

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

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
March 12, 2019**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:02 PM on March 12, 2019.

PRESENT: Wildlife Board Member Jim Curran
Wildlife Board Member Timothy Gubler
Wildlife Board Member Peggy Hughes
Wildlife Board Member Jason Sibley
City Clerk 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 6th day of March, 2019, between the hours of 1:00 and 4:30 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 Cordes 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- January 22, 2019.

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2019 are submitted for the board's

consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

There was one correction made to the Minutes to correct the member who made comments on page 7, which was Member Sibley and not Member Gubler.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the Minutes as revised with correction to public comments made by Member Sibley on page 7. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Legislative Committee Report.

A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings to the State Commission. The Commission may review bills of interest, consider legislative committee recommendations and may take official positions on any bills/Bill Draft Requests (BDRs). The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills/BDRs by supporting or opposing general concepts contained within bills/BDRs or discuss specific language, as well as anything else regarding the current Legislative Session.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Chairwoman Hughes said there were a few bills introduced that might be of interest to the board:

- AB 74 deals with buying, selling, trading or dealing in certain antlers or any head or shell of a big game mammal.
- SB 55 revises provisions relating to carry a loaded rifle or shotgun in or on a vehicle which is standing or being driven on or along a public highway or other way open to the public.

- AB 83 makes various changes to provisions governing wildlife.

Member Gubler said I believe AB 83 involves changes adding language to items governing wildlife. These are the main bills. Chairwoman Hughes said there is nothing there as far as explanations. Member Gubler asked if we are going to make a general vote. Member Cordes said this item is informational only. Chairwoman Hughes said we can make comment at the hearings if desired. Member Curran said, in order to do that, action must be taken at this meeting either in support or opposition. Chairwoman Hughes said we need to be aware these bills are out there.

Relating to BDRS:

- There is a note on BDR 902 revising provisions relating to wildlife.
- BDR 902 revises provisions relating to trapping but there is no explanation.
- BDR 21 revises provisions relating to firearms.
- BDR 35 makes various changes relating to mountain lions.

SJR 3 urges Congress to provide certain protections for the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. Member Curran said this relates to the United States Air Force expansion. Chairman Hughes said I think it is interesting.

Carl Erquiaga said, with regard to the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, there are two resolutions, one in the Senate and one in the House. In the testimony, there was some talk about extending one of them to take in the Fallon Navy Expansion. The other one is SB 85 relating to wasting disease and brain matter. You can't bring big game, such as deer, elk, moose or any of that, into the state. You can't bring the spine here, you can't bring the head or skullcap in. You can't bring brain matter or spinal matter into the state.

This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan.

The State Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee Chairman regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Predator Management Plan and the Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the draft for the May Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Other

This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Litigation Report.

The State Commission will discuss and consider possible settlement in the Smith vs. Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Chairwoman Hughes said a trial date has been set for December 16-19, 2019. This has taken quite awhile to go through the litigation process. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Possible Language and Departmental Procedure Regarding Confidentiality of Personal Information and Big Game Draw Results.

The State Commission will be provided a demonstration of a possible departmental procedure regarding how customers may request to make their personal information confidential and how the department may proceed with the public posting of draw results.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Chairwoman Hughes said there wasn't much information in our packet for this item. It looks like you can request to keep your information private. I believe we approved the process at a previous meeting. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken in light of the previous action taken

E- Consideration and possible action re: Wildlife Trust Fund Semi-Annual Report.

A report will be provided on the investment and expenditure of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 pursuant to NRS 501.3585.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 482, Public and Sellable Lists, LCB File No. R192-18.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation amending Chapters 488 and 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that clarifies the authority of the department to make specific personal customer information confidential and remove such information from any list sold or distributed by the department or the department's licensing vendor. The regulation also simplifies how a person can request that their personal information remain confidential by removing the requirement that the request be in writing. The Commission held workshops on November 2, 2018 and January 25, 2019 and directed the department to bring the regulation forward to an adoption hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Curran said I believe this is tied into an informational report dealing with the procedure to be excluded from any public or sellable lists that are handed out.

Member Cordes made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 482, Public and Sellable Lists, LCB File No. R 192-18, as submitted. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 19-13, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands - 2019-2020 Season.

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2019-2020 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2019-2020 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission Regulation will become final pending adoption by federal frameworks. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment. John Carrington, Stillwater Farms

and Canvasback Duck Club, said I am here to support this as presented. The reason that people are interested in the later waterfowl season is due to water management that causes major issues for us. It allows for more habitat to be created with the amount of water we have. An early season causes us to lose so much to evaporation and creates a lot more availability for the waterfowl season as it progresses. There are a lot of minor reasons and one is related to mosquitoes that we have to deal with and it makes it better for the later season because birds start coming back. The main reason is related to the water issues. The late season just works out a lot better for us. Our temperatures can be high that late in the year and the evaporation can be greater than the amount of water that I can acquire. Two weeks makes a huge difference with the temperatures and how they drop. The late season provides for great hunting, so you are not losing anything but it is actually better. Member Curran said the Canvasback Duck Club are not able to get their full allocation of water if they don't start getting it early? Mr. Carrington said it changes our management of the water a little bit but we still get our allocation. Member Curran said there are only so many delivery systems down there. Mr. Carrington said the farmers, by then, are normally pretty much done and they are not irrigating and it frees up capacity. The later season allows us to not have issues getting our water. I don't foresee it causing a problem but it would change how we manage our water through the summer and we might actually maintain more wetlands through the summer with the change. I would just like to try it. At the end of last year, there was no lack of participation. We are in support of this change.

Jim Curran mentioned the letter received from Norm Saake on this issue. Personally, I agree with Norm. I have also seen over the years where, from Christmas vacation on, there is no hunting because things are frozen up, so it is a gamble. Norm has some valid points in his letter in regards to hunt numbers. Historically, back in the 1940s and 1950s, there were some October 15th opening seasons but that was when the water situations were taken care of. I was hoping maybe somebody from the Greenhead Club would be here because they are very concerned about botulism this year since they had such a problem with it last year. If you don't have any water control structures as there was some discretion about whether to get rid of the botulism or keep it dry. That is not good for the duck hunters but that is a good way to stop botulism by not having any water. That is not going to happen. The department recognizes this because they were opposed to it a month ago, although I don't know who all was told.

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

Member Jim Curran made a motion to accept the Department of Wildlife's Commission Regulation 19-13 recommendations for all waterfowl seasons that are in the northeast and northwest zone as submitted for ducks and mergansers and white-fronted geese and swans. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to accept Commission Regulation 19-13 recommendations for the Mourning and White-Winged Dove, including the recommended

dates and bag limits for the American Crow. Member Gary Cordes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: 2020 and 2021 Commission Meeting Schedules.

The Commission may take action to approve a schedule of meetings and locations for calendar years 2020 and 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

This item was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for March 15 and 16, 2019, which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Agenda.

The board will consider items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for March 15 and 16, 2019, which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Agenda. 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 was no further action taken on this item.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items submitted.

Public Comment:

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment. Member Cordes asked if anyone knew when Jason would come back. Member Curran said he will come back. Member Cordes said he would like to know what is going on in Churchill County. Member Curran said I am not sure if there is any full Commission meeting or not. Chairwoman Hughes said I believe we have their schedule. There was no further comment.

Adjournment:

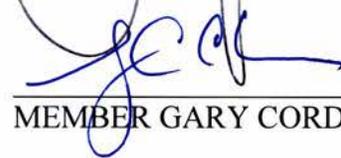
The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.


CHAIR PEGGY HUGHES


MEMBER JIM CURRAN


MEMBER JASON SIBLEY


MEMBER TIMOTHY GUBLER


MEMBER GARY CORDES

ATTEST:


Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board