

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Meeting

The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm on Monday, January 22, 2018 in the Douglas County Community Center, Carson Valley Medical Center Room, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Burnside, Chairman
 Robert Rittenhouse
 Mike Turnipseed

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Cook, Vice Chairman
 Chad Foster

OTHERS PRESENT: Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist
 Matt Bernard, Minden Town Board member and
 private citizen
 Scott Morgan, Douglas County Community Services
 Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Member Turnipseed led the Pledge.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm and determined a quorum was present. Noted was the absence of Members Cook and Foster. Introductions of those in attendance were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the interest of the schedules of those wishing to speak at the meeting, Chairman Burnside requested agenda items be taken out of order when necessary.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to approve the agenda with the stated request; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **October 30, 2017**

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

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE.

No public comment.

This item was postponed until the full Board is present.

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

Despite repeated attempts to schedule a meeting, the group could not find a date/time that was convenient for all. The group will attempt to meet in early February.

Chairman Burnside suggested the group try to meet in the early evening instead of during the day to accommodate the schedules of members who work. In his opinion the meetings do not need to coincide with the meetings of any other agency or group and the topics should never include those being considered by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and/or the Advisory Boards; the topics should be issues that are common to the three counties. The Working Group may identify issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Commission.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SUPPORT, NOT SUPPORT, OR TAKE NO ACTION ON A REQUEST BY MATT BERNARD TO SUPPORT TURNING THE SEMAN POND INTO AN URBAN FISHING POND AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES.

Matt Bernard, Minden Town Board member, private citizen, and former Wildlife Advisory Board member, distributed a map depicting the location of the pond being discussed and stated Douglas County is the current steward of the property and it is not within the Town of Minden. Question 1 funding was used by Douglas County to acquire the property from the Seman family.

The pond has held bass in the past and years ago it was believed that Douglas County could develop the Seman pond into an urban fishery. The parking lot/trailhead near the pond has been constructed but the multimodal Martin Slough trail is not in place so getting to the pond is not easy. He believes there is a lot of interest in funding and constructing an urban fishery with other amenities.

The Town of Minden has sufficient surface and underground water rights to fill and supplement the pond if necessary making the Town the best suited local agency to own and operate this fishery. The Minden Town Board has concerns about the long-term maintenance costs and the liability costs but are open to determining support for the fishery. State Lands feels they could support the transfer of the property from Douglas County to the Town of Minden.

Using this presentation as the first step in the public process, Mr. Bernard requested support/ideas/input/suggestions on funding this and moving it forward.

Member Turnipseed asked where the water would come from. Mr. Bernard identified the waterways that would feed the pond. All of the water comes out of the Martin Slough upstream of the project site.

Chairman Burnside asked if water rights would be dedicated to the pond. Mr. Bernard stated the Manner of Use would have to be changed from irrigation to recreation for some of the water the Town currently holds to ensure there is a reliable source going forward.

Member Turnipseed asked how many acre feet would be required. Mr. Bernard was unsure because the pond has never gone dry even during drought years. However, the Town has a lot of water that could be used here. Member Turnipseed added aeration would be necessary to keep the water from becoming stagnant.

Mr. Bernard explained he would like to have trout in the pond, which could be provided and planted at no cost by Nevada Department of Wildlife, with 10' being a good depth for trout. Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, asked how deep the pond is. Mr. Bernard answered it is less than 10' deep and is moss filled and inundated with sediments. The Town currently maintains Jake's Wetlands and the process would be similar with this pond. He views this as a water quality program.

Chairman Burnside anticipates this to be a put and take facility.

Mr. Bernard envisions a fishing platform, handicap access, and amenities such as a DG path, shade structures, and bbqs. If there is a desire to move this forward, Mr. Bernard believes partnerships are available to make this accessible to special needs children. Town of Minden residents have expressed a desire for more trails and this trail would connect to other trail systems.

Member Rittenhouse asked about having a warm water fishery and Mr. Bernard explained warm water fish would have to be purchased and restocked on a regular basis. Member Rittenhouse asked for the acreage of the pond and Mr. Bernard thought about two acres.

Scott Morgan, Douglas County Community Services Director, stated support for Minden's efforts to acquire this property. Because it was acquired using Question 1 money, disposing of it would have to go through State Lands. There is an easement that runs from the upper portion, owned by the Seman Trust, into the pond to guarantee access to the water. The County does not oppose having an urban fishing pond, either belonging to the Town of Minden or with improvements to support a public use. It will be a very popular trail once completed. Restroom facilities will be needed at this location because people are likely to spend the day there. The County supports the idea and the Town of Minden's efforts.

Member Turnipseed asked if restrooms are planned and Mr. Bernard answered they would be appropriate in this area.

In closing, Mr. Bernard thought this fishery would provide an opportunity for kids to get outdoors and do some fishing.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to support the concept of an urban fishery on the pond on the former Seman property now owned by the County; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

Mr. Bernard asked for input on funding sources and Chairman Burnside suggested he contact Kim Tisdale and Travis Hawkes of NDOW.

Member Rittenhouse asked what denotes an “urban” fishery and Chairman Burnside thought it was driven by proximity to populated areas.

Mr. Bernard added the Town of Minden would have to annex the Martin Slough trail, parking lot, and pond in order to maintain it. Funding the long-term maintenance costs will have to be determined before this can be taken in front of the Minden Town Board.

4. **The following items, 4a through 4s, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, January 26 & 27, 2018, at the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East 9th Street, Building A, Reno, 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–4s. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2019 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft Fiscal Year 2019 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2018 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2018 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20)*

Member Turnipseed restated his desire to hear the outcome of the bear/mountain lion interaction study (Project 32).

Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, said part of this plan is to discontinue Project 32. They will analyze and publish the data that has been collected to this point. He explained the original scope of the project and said no additional bears will be collared. The final report is a couple of years out but a summary report could possibly be available in a year.

No public comment.

No action was taken.

4k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-02, 2018 BLACK BEAR SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting 2018 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22A*)

Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, said no changes to the seasons are being proposed.

Chairman Burnside reiterated the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife's desire to have all of Units 192/194 open to hunting and to allow shotguns as a legal weapon. He pointed out a black bear tag is now included in the available Dream Tags.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-02, 2018 Black Bear Seasons; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-03, 2018-2019 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AND HARVEST LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting 2018 - 2019 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22B*)

Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, stated no changes are being proposed.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-03, 2018-2019 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 17-05, AMENDMENT 2, 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 BIG GAME SEASONS. The Commission will consider amendments to the 2018 - 2019 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22C*)

Chairman Burnside reviewed the proposed changes to the seasons.

Member Rittenhouse asked if season structures are changing because of population numbers.

Chairman Burnside thought it is was due to season overlap conflicts.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 17-05, Amendment 2, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Big Game Seasons; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 26, RE-ESTABLISHING, INTRODUCING, TRANSPLANTING AND MANAGING PIONEERING ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 26 and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of Commission Policy 26; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 3, APPEALS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 3 and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Burnside to recommend approval of the second reading of Commission Policy 3; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 66, MANAGEMENT AND USE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 66 and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9*)

Chairman Burnside pointed out language has been added to address consumptive versus non-consumptive use.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of the second reading of Commission Policy 66; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 51, WAYNE E. KIRCH CONSERVATION AWARD. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 51 and may take

action to revise the policy. The Commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Turnipseed to recommend approval of the first reading of Commission Policy 51; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 475, SHED ANTLERS, LCB FILE NO. R134-17. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would prohibit a person from collecting shed antlers at any time during a year unless the shed antlers are collected by the person from the field from April 15 to Dec. 31, inclusive, of that year.

A workshop was held in Carson City on Nov. 3, 2017. The Commission directed the Department to amend the antler season closure to run from Jan. 1 through March 31, inclusive. The Commission also directed the Department to include an hours limitation for the months of April and May to be open from 10 a.m. to sunset. All of these restrictions would apply to public lands in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 13A*)

Chairman Burnside reviewed the changes.

Member Rittenhouse wondered why this does not apply to the whole state.

Chairman Burnside explained elk are the issue and there is a higher concentration of them in those six counties.

Member Turnipseed thought the springs were more isolated there too. He recalled the influx of shed hunters from Utah last year into these counties to collect sheds. He reviewed the dates and hours of the proposed regulation and asked why the hours are being limited from April 1 to May 31.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission General Regulation 475 as presented; carried with Turnipseed voting Nay and Cook and Foster absent.

Member Turnipseed voted against this because the 10 am to sunset language is ambiguous.

4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 440, TRAIL CAMERAS AND OTHER DEVICES, LCB FILE NO. R012-16. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and not held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit (with certain exemptions) the use of trail cameras within 200 feet of a spring, water hole, or artificial basin from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. The proposed language would further prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any location from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year.

The Commission held a workshop on March 25, 2016, and directed the Department to remove previously drafted language prohibiting the use of trail cameras only for the purposes of scouting or hunting. A second workshop was held in Carson City on Nov. 3, 2017. The Commission directed the Department to prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any time during the year, to prohibit the use of trail cameras within 300 feet of a water source from Jan. 1 through July 31, and to prohibit the use of any trail camera from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 13B*)

Chairman Burnside stated this is more restrictive than the previously drafted language since it is now 300' from a water source. He reviewed the proposed regulation.

Member Rittenhouse asked if a hunter could put one on private property with the landowner's permission.

Chairman Burnside explained this cannot be regulated on private property. This regulation makes an exception for ranchers monitoring their livestock.

Member Rittenhouse thought ranchers could then turn around and sell the information to a hunter.

Chairman Burnside understands the wildlife is owned by the people in the State but NDOW cannot enforce this on private property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard read the language and asked for a clarification on whether the use of trail cameras is prohibited for scouting and hunting only.

Chairman Burnside explained that the language has been changed to prohibit "any uses" from August 1 through December 31 because it would be hard to determine if the trail camera is being used for hunting or by non-hunting wildlife enthusiasts.

Mr. Bernard used the example of transplanting bighorn sheep to a range that cannot bear that many bighorn sheep, drawing them to artificial water sources, and transmitting the image of the animal coming to the water for hunting purposes as something he does not support. He talked about a recent experience surveying rural springs and the number of cameras at every spring and waterhole. How do you know whose camera it is since there is no way to identify it? What do you do if you see a trail camera during the dates they are not allowed?

As a sportsman, Chairman Burnside suggested contacting the local NDOW office and reporting the camera so the local game warden could confiscate it. Proving whose it is would be a different problem.

Mr. Bernard thought having an identifier on the trail camera on public land would satisfy the issue of people who will push the limit on this. If there is not an identifier, the camera is fair game for anyone to take. Mr. Bernard is glad to see some regulation even though it is a shame to have to regulate ethics. He fully supports legislating the use of trail cameras.

Mr. Bernard and Chairman Burnside briefly discussed the wildlife disturbance issue related to trail cameras.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission General Regulation 440; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 473, SAFE HUNTING DISTANCE, LCB FILE NO. R111-17. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would make it unlawful for a person to discharge a firearm, to draw or release an arrow from a bow or to draw or release a crossbow arrow or bolt from a crossbow within a certain distance of any occupied dwelling without the consent of the owner or occupant of the dwelling. *(This item is agendaized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14A)*

Discussion on this item was postponed to the March meeting.

No public comment.

4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 476, PROCESSING FEES, LCB FILE NO. R142-17. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502.118 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation reduces the current convenience fee of \$2.00 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents per item purchased online to a processing fee of \$1.00 per item purchased regardless of residency and method of purchase. This fee change will reduce fees to individual customers while preserving the necessary means of paying the Department's credit card processing charges. *(This item is agendaized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14B)*

Chairman Burnside reviewed the proposed amendment.

While the reductions are small, Member Rittenhouse noted this will result in a loss of income. He suggested leaving the charge the same and transferring the revenue to some youth program.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Burnside to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 476; carried with Rittenhouse voting Nay and Cook and Foster absent.

Member Rittenhouse voted in opposition because he would like to continue collecting the revenue and divert it into a youth program such as youth fishing.

4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2019 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft Fiscal Year 2019 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2018 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2018 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

4j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM. The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission on ideas generated by stakeholders regarding processes by which compensation tags might be equitably distributed should the allocation of tags reach the statutory limit as amended during the 2017 legislative session. The Commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft Commission General Regulation regarding the general concepts presented. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 21)*

Chairman Burnside updated the members on the outreach held to get input on ideas in the event the statutory limit is reached.

Member Turnipseed thinks pro rata is the only fair way.

The members discussed the value of the crops and the damage expense to the landowner.

No public comment.

The consensus of the Board was to take no action until more information becomes available.

4k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-02, 2018 BLACK BEAR SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting 2018 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22A)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

4l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-03, 2018-2019 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON

AND HARVEST LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting 2018 - 2019 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22B)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

4m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 17-05, AMENDMENT 2, 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 BIG GAME SEASONS. The Commission will consider amendments to the 2018 - 2019 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22C)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

4n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-04, 2019 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22D)*

Chairman Burnside stated no changes are being recommended.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Turnipseed to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-04; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-05, 2018 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quotas. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22E)*

Chairman Burnside stated no changes are being recommended.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Turnipseed to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-05; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-06, 2018 SILVER STATE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Silver State tag species, seasons and quotas. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22F)*

Chairman Burnside stated no changes are being recommended.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Turnipseed to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-06; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4q. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-07, 2018 DREAM TAG. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Dream Tag species, seasons and quotas. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22G)*

Chairman Burnside stated a black bear tag is now included in the Dream Tag.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Turnipseed to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-07; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4r. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-08, 2018 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINES. The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application deadlines and related information. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22H)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-08; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

4s. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 18-09, 2018 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND TAG LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22I)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 18-09; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

5. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Chairman Burnside received an email from Michael Cassidy regarding the Wild Harvest Initiative and he summarized the contents of the email.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2017 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.

There was no report.

7. **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.**

Member Turnipseed will attend the Reno meetings.

8. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The Department has added an additional teleconferenced Commission meeting in Reno and Las Vegas on Feb. 9, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. to consider taking action for adoption of Commission General Regulation 476, Processing Fees. After the Feb. 9 meeting, the next Commission meeting is in Laughlin. Potential agenda items for both meetings may be discussed. The Commission may change meeting dates and locations at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to set the next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting for March 13, 2018; carried with Cook and Foster absent.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
 - Wildlife Working Group
 - Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business to come before the DCABMW, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 13th day of March 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman