

LANDER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

November 4, 2015
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:40. Chairman Matheus led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Philip Gray, James Matheus, Ed Taylor, Scott Torgerson & James Matheus.
- III. Scott Torgerson moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Scott Torgerson moved to approve the minutes of the May 12th meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- V. **Correspondence:**
 - Chairman Matheus discussed the letter received from the NV Coalition about Rossi Mine Expansion and the Coalition is in protest and waiting for litigation on the water rights and mule deer hunting access.
 - Chairman Matheus also informed the Board that he sent a letter to the Humboldt County Board that is working on the Elk Management plan explaining not to get involved with politics and use the process et forth.

Public Comment:

- Chairman Matheus informed the Board that there will be a meeting in Elko, Thursday the 5th at 6 pm and also one in Winnemucca on Friday at 6 concerning the sage hen restrictions and was hoping that someone from our Board could attend.
- Jerry Annis spoke to the board on behalf of the Lander County Conservation District. They have been granted \$20,000 to fund sage grouse habitat projects and they are asking the public and groups like LCAWB to contact Shannon Berumen if we have any ideas on good projects. It is early in the process, they will be putting together an application. Paul Tomera is the new president and would also be a good contact person. He also requested to be added to our emails.
- Art Clark (commissioner) spoke about the Sage Grouse conjunction hearing. It has been postponed from November 12 to the 17th. Lander County's bill so far is already \$7,500, which is three fourths of the \$10,000 they have pledged to the fight. Protocol has to be followed and Mr. Clark doesn't expect it to be solved in one day. The LC Commissioner from Austin made two motions to put money to fight it, but it was to the wrong group so that is why there was a special meeting held to repeal the motion and put forth a new motion. He suggested that the LCAWB go to the Fair and Rec and ask them to jump in and help fight this because they have a million dollars. We are the only county that has a letter of engagement so that everything

is legal. Mr. Clark also informed the Board that he went to a recent NRA meeting in Elko and that Mr. Bloomberg tried to get his fight through legislature being deceitful and got it on the ballot.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on Wildlife Commission Issues

Item #6 which is seeking to prohibit wildlife killing contest involving mammals (like coyote hunts). Scott Torgerson made a motion to not support this item. It was seconded and the motion carried. LC CAB is recommending that the Wildlife Commission deny the petition.

Item #16 A—Chairman Matheus strongly suggested that the Board Members read the Draft about Harvest Management Guidelines and that we need to stay tuned to what happens with it.

B. Discussion and possible action requesting funds from Lander County Commissioners for Wildlife Projects in Lander County

Phil Gray made a motion to write a letter to request funds to help fight the sage hen restrictions. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Annis brought up a point of interest that the Lander County Conservation money will more than likely only be available for projects on private property.

C. Biologist Jeremy Lutz gave us updates: Mr. Lutz did not attend the meeting so this agenda item was skipped.

D. Discussion and possible action on creating a Lander County Elk Management Plan

Chairman Matheus made a motion to send a letter to the Wildlife Commission requesting an Elk Management Plan that is specific to Lander County & Area 15. Motion was seconded and carried.

E. Discussion and possible action concerning lawsuit by Lander County on the BLM land-use plans for the next two years

Chairman Matheus made a motion to request the Wildlife Commission to support Lander County and other plaintiffs for the injunctions of the land use plan on Sage Hen restrictions. The motion was seconded and carried.

F. Discussion and possible recommendations for future agenda items

Scott Torgerson wants an agenda item to discuss mule deer population
Gary Sweeney requested an agenda item about land owners who block access to public lands not being allowed landowner tags
Art Clark suggested an agenda item to discuss the drawing of two of the same species (ie..Elk and a Delk tag)

Scott Torgerson requested an item about land owner tags being limited to a specific area outside of their private property.

Also carry over items 1 through 5

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Matheus adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.