

## **Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)**

### Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex) on March 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Evans, Chairman, Lester Porter, and Trent Gordon

Others Present: Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, Clint Garrett, Biologist NV Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Eric Candee, Game Warden, NDOW and Jessica Santoyo, CAB Secretary

#### **Call to order**

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. a quorum was determined to be present.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Board Business**

##### *Review and approval of minutes-*

Lester Porter moved to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting as written. Jim Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

##### *Correspondence and Member Reports-*

Chairman Evans stated that he met with Kinross about a month ago and the meeting had a great turnout. They had various participants in attendance for the Cold Creek construction initiative. They also put together a planning team to work out the details and they will have another meeting at the end of April. They are currently looking for grant opportunities to get some work done at Cold Creek. Kinross has agreed to provide some information on engineering and a proposal to evaluate the leakage scenario.

#### **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 Garrett stated that they are progressively moving towards the Table Mountain big game guzzler, removal of the Judd Canyon small game guzzler and all of that construction is planned for this summer. Mr. Garrett stated that they planted shrubs this last winter, they planted 2,000 shrubs and they have 2,500 shrubs left. The plan is to plant the remaining shrubs on April 20-22, 2018 and any help is welcome. The shrubs will be planted up above on Newark.

Jessica Santoyo stated that Jake Tibbitts wanted to inform them that he is still working on the Pinyon Juniper deal at Union Pass and that at this time he does not have an update.

#### **Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material**

#### **Agenda Item #6 - Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan**

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Chairman Evans moved to support Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan. Trent Gordon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item # 7- Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award, Second Reading**

Chairman Evans moved to support Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #8- Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, First Reading**

Chairman Evans stated that due to the new initiative to purchase licenses online versus over the counter, there has been significantly lower sales of NV State Duck stamps over the counter. The commission is looking at opportunities or ideas to continue the program and looking at options to sustain the duck stamp contest program by providing an opportunity to the schools to participate. He doesn't have any recommendations on this initiative at this point and it sounds like the commission is a little bit lost at this point in time in terms of how they want to move forward with this.

Mr. Porter stated if they get rid of the program, then there wouldn't be any more state stamps anywhere. He doesn't know the cost to print the stamps but he concern is for all of the collectors out there, who actually purchase those stamps. Mr. Porter stated that his recommendation is that the commission continue to keep the program but they only print a certain amount of stamps for people to purchase such as the collectors or the handful of people that actually want a stamp.

After brief discussion, Mr. Porter motioned that the commission keep Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, program going and that they print less stamps but that enough are printed for collectors and the handful of people that are still interested. Mr. Gordon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #9- Status of Commission Policy Review**

No Recommendation.

#### **Public Comment Item #11A- Commission General Regulation 473, Safe Hunting Distance, LCB File No. R111-17**

Chairman Evans stated he received comments from the Washoe County CAB and the NV wildlife Coalition who are not in support of this regulation because NRS 245 already provides all counties in the NV the authority to enforce this ordinance at their discretion. Mr. Evans stated that he would not be making a recommendation until he has a recommendation or approval from the Board of Eureka County Commissioners (BOCC).

Mr. Porter stated that for Eureka Town has a firearm law discharge ordinance within the municipality, it's the town fence and inside that an individual cannot kill deer that are crossing main street.

Chairman Evans stated that the commission is trying to establish a statewide provision and currently there are other counties that already have ordinances in place now and do not support

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this initiative. Eureka County may have something in place as well but he isn't sure what it entails.

Mr. Garrett stated that this was originally sent out to address the encroachment on the sierra front and people shooting along the houses.

Eric Candee stated that he received an email from the Chief Game Warden and that based on a request from Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the problems they are having in the neighborhood, they are requesting something be done.

Mr. Porter stated that he is not in favor of supporting this regulation, the board doesn't need to take this to the BOCC because they will say that they are not in support either.

After brief discussion, Mr. Porter moved that the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board is not in support of Commission General Regulation 473, Safe Hunting Distance because Eureka County already has established policies and ordinances regarding safe hunting distances within the township. Chairman Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comment Item #11B- Commission General Regulation 470, Micellaneous Petitions, LCB File No. R095 16**

Chairman Evans stated that he reviewed the commission regulation and has no comment at this time. They are trying to streamline the petition process streamline and simplify it for the department.

Mr. Garrett stated that they may be putting an extra workload on the department for the turnaround time and that is something that they can take into account. The concern would be that they would have to go hire an individual just to take on this process which in turn would take from license fees just to pay that salary.

No recommendation until more information is made available.

#### **Agenda Item #12- Commission Regulation 18-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2018 - 2019 Season**

Mr. Evans stated last year the board discussed Eureka County's zone designation and nothing moved forward because he didn't follow up on it. Mr. Evans recommendation is as follows: The Eureka County CAB is proposing a minor change in the season window but this should compliment Elko County/White Pine County without any problems. Eureka County is currently managed in the Northwest waterfowl management zone but our migration patterns and overall bird movement parallels use patterns in Elko and White Pine Counties. We are proposing a re-alignment of the zone designation to include Eureka County in the Northeast zone. This will minimize confusion among the hunters who hunt northeast Nevada proper travelling between Elko, Eureka, and White Pine counties, visiting the more popular habitats at Ruby Marsh, South Fork Humboldt, Huntington Valley, Newark Valley and Pine Valley. Several inquiries have been received over the last few years questioning Eureka County's designation within the Northwest zone. The Eureka County CAB is proposing the duck/goose season dates run Sept. 29, to Oct. 21,

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2018 and Oct 24, 2018 to January 13, 2019. The Commission and NDOW have indicated that if all counties are in agreement (Elko, Eureka, White Pine) that they can try to move forward with this initiative this year.

*Chairman Evans moved to support Commission Regulation 18 – 10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds along with the following recommendation from the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board: Mr. Evans recommended that the northeastern waterfowl management zone include Elko, Eureka and White Pine counties with the following hunting seasons for ducks and geese; September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.*

\*\*\*Please see attached support documentation from Chairman Jim Evans\*\*\*

**Agenda Item #13- Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program**

Chairman Evans stated that it sounds like the department will be doing a pro-rating of tags if the ceiling at the 2.5% is reached. Mr. Evans stated that he likes the idea of pro-rating it and backing it down based upon the percentage of tags that are obtained as a cooperator.

Mr. Garrett stated that the way he understands it, is that they are still stuck at the 2.5% of the total allocation of mule deer tags. Based on the workshops that the commission just hosted they came up with a list of options to move forward with if the 2.5% is reached. All of the options are up for discussion and nothing has been set in stone yet. This is basically if they reach the 2.5%, what are the options and what can they do. He thinks that is what is being asked here as to what does the Eureka County CAB favor as an option moving forward and that discussion.

Mr. Porter stated that he is in support of the people who are out there actually doing the work, they're putting up fences, they're benefitting and what needs to get done gets done. However, he doesn't support the guys who just decided that they can obtain the tags and do not do any of the work.

Chairman Evans moved to support Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program with the added subsection 3 as written in the memorandum from Brian Wakeling. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

The board should get any other desired agenda items to the secretary for the next meeting. **The next meeting date is scheduled for April 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Evans and seconded by Mr. Porter. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

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Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Jessica Santoyo

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Jim Evans