

**ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

MONDAY

MARCH 20, 2017

PRESENT:

**Eric Clifford, Chairman**  
**Jesse Lattin, Member**  
**Peggy Hughes, Member**

ABSENT:

**Mike Olsen, Member**  
**Jim Curran, Member**

The Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife convened at 6:02 p.m. in the Churchill County Complex, Suite #102, Fallon, Nevada. The following business was conducted:

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 4: Posting of Agenda.

Chair Clifford verified the agenda had been posted.

Agenda Item 5: Review and adoption of Agenda.

Member Lattin moved to adopt the Agenda for the March 20, 2017 meeting noting the incorrect date for the February minutes under Item 6. Member Hughes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with Members Curran and Olsen absent.

Agenda Item 6: Review and adoption of Minutes for November 14, 2016 and February 6, 2016 (2017).

Chair Clifford stated the minutes on the agenda would be acted on at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Correspondence:

Chair Clifford stated he talked to Steve Ranson, Lahontan Valley News (LVN), to put some articles in the paper regarding what business the Advisory Board conducted and inform the public of the meetings, especially regarding wildlife hunting seasons and quotas. He said he hoped those articles would spark more interest and more public to attend the meetings.

Agenda Item 8: Appointments:

- A. Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Final Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission's Agenda for March 24 and 25, 2017 (copy of Draft Agenda attached and marked as Exhibit "A" but the final Agenda may or may not include additional items and the final Agenda will be the one considered for discussion and action).

Item #6 - Wild-trapped Greater Sage Grouse. Chair Clifford read the item. He said he heard the population was doing better, which was good. Member Lattin stated he did not have a problem with this as they were only talking about 60 birds. Member Hughes said that was not a lot of birds compared to the population.

There was no action taken.

Item #8 - Predation Chair Clifford read the item. He stated this had been discussed previously and Member Lattin reminded the Board they had already submitted recommendations.

There was no action taken.

Item #9A - Nevada Lands Act Chair Clifford stated he had read the letter from Commissioners Drew and Johnston and was in support of their recommendations. He said his echoed what had been expressed at the previous Commission's meeting and many of the concerns that were voiced were concerns he had.

Member Lattin asked if this was time sensitive or could the Board discuss this at the next meeting. Chair Clifford stated this was going to be a lengthy process and there should be time. Members Lattin and Hughes both stated they were comfortable with no action.

Item #17 Commission Policy 26A, Transparency Chair Clifford read the item. He stated this had been discussed previously and was just continuing through the process.

There was no action taken.

Item #19 Regulation 17-05, Amendment #1 Big Game Seasons 2017-2018 Nonresident Bighorn Ewe Hunts Chair Clifford stated he thought this had been left off the February commissioner meeting, but this Board had commented on it and made recommendations and he was comfortable with what the Board submitted. Member Hughes acknowledged the fact they did make an amendment to it, which was good.

There was no action taken.

Item #20 Commission Regulation 17-12 Migratory Game Bird Seasons Chair Clifford read the item. He said he reviewed the item and spoke with a couple of people and there were no glaring changes. Member Lattin stated they upped the limit of dove by five; he thought

the bag limit had been 10, but now it was at 15 and 45. Chair Clifford said he was pleased to see the population estimates going up and now with all the water we were receiving and actually had to dump some water, meant it would be a very good year for birds. Member Lattin thought for the waterfowl hunter next year it was going to be a chore to find them with all the water; the birds would be spread out.

Member Lattin made a motion to approve the Department's recommendation as written for migratory game bird seasons, bag limits, special regulations for waterfowl and webless migratory game birds. Member Hughes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with Members Curran and Olsen absent. Chair Clifford called for public comment. There was no response.

Items #21 #22 and #23 Chair Clifford said he read the letter of appeal and found it to be extremely generic.

There was no action taken.

Chair Clifford moved back to the local Board's agenda.

Agenda Item 9: Future agenda items.

Chair Clifford said he would like to bring back the Nevada Lands Act as a separate item and he would like to continue to have discussions on further promotion for public input. He said he would check out the prices for running articles in the newspapers. Member Lattin stated he had not received much information from the Director of Human Resources regarding the Facebook page. He said he would build it and lock it down and present it at the next meeting. He noted one of the things he wanted to try to avoid on the Facebook page was to just put the agenda on there and have people try to dig through it. He thought people would not do it, so he would highlight the important parts.

Agenda Item 10: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6:18 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection.



Eric Clifford, Chairman  
Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage  
Wildlife

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