

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)

Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex) on July 30, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Lester Porter, Raymond Hodson, and Jim Evans

Others Present: Mike Podborny-Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and Jessica Santoyo-Natural Resources Asst./CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. a quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None

Board Business

Review and approval of minutes-

Jim Evans moved to approve the minutes as written from the May 7, 2015 meeting. Ray Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports-

Mr. Evans stated that he attended the NV Wildlife Board of Commissioners (NVWBC) quota meeting in May. Mr. Evans testified in front of the NVWBC regarding the area 14 recommendation made by the CAB. The NVWBC accepted the area 14 recommendation from the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (ECWAB). Mr. Evans stated he tried to recruit individuals to join the ECWAB and help fill the vacancies. The only interest he received was from Mike Mears.

Jessica Santoyo stated Dale Hornickel officially resigned on June 3, 2015. With Mr. Hornickel resigning, the ECWAB had two vacancies on its five member board.

Mr. Evans asked will they be giving Mr. Hornickel a plaque for his service to the ECWAB.

Mrs. Santoyo stated that she will look into getting a plaque for Mr. Hornickel. She will have to discuss it with Jake Tibbitts first because the annual budget that is provided from the NV Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is only for travel expenses.

Mr. Hodson suggested the plaque be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Chairman Porter stated during the July 20, 2015 Eureka County Board of Commissioners (ECBC) meeting, the ECBC voted to make the ECWAB a three member board due to not having enough interest to have a five member board. The ECBC also appointed an alternate to the ECWAB, which is Mr. Mears because he did express interest in being a member but they would still be one member short in order to have the five member board. The ECBC recommended that if more interest is shown in the future, the ECBC can vote to return the ECWAB to a five member board.

Mike Podborny stated it would be a good idea to include him on the mailing list, so he has the information on time in case one of the members is out.

Mrs. Santoyo stated she has informed Suzanne Scourby of the change made by the ECBC to make the ECWAB a three member board. Mrs. Scourby will inform the NVWBC and NDOW of the change.

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. Mrs. Santoyo stated Mr. Tibbitts could not make it to today's meeting due to having to travel for another meeting. Mr. Tibbitts was contacted by Clint Garret from NDOW and Mr. Garret informed Mr. Tibbitts that he will be finishing up the Ely projects soon. Mr. Garrett is planning on making his way to Eureka next and would like to go through all of the existing guzzler locations. He wants to make sure that all of those guzzlers are in working order before they start on new locations. Mr. Garrett only knows of the BLM Sulphur Springs location and wanted to ask the board or Mr. Tibbitts if they have the GPS location for the Sulphur Springs. Basically Mr. Garrett wanted the board to know that he hasn't forgotten about them and is working his way down to Eureka.

Mr. Evans stated he has the GPS location to the Sulphur Springs. Mr. Evans will get it over to Mr. Podborny and Mr. Garrett.

Mrs. Santoyo stated the PJ cutting is finished, 4100 acres have been cut since the project began. They are all out of available acreage in Southern Eureka County and there is \$35,000 left in funding that can be spent by June 30, 2016.

Chairman Porter stated the only way to spend some money would be cutting down the pj around the springs. That project was put on hold because Doug Furtado wants to do a district wide deal. Is there any chance that it would be done by June 2016, so they could spend some funding.

Mr. Podborny stated is there a chance but he doubts it, he hasn't heard anything about it lately.

Chairman Porter stated they got four tanks out and installed. They had a lot of help and Mr. Garrett also came out to help with the installation.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material

Workshop/Public Comment Item 6A:

Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed- The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery and muzzleloader regulations, including language changes from Assembly Bill 136 of the 78th Legislative Session. The regulation will change NAC 503.142 and 503.144 to allow the carry of personal protection handguns while archery and muzzleloader hunting. The regulation was in response to input from sportsmen and AB 136 sponsored by Nevada Assemblyman John Ellison to allow the carry of firearms while archery and muzzleloader hunting, for protection from criminal activity and wildlife attacks. The

temporary regulation was workshopped on November 14, 2014, and adopted on February 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings. The Commission discussed different alternatives at the workshop to handgun carry restrictions and the needs for archers to carry a handgun during archery only season. The language was updated to reflect the changes requested by the Commission by allowing a person to carry any handgun that is not scoped and has a barrel length less than 8". The language change clarified the type of handgun to be carried in the field during archery only season. Further language changes were added as a result of AB 136 to also allow handgun carry during muzzleloader season.

Mr. Hodson moved to continue to support the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board's previous recommendations made for the previous workshops/action. The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board continues to support Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15 as written and seconded by Mr. Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop/Public Comment Item 6B:

Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger- The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid periods. The regulation will add language to specify the valid period of a trapping license as July 1 – June 30. The regulation amendment will also update the trapping questionnaire deadline language, changing the deadline from April 30 to May 31, making it consistent with other Department questionnaire language. The amendment includes having the Department be responsible for prohibiting the purchase of a subsequent trapping license, instead of the Commission, when a trapper fails to return a questionnaire. This amendment will allow the Department to administer the trapping questionnaire processes effectively in regard to the trapping seasons as established by the Commission, prohibiting sale of a trapping license until the previous years' questionnaire is provided. The regulation is intended to give trappers ample time to return their questionnaires but also provide an efficient license denial procedure if they fail to return their questionnaire. The temporary regulation was discussed in a workshop session on Nov. 14, 2014, and the temporary regulation was adopted on Feb. 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Hodson moved to continue to support the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board's previous recommendations made for the previous workshops/action. The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board continues to support Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 as written and seconded by Mr. Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop/Public Comment Item 6C:

Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R030-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling- The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and other matters relating thereto. The temporary regulation was workshopped on March 20, 2015 and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings.

Mr. Hodson moved to continue to support the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board's previous recommendations made for the previous workshops/action. The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board continues to support Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R030-15 as written and seconded by Mr. Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop/Public Comment Item 6D:

Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R031-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling- The Commission will consider a permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags. Elk incentive tags were designed to be issued in association with "bull" hunts and seasons. Subsequent to initial NRS and NAC adoption, "spike" hunts have been developed, and "antlered" tags do not clearly denote the appropriate quota or season for which the incentive tags are intended. The amended formula will account for the harvest of "spike" elk, but identify seasons for incentive tag use; and other matters relating thereto. The temporary regulation was workshopped on March 20, 2015 and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings.

Mr. Hodson moved to continue to support the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board's previous recommendations made for the previous workshops/action. The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory board continues to support Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R031-15 as written and seconded by Mr. Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 15:

Commission Regulation 16 - 01 Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2015 - 2016 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme- The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl and webless game birds for the 2015 – 2016 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulatory framework for the 2015 – 2016 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission may also consider changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

Mr. Evans to accept the Commission Regulation 16 - 01 Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2015 - 2016 Season as prescribed by NDOW and seconded by Mr. Hodson. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 16:

Annual Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox- The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed annual big game release plan for fiscal year 2016.

Mr. Hodson moved to approve the Annual Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 and Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Podborny stated the new game warden will be presenting at the NVWBC on how NDOW does everything such as setting quotas. Mr. Podborny stated Ken Gray is now retired and he wrote one of the articles in the book.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hodson and seconded by Mr. Evans. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Jessica Santoyo

Approved: _____, Chairman
Lester Porter