wildlife Mangement Area - recommend reducing the number of available tags in all 3 seasons from 6 to 5.

Pershing County - recommend reducing the number of available tags in both seasons from 12 to 10.

The department recommends that the Commission vote to approve Commission Regulation 18 - 12 Amendment 2, 2018-2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits as presented.

Member Curran said there have been some amendments that were emailed out to the board.

**Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 18-12, Amendment 2, for the 2018-2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits as amended. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**F- Consideration and possible action re: Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve the proposed Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

The Department of Wildlife has prepared the Upland Game Biennial Release Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 and 2021 for review and approval by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. This plan summarizes releases conducted during the past biennium (FY 18 and 19) and identifies release areas for 2020 and 2021. This release plan contains recommendations for each of the following:

California Quail:

Statewide - For release of sub-urban California Quail into suitable habitats in northern Nevada. For augmentation or introduction purposes within range of the species.

Mountain Quail:

Lincoln County - Two release sites in the Clover Mountains to establish a population in this region of the state.

White Pine County - Hendry's Creek in the Snake Range. This is an augmentation to the 2018 release.

Rio Grande Turkey:

Lincoln County - Two separate release sites, one in the Delamar Mountains and one in the Wilson Creek Range.

Lyon County - Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area in place to potentially receive turkeys from the Battle Mountain area along the Humboldt River.

Merriam's Turkey:

White Pine County - Negro Creek or Hendry's Creek in the Snake Range.

Elko County - South Ruby Mountains (XJ Ranch).

Ruffed Grouse:

Humboldt County - Boyd Basin in the Pine Forest Range to augment the existing population, which depends on source stock availability in the Santa Rosa Range.

Elko County - Bull Run Mountains and the south Tuscarora Range, which release would augment existing populations, especially within the Bull Run Mountains where Ruffed Grouse habitats were significantly impacted by the South Sugarloaf Fire, which also depends on source stock availability within Bruneau River draining or Santa Rose Range.

American Beaver:

Statewide - For release of American Beaver into suitable waters for restoration purposes.

The Department of Wildlife recommends that the Commission vote to approve the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 as presented.

**Member Jim Curran made a motion to support the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Informational Items:**

**A- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation of Fallon Naval Air Station Community Plans.**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear a presentation from Rob Rule related to Fallon Naval Air Station Community Plans.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare tactical ground mobility units at the Fallon Ranges. The training conducted here is critical for defending and securing the United States and its interests abroad.

The Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center initiated a study to evaluate the effectiveness of existing aviation training requirements and assess the need to reconfigure the Fallon Ranges. Significant gaps in aviation weapons training have been identified. The purpose of this fact sheet is to explain the current gaps in the Navy's ability to train realistically at the Fallon Ranges, both in the air and on the ground, and how the Navy's proposed modernization would reduce those gaps. The Ninety Days to Combat study is available on the Fallon Modernization website at: [www.FRTCMODernization.com](http://www.FRTCMODernization.com).

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public or board comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

**B- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for June 21 and 22, 2019, which is attached as Exhibit "A".**

The board will consider items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for June 21 and 22, 2019, which is attached as Exhibit "A". The board will take action as deemed appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Other

There were no further items from the Agenda that were discussed.

**Consider Future Agenda Items:**

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

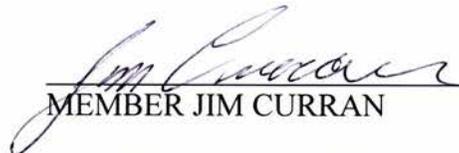
**Public Comment:**

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

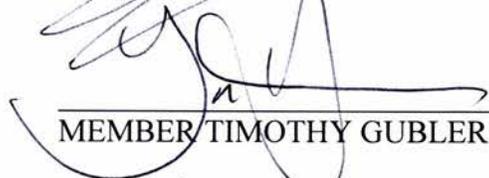
**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

  
CHAIRWOMAN PEGGY HUGHES

  
MEMBER JIM CURRAN

  
MEMBER JASON SIBLEY

  
MEMBER TIMOTHY GUBLER

  
MEMBER GARY CORDES

ATTEST:

  
Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board