

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)

Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex) on June 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Clint Garret- Biologist NV DDOW, Eric Candee- Game Warden, and Jessica Santoyo- CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. a quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None.

Board Business

Review and approval of minutes-

Ray Hodson moved to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2017 meeting. Lester Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports-

None.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects-

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

Clint Garret stated that he is working on getting the Guzzler Work Crew from Winnemucca here to Eureka in order to begin work on the JJC and Table Mountain guzzlers. They also have a lot of work in Newark Valley, they had a sediment load that went into the Northern guzzler and they need to get that fixed soon. Mr. Garrett is hoping that the guzzler crew will be moving this way soon to get some work done here.

Mr. Evans stated that he has a lot of questions on what is going on at Illipah and he sent some scenarios out on Illipah to determine what is going on with the inflow this year. This issues that is out there stems from the guy that is out there managing the ranch is not storing water, he is running it through in the fall and early winter. In the past it has been shut down in the fall in order to store for the following year and currently he isn't doing that. They are entitled to so much water from September to March for vested stock water and if they are exceeding that flow they may be running it on other months. Mr. Evans stated that they could really get into the whole deal but it will most likely be a fight because they will claim vested stock water right.

Mr. Porter stated that this is all located in White Pine County, how can the Eureka CAB get involved.

Mr. Evans stated that they could formally inquire the NV Division of Water Resources to measure the water during the winter time when the ranch manager is diverting the water to determine the flow. It would be a formal request from the Eureka CAB and he doesn't know if they have the political support locally to move forward with such request. Mr. Evans stated that he doubts that the Eureka County Commissioners would support the inquiry because they are

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dealing with Eureka County's water issues. Mr. Evans stated that he will be visiting with the NV Division of Water Resources to see what their response is to the whole deal and he will report back to the board once he finds out what they have to say.

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Action Item #5

Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman and Mike Zahradka

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$87,511 for projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds.

Mr. Hodson moved to support Duck Stamp Request. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #6

Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman and Shawn Espinosa- The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$335,094 for projects submitted for upland game bird stamp funds.

Mr. Hodson moved to support Upland Game Bird Stamp Request. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #7

Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LCB File No. R140-16 – Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger – The Commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation defines the term “main drawing;” revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW drawing and main drawings for tags are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. A workshop was held in Las Vegas on March 25, 2017. The Commission directed the Department to hold a second workshop due to questions the Commission had: 1) What are the effects on the applicant and the party if the applicant is drawn for the PIW tag. 2) Why are the predator and/or other fees not collected when applying for PIW. The nonresident process for applying for PIW was also discussed. A second workshop was held for this regulation on May 13, 2017. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and all questions were adequately answered. The Commission asked to proceed with an adoption hearing.

Mr. Evans stated if the system isn't broken, then they shouldn't be concerned with fixing it. He thinks it's fair and beneficial for those individuals that didn't draw a tag in the main drawing to draw a tag in the PIW. He doesn't have any issues with it at all or the way it is done now.

Mr. Porter stated that's what they voted at the last meeting, to just leave it alone. Looking over all of the changes there wasn't any major changes in their most recent draft.

Mr. Garrett stated that he didn't hear anything against it and all it will do is make an individual's chances of drawing a tag a lot less.

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After brief discussion, Mr. Porter moved to accept Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Deer Tag and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline. Mr. Porter seconded, passed with two Ayes and one Nay from Jim Evans.

Action Item #8 A 1

Heritage Project Extension Requests – Chairman Wallace – Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the Commission will review committee recommendations and may approve requests for extension of projects approved in previous years.

Mr. Hodson moved to approve Heritage Project Extension Requests. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #8 A 2

Heritage Funding Reallocation – Chairman Wallace – The Commission will review committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of \$175.75 in unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to any other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year. Note: See support material for agenda item #8 A 1.

Mr. Hodson moved to approve Heritage Funding Reallocation. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #8 A 3

Fiscal Year 2018 Heritage Project Proposals – Chairman Wallace – The Commission will hear the recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve 2018 project applications for funding up to \$785,913.92.

Mr. Hodson moved to approve Fiscal Year 2018 Heritage Project Proposals. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #9

Commission Regulation 17-06 Amendment #1, 2018 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – The Commission will consider selection of the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations.

Mr. Porter moved to approve Commission Regulation 17-06 Amendment #1, 2018 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #11

Draft Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg and Wildlife Staff Specialist Karen Vargas – The Commission will hear a report on Nevada's Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan (AIS Plan). The AIS Plan is intended to provide guidance to AIS control and prevention programs in the State of Nevada and enhance coordination and effectiveness of AIS control efforts in Nevada and regionally through establishment of an inter-agency Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group. The Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the draft for the August meeting.

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Mr. Hodson moved to support the Draft Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #19

Commission Regulation CR 16-13, Amendment #1 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations 2017–2018 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa and Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme - The Commission will consider amendments to this regulation for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2017–2018.

Mr. Garret stated that the biggest change that he noted is the sealing dates.

Mr. Porter suggested that they change the Eureka Sealing location from the Eureka NDOW Office to the Eureka Firehouse. This would help avoid parking and weather concerns at the Eureka Courthouse where the NDOW office is located.

Mr. Garret stated the Eureka CAB should make an official recommendation on the record of wanting to change the Eureka Sealing location from the NDOW office to the Eureka Firehouse.

After brief discussion, Mr. Hodson moved to support Commission Regulation CR 16-13, Amendment #1 - Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations 2017-2018 as written with an amendment to change the Eureka Sealing Location from the NDOW Eureka Office to the Eureka Firehouse. Ms. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action #20 B

Fiscal Year 2018 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife budgets for fiscal year 2018.

Mr. Hodson moved to support Fiscal Year 2018 County Advisory Board Budget Requests. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #21

Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

Mr. Hodson moved to support Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #22

Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission on recent developments regarding the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program. The Commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft Commission Regulation regarding options pertaining to the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program.

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Mr. Evans stated they have had this discussion before and asked the commission to make an appropriate regulation with options pertaining to the compensation. The issue was that the number of tags requested exceeded the number of tags available.

Mr. Porter stated that they should support the department to restructure or create a plan to show compensation options that are fair for all parties involved.

After brief discussion, Mr. Hodson moved to support the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program Initiative but request that NDOW create a draft plan with options that are fair and equitable to all interests. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #23

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Land Parcel Disposal – Commissioner Drew and Division Administrator Alan Jenne –The Commission will review lands identified by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as potentially suitable for disposal in BLM’s existing Resource Management Plans (RMPs) across various BLM districts in Northern Nevada. Critical habitat or important hunting areas will be identified as conflicts with any future land transfer proposals. The Commission may draft correspondence to provide its position on the land transfer/disposal proposals.

No Recommendation.

Next Meeting

Items suggested for the agenda include: ongoing agenda items. The board should get any other desired agenda items to the secretary for the next meeting. **The next meeting date is scheduled for August 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

Public Comment

Clint Garret stated that they have shrub planting project coming up for the Pinto Fire area. They will be evaluating the location in July and they will have a contractor come in and do the shrub planting. They will be planning bitterbrush, black sage, and berry.

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 5:20 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2017.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Jessica Santoyo

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans