

LANDER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

March 29, 2014
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES FROM RECORDING

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:50. 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, Biologist.
- III. Scott Torgerson motioned for approval of Agenda Notice. Motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Scott Torgerson motioned for approval of Minutes from the January 29, 2014 meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. There was not any correspondence read.
- VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON THE EWE SHEEP HUNT
 - A. The Ewe Sheep Hunt was discussed and passed.
- VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON THE ELK SEASONS AND HUNTS
 - A. It was mentioned that there was an interesting article in Progressive Ranch Magazine in the March edition about the Elk. Areas are capped at 500 so we have to do whatever we can to harvest and get the population down. Chairman Matheus made a motion to address the question of why elk hunters were unsuccessful. Motion was seconded and carried.
- VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SAGE GROUSE LISTING AND LANDER COUNTY'S PART IN THE PROCESS
 - A. Chairman Matheus called and talked to Tim Ruybal for about an hour. He also gave him Jeremy Lutz and Rod Davis's contact information. There was discussion about setting up a state registry, and the ability to relocate the Sage Grouse (which doesn't seem to be very successful).
- IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON THE TRAP VISITATION PERIOD
 - A. Jeremy Lutz explained that changing the time period on trap visitation was not a push by NDOW, but that it is a social issue. Chairman Matheus made a motion to leave the visitation period as is. The motion was seconded and carried.
 - B.

XII. UPDATE FROM NDOW BIOLOGIST JEREMY LUTZ

- A. Jeremy Lutz told us that he has finished the Antelope survey. They found 1,600 antelope again which is another record. The buck and fawn ratio were high; 74% on the doe harvest; 77% on the buck harvest.
- B. He also stated that they have finished the Sheep survey. There are 80 sheep in the Sheep Creeks. Mature Rams are still strong. The lamb ratio is the second lowest at 18.
- C. He has not finished the deer survey at this time. The Fall survey was high for overall deer, but extremely low on fawns. They have 50 collared deer and no deaths at this time.

XIII. Chairman Matheus adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.