

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE  
Minutes of August 7, 2018 Meeting

The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in the Douglas County Community Center, Carson Valley Medical Center Room, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT:                Bob Cook, Vice Chairman  
   Mike Turnipseed  
   Robert Rittenhouse

MEMBER ABSENT:                Chad Foster  
   Craig Burnside, Chairman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Lorraine Kabat led the Pledge.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm and determined a quorum was present. Noted was the absences of Members Burnside and Foster.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Cook to approve the agenda as presented; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **June 26, 2018**

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**

Member Rittenhouse was successful in scheduling a meeting with the group, which will be held August 30, 2018. He requested input from the members on items of concern that should be raised. The members suggested the following topics: building mitigation of wildlife habitat; bear proof trash containers; bear hunt; wildlife education which mimics Carson City's; shooting law variations; and reseeding fire areas.

Member Rittenhouse requested any additional topics be emailed to him prior to the meeting.

This was a discussion only.

**2. FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ONLY. DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH HOLDING A DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEETING.**

This item was tabled until Chairman Burnside is in attendance.

**3. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 29 & 30, 2018 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.**

This item was continued to the September meeting to allow Chairman Burnside to report on the outcome of the meetings.

**4. The following items, 4a through 4e, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, August 10 & 11 2018, at the Caliente City Hall, 100 Depot Ave, Caliente, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.**

**4a–4e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:**

**4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 2*)**

No public comment.

The consensus of the board was to take no action.

**4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATON 477, LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM, LCB FILE NO. 096-18. The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags should the statutory limit be reached. The Commission considered this regulation during a workshop at their meeting on June 29, 2018. The Commission directed the Department to provide specific language to improve the clarity of the proposed regulation. (*This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda*) (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7A*)**

Vice Chairman Cook referred to the supporting material and asked for a clarification of the conflicting language on the distribution of excess tags.

Member Turnipseed thought it was based on the number of animals. He felt it is reasonable to give preference to people who have put in for many years.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to support the Nevada Department of Wildlife on Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

**4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 478, BIGHORN SHEEP EWE AND MOUNTAIN GOAT ONLINE COURSE, LCB FILE NO. R151-18.** The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would require all bighorn ewe and mountain goat tag holders to complete an online course. It would also require the tag holder for ram bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion or bear to provide questionnaire information during the already required post-harvest physical inspection and eliminate the subsequent need for successful tag holders to also submit a questionnaire. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7B)*

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the intent of this regulation and felt this education will be beneficial when making decisions in the field.

Member Rittenhouse wondered if the test is a pass/fail.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goat Online Course; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

**4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 479, ROSY BOA REPTILE, LCB FILE NO. 152-18.** The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This amendment would revise the scientific name of the rosy boa, which is classified as a protected reptile, from *Lichanura trivirgata* to *Lichanura orcutti*. This name change is needed due to new scientific studies that have split the species into two distinct entities, one that occurs in Nevada and one that occurs outside the state. Current NAC protects the species outside Nevada rather than the species that occurs within Nevada. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7C)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 479, Rosy Boa Reptile; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

**4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 18-12 AMENDMENT #1, 2018-2019 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS.** The Commission will consider taking action to amend the season for upland game birds for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. The amendment recommends an adjustment to the open units for sage-grouse hunting due to the effects of wildfire on habitat. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8*)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the affected areas and proposed changes.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of Commission Regulation 18-12 Amendment #1, 2018-2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.**

No correspondence or communication reported.

**6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.**

The members thought Chairman Burnside was planning on attending the Caliente meeting.

Member Rittenhouse offered to attend the Las Vegas meeting.

**7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.**

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- Wildlife Working Group
- Changes to the meeting process
- Results of the June 29 & 30, 2018 meetings

**CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There was no public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to adjourn the meeting; carried with Burnside and Foster absent.

There being no further business to come before the DCABMW, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

The minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 18th day of September 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

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Craig Burnside, Chairman