

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

February 8, 2017
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Chairman Matheus led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Scott Torgerson & James Matheus.
- III. Scott Torgerson motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Scott Torgerson motioned to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action on Wildlife Commission Issues
 1. Tom Donham, Supervising Game Biologist, discussed the Harvest Guidelines. The initial point of putting together the guidelines was to capture everything that is in guideline plans and to consolidate and line out the harvest plans for each species. He stated that the roll out was rough. The guidelines are to provide agencies some guidelines but they can always be amended or deviated. They are not regulatory. He stated that they will be sticking with the season structure framework for big game. The Harvest Guidelines have been out since August 2015.
 2. The next action discussed was the proposed seasons. They have added a Junior Elk Hunt in the Area 7s and the dates mirror the deer season. Scott Torgerson made a motion to accept the seasons. The motion was seconded & carried.
 - B. Discussion of Need for Game Warden for Lander County

Game Warden Lieutenant Fred Esparza explained the current game warden situation. He has someone going through training who said they would work here in Lander County, but he is concerned that the person might put in for an opening in Yerington area. There are a total of 31 field positions and have been 22 vacancies in the past five years.

C. Update from NDOW Biologist Jerry Lutz

Mr. Lutz told the Board that we will be getting 100 Mountain Quail from Oregon to release pretty soon and that he is also expecting to get some more turkeys to release as well.

He recently finished the antelope survey and counted 1600. Both the buck and fawn ratios are up compared to past years.

D. Discussion and Possible Recommendation for Future Agenda Items

VI. Next meeting will be March 20th at 6:30.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.