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Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board

Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility on September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Lester Porter, Raymond Hodson, and Dale Hornickel (*arrived 7:17 p.m.*)

Members Absent: Brad Heyen and Jim Evans

Others Present: Mike Podborny-Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Jake Tibbitts-Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, and Jessica Santoyo-Eureka County Natural Resources Asst./CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Business

Review and approval of minutes-

Raymond Hodson moved to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting. Dale Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports-

No Member Reports.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects-

Update on pinyon-juniper thinning project, wildlife guzzler installation, and other potential projects, and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.

Jake Tibbitts stated he doesn't have any new updates other than what Jessica Santoyo reported at the last meeting. Mr. Tibbitts stated they only have the Land Owner Incentive Program (LIP) money left and that money has to be spent on private property. The Duckwater Tribe cultural survey will begin next week. Mr. Tibbitts stated he went out and meet with Pam Shaffer at the Shaffer Ranch and explained the PJ thinning project to her. After explaining the process, Mrs. Shaffer didn't seem interested in cutting too many trees down. The cutting crew is coming back in fall they are just waiting for a new task order.

Mr. Porter stated he is in the process of writing a letter from the Eureka County CAB to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the wildlife guzzlers. Mr. Porter wants the letter to be sent and get the paper trail started. The letter will go out to NDOW, BLM, Eureka County Commission, and the CAB. The letter is still in draft form and once it is finalized, Mr. Porter will get it to the board for input.

Mike Podborny stated he has a call with the new BLM biologist on Monday to discuss mining issues but Mr. Podborny will also bring up the guzzler issue with him.

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Mr. Porter moved to approve sending a letter to the BLM regarding receiving help on the guzzler/water development projects going on in Eureka County. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material

Commission Regulation 9:

Commission General Regulation 435, Archery Cleanup, LCB File No. R107-14 Conservation Education Division Administrator Teresa Moiola

The Commission will hear a regulation relating to hunting; authorizing the Department to issue an archery disability permit to a person with a permanent disability; revising the definition of "longbow" for certain purposes; revising the circumstances under which a person may use a crossbow to hunt a big game mammal or a bow to hunt a game mammal or game bird; authorizing a person to use a scope permit during a type of hunt that is restricted to bows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation will allow for the use of crossbows in archery seasons for hunters with specific disabilities and clarifies archery equipment legal for any bow hunter in an archery season.

Mr. Hodson moved to support Commission General Regulation 435, Archery Cleanup, LCB File No. R107-14 as written. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Commission Regulation 10:

Commission General Regulation 449-LCB File No. R111-14 – Tannery/Taxidermist-Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed

The Commission will hear a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly thereto.

The regulation clarifies the licensing requirements for tanneries by including the activities licensed as a taxidermist and will reduce the amount of record keeping taxidermists must complete when receiving hides, pelts or other wildlife parts from another taxidermist. The regulation was requested through a petition accepted by the Commission.

Mr. Hodson moved to support Commission General Regulation 449-LCB File No. R111-14 Tannery/Taxidermist as written. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Commission Regulation 11:

Commission General Regulation 452, Trail Closures, LCB File No. R112-14-Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed

The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping, other than with a box or cage trap, within 1,000 feet of certain trails and campgrounds and within one-half mile of certain residences; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Department was directed to develop this draft regulation by the Commission at the June 20 and 21, 2014, meeting in Tonopah

The regulation will prohibit trapping within 1,000 feet or each side of certain designated hiking trails, campgrounds, picnic areas and recreation areas located in a portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. The regulation

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expands that prohibition to include the Bonanza Trail, Cold Creek Campground and Willow Creek Campground located within that portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Mr. Hornickel motioned to move against the Commission General Regulation 452, Trail Closures, LCB File No. R112-14 because the board was in support with not being able to trap in the firearm discharge limits and anything outside of those limits was free game. The board does not want to see the continual adding of prohibited trapping locations year after year. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 12:

Special Incentive Elk Tag Arbitration Issues-Eastern Region Biologist Ken Gray

An overview of private land elk programs and discussion of issues and problems encountered with the special elk incentive tag arbitration process was provided at the August meeting.

Recommendations to improve the system may be selected.

Mr. Podborny stated the elk tag incentive is stating that there should be a local panel and it is a bad idea. Mr. Podborny stated if there is an elk tag arbitration issue it should be handled at the commission level not at the local level.

After brief discussion, Mr. Hornickel moved to support NDOW's recommendation on the Special Incentive Elk Tag Arbitration. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 13:

Trapper Education-Chief of Conservation Education Teresa Moiola

The Commission will hear a follow up presentation on options for trapper education. Items for consideration may include among others; regulatory authority, course content development and objectives, course delivery, and associated costs and budget. The Commission may take action to provide guidance on the development of related regulations.

Mr. Porter stated the Commission is trying to determine if a trapper should be required to take a trapper education class. Mr. Porter stated he would rather see it be left alone. The trapper could read the education book on their own and if they do something wrong while trapping, they get a ticket.

After brief discussion, Mr. Hornickel moved to support a voluntary trapper education course that would facilitate trappers to complete it online and it would also be cost effective. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

ECABMW Meeting Start Times-

Review alternatives to accommodate meeting attendance by all board members. Establish a standard and acceptable meeting start time that will facilitate the board members participation/schedules and minimize administrative duties requiring the ECABMW secretary to contact all members prior to each meeting to determine if a quorum will be present.

Mr. Porter stated he doesn't care about the meeting start time, he just wants to get through the meetings quickly.

Mr. Hodson stated most of the times, there are two members here and they have to wait for a third to get started.

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Mr. Tibbitts suggested writing down all of the meetings for the following year down and then asking every member if they can make it to the scheduled meetings. This way the board can all compromise on the meeting dates.

Mr. Porter stated that he was approached because this board didn't provide comment on previous important issues. The board needs to meet and provide comment but they can't meet without a quorum.

Mr. Tibbitts stated he wouldn't mind taking the public body seat, if Mr. Heyen would like to step down.

Mr. Hodson recommended that during the winter months the meetings are on Fridays and start at 5 p.m.

After brief discussion, the board decided that the meetings will continue to be on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Mr. Porter stated that the ECABMW meeting start time agenda item should stay on the agenda for the next meeting, so the absent board members can weigh in on the issue.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hornickel and seconded by Mr. Hodson. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Jessica Santoyo

Approved: _____, Chairman
Lester Porter