

LANDER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

April 30, 2014
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES FROM RECORDING

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:35. Chairman Matheus led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Philip Gray, James Matheus, Gary Sweeney, Ed Taylor and Scott Torgerson. NDOW members present were Jeremy Lutz, Matt Jeffers, Ken Gray & Matt Glenn.
- III. Scott Torgerson motioned for approval of Agenda Notice. Motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. James Matheus motioned for approval of Minutes from the **March 19th** meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT
 - A. There was not any correspondence read.
 - B. There was not any public comment.
- VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON THE TRAP VISITATION PERIOD LEFT AT THE SAME TIME PERIOD
 - A. Matthew Glenn, NDOW Game Warden, state that there has not been any change or progress on the trap visitation issue.
- VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 445—BLACK POWDER DEFINITION, LCB FILE NO. R045-14
 - A. Ken Gray from NDOW stated that there has been a second reading but nothing new yet.
- VIII. UPDATE FROM NDOW BIOLOGIST JEREMY LUTZ
 - A. Jeremy Lutz provided the board with graphs, pictures, and narrative about the record survey of 1,591 antelope in Area 15. He is hoping that the antelope doe hunt is successful and helps with the grumbling down south from the alfalfa farmers.
 - B. California Bighorn survey from the ground showed 62 bighorn with a lamb ratio of 18 which is the lowest ever. The range land is deplorable. Habitat conditions are terrible. Guzzlers are dry.
 - C. The Mule Deer survey classified 1500 deer this fall which is the second highest. There was a ratio of 24 bucks to 100 adults and 41 fawns to 100 adults. In the spring they surveyed 671 deer with 20 fawns to 100 adults. 40% fawn loss even with a fair winter. Mr. Lutz showed us a graph of the weights from November through January.

- D. Discussion of competition of wild horses holding off wildlife from water and also thrashing the watering areas. Chairman Matheus would like to get representation of other organizations to address the issue of a decreasing deer herd and the increasing wild horse area.
- E. Phil Gray made a motion to request Jill Silva and Mr. Fatato to attend a meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-10, BIG GAME QUOTAS FOR THE 2014-15 SEASONS

- A. James Matheus made a motion to pass the Black Bear Quotas (Items 1 & 2). The motion was seconded and carried.
- B. A motion to pass the Antelope Quotas (Items 3-8) was made by Scott Torgerson. The motion was seconded and carried.
- C. Phil Gray made a motion to pass the Elk Quotas (Items 9-29). The motion was seconded and carried. A comment was made that the NDOW now makes more money off of Elk tags than they do on deer.
- D. A motion to pass the Bighorn Sheep Quotas (Items 30-36) was made by Scott Torgerson. The motion was seconded and carried.
- E. Scott Torgerson made a motion to pass the California Bighorn Sheep Quotas (Items 33-35). The motion was seconded and carried.
- F. A motion was made by Scott Torgerson to pass the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Quota (Item 36). The motion was seconded and carried.
- G. James Matheus made a motion to pass the Mountain Goat Quota (Item 37). The motion was seconded and carried.
- H. A motion was made by Gary Sweeney to pass the Mule Deer Quotas (Items 38-47). The motion was seconded and carried.

- X. Chairman Matheus adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.