

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

March 21, 2016
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Matheus led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Philip Gray, Gary Sweeney, Scott Torgerson & James Matheus.
- III. Scott Torgerson motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Correspondence: Chairman Matheus read two letters he had received. One was asking for our CAB to support the proposed new definition of a spike. The other correspondence was asking for support concerning drones, computerized firing mechanism and trail cams.
- V. Public Comment:
 1. Jerry Annis, who is with the extension office, asked us to have a representative at their meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 6 pm. He would like our two groups to collaborate.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action on Wildlife Commission Issues**
 1. The Humboldt County Elko Management sub-plan will have its first reading for possible action at the next commissions meeting.
 2. The commission is also discussing changing the regulations on cartridge lengths being limited to nothing larger than a 3.8" cartridge.
 3. The commission will be discussing changing in the wording for muzzle loaders to be allowed to use smokeless powder.
 4. The commission is also discussing changing the verbiage about the use of lasers on rifles and also prohibiting the use of trail cams.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action on Limiting Landowner Tags to a 1-mile Radius Around their Property**

Tom Donham clarified the difference between landowner tags for deer & antelope which allows owner to recoup loss on damage done to crops.

Deprimation tags for elk are to support owners that allow elk on their range. If they have these tags they are supposed to allow access to property for hunting.

C. Requesting funds from Lander County to purchase turkeys to release

This was written incorrectly. Accessing funds is not the problem. Getting the turkeys is the issue.

D. Discussion about the Season Length of Tags

The seasons for elk start August 1 and end January 31. Many feel that this is too long. Jason Jackson suggested that we need to do a combination of readdressing area sub-management plans and also adjust the season length of elk tags.

Pete Mori explained the issues with how the numbers come about. There are lots of different entities that attend meetings to discuss and decide the numbers. The wildlife department tries to meet those numbers. He stated that some people complain that seasons are too short.

It was also stated that elk numbers cannot be based on habitat alone.

E. Update from NDOW Biologist Jerry Lutz

They have recently done the sheep survey. We have a great lamb ratio and the rams look healthy.

In Area 15 there are not very many fawns.

Sage grouse are out and strutting.

They recently removed 2,000 horses from the Cortez area.

F. Discussion and Possible Recommendation for Future Agenda Items

- Big Game Quotas

VII. Next meeting will be May 10th at 5:30.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.