

# LANDER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

June 19, 2014  
Lander County Fire Hall  
15 East Second Street  
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

## DRAFT MINUTES FROM RECORDING

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:53. 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 member Jeremy Lutz was also present.
- III. Chairman Matheus asked for approval of the agenda and the motion was carried.
- IV. Scott Torgerson motioned for approval of Minutes from the April 30th meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT
  - A. There was not any correspondence read.
  - B. Trevor Walsh asked about the Boards position on the proposal of changing trapping regulations. James Matheus state that this Board's position was to leave the trapping regulations as they currently are stated.
- VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON THE GUZZLER PROJECTS PLACING THEM ON PRIVATE OR COUNTY LAND DUE TO LACK OF ACTION BY THE BLM
  - A. Chairman Matheus asked Jeremy Lutz how close the suggested guzzler project location is to private property. Lutz stated that the project area borders private land and he will contact the land owner. Lutz will purse putting the guzzler's on private property.
- VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE WAITING PERIODS FOR BIG GAME
  - A. Chairman Matheus stated that he has been asked numerous times from sportsmen about the possibility of changing the waiting periods. The Board suggested sending a letter out to all the other CAB's to see what they feel about cutting the waiting period in half on Antelope and Elk.
- VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA
  - A. The Board discussed Item #23 of Upland Game Release Plan to add an additional release location for wild turkeys along the Humboldt River near Battle Mountain. Lutz stated they would like as many as they can get hopefully 30+. Ed Taylor made a motion to recommend approval of Item #23. The motion was seconded and carried.
  - B. The Board discussed Item #24 about Trapping Regulation Committee Report and Recommendations. Phil Gray made a motion to leave the trapping regulations as they

currently are stated (to not approve the change of trapping regulation). Motion was seconded and carried.

- IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON UPLAND GAME SEASONS AND QUOTAS AND CLOSING THE SAGE HEN SEASON FOR UNIT 152
  - A. Lutz explained the logic for closing the sage hen season since the numbers have dropped to around 100. The Board supported that decision.
  - B. No action was necessary on this agenda item since the quotas had already been approved.
  
- X. UPDATE FROM NDOW BIOLOGIST
  - A. Lutz explained that the country looks better then the past two and a half years which should help the chukar hatch and the deer situation.
  
- XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COALITION FOR NEVADA WILDLIFE PROPOSAL FOR SAGE GROUSE
  - A. Chairman Matheus stated that he has received a 20-page document on this proposal which he will forward to all the board members.
  
- XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. Add the Raven/Crow issue back to the agenda
    - 1. Trevor Walsh explained the situation on the permits. He encouraged the Board to contact Tim Ruybal to ask about the process for an entity to apply for a permit to kill Ravens. He also stated that if all the cattlemen and wool growers would ask for permits it would indicate to the Fish & Wildlife that they need to raise the number of permits.
  - B. Next meeting will be Monday, August 11.
  
- XIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.