

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)

Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex) on April 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Evans (Chairman) and Trent Gordon

Others Present: Clint Garrett, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Biologist, Tom Donham, NDOW Eastern Region Supervisor, Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resource Manager, and Magee Braswell, CAB Secretary.

Call to order

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order telephonically at 3:00 p.m. a quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None.

Board Business

Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item.
The board had consensus with agenda as written.

Review and approve the minutes from the March 16, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Evans motioned to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Trent Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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The board discussed with Clint Garrett, NDOW Biologist, various points of the recommended Big Game Quotas, specifically focused on the Eureka County areas, primarily 13, 14, and 16. Tom Donham weighed in periodically as well. Knowing the CABs keen interest in mule deer, Mr. Garrett noted that the doe population has generally been dropping in central Nevada. Between hard winters and dry summers the deer population as a whole has been declining. With doe populations declining, this resulted in the reduction of quotas numbers for the upcoming seasons.

Mr. Garrett also noted that NDOW has seen declining success with muzzleloader and archery hunting the past couple years, hence the increase in those quotas numbers. Any legal weapon success has come down slightly as well. He also reported that with sheep hunts (specifically Nelson (Desert) Bighorn), NDOW had a record high survey of a population of 108 in unit 132. Two out of four hunters harvested in that unit.

After considering the proposed NDOW quotas, after discussion with Mr. Garrett and Mr. Donham, the CAB unanimously passed separate motions on each species to support the NDOW proposed quotas as presented, in all cases, and summarized below.

All Antelope Hunts: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

All Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunts: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

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All California Bighorn Sheep Hunts: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

All Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunts: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

Mountain Goat Hunt: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

All Elk Hunts: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

Junior Mule Deer Hunt: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

All Other Mule Deer Hunts: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

Bear Hunt: Chairman Evans motioned to approve the quotas as summarized by NDOW. Mr. Gordon seconded that motion.

Next Meeting

The Board members should get any other desired agenda items to the secretary for the next meeting. **The next meeting date is scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

Public Comment

Jake Tibbitts noted that a statement of interest was received from Arnold Pena in joining the CAB under the current vacancy. Mr. Tibbitts will be presenting this to the Board of County Commissioners on May 6th for their consideration.

Chairman Evans would like to add an agenda item for a commemoration plaque for Lester Porter, for his service to the CAB, to the next agenda.

Mr. Garrett wanted to thank the board for working with the current COVID-19 directives and restrictions and still making it possible for a meeting to be held.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Evans and seconded by Mr. Gordon. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Magee Braswell

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Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans