

## LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Hillyard Hall-Buckland Station  
2945 Ft. Churchill Street  
Silver Springs, NV 89429

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

**5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to order  
Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.  
Members Present: Mitch Burns, Eric Bobrick, Jessie Weller, Walt Mandeville, Rob Jacobson
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
No action taken.
3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes  
Rob Jacobson moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015. Walt Mandeville seconded – 5-0 unanimous.
4. Public comment may be on any agenda item (No action will be taken)  
None.
5. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)
  - o For Possible Action: Discuss proposal for changes to Wildlife Commission policy's etc.Walt Mandeville: I talked to the new supervisor at Mason Valley Wildlife Management area and I think he will do a good job. I also talked to him regarding a field trip sometime after September so that he can get acclimated. He is from Utah and seems to have excellent experience.

Rob Jacobson: In the past I have been critical of the fire crews removing dead brush, but it's nice that there are no fires here in Nevada, so they have done a great job keeping Nevada free of wildfire.

Mitch Burns: I'd like to thank Jessie for attending the Commission meeting in Eureka.

Jessie Weller: Results from the Commission Meeting - The Carson City CAB is having a deer problem in their urban areas. They have a plan to reach out to the community and educate them regarding feeding of deer. Mason Valley Wildlife Management area is pumping water to the east pond to supplement this pond. Upland Funds used for vehicles, which we discussed at our last meeting, is for the cost of renting the vehicles and this cost includes insurance for any damages that might occur as these vehicles are used off-road. The \$100,000 for 6 employees is for contracted services from USGS. Our budget was passed. A landowner wanted 5 Elk tags for damages, but only received 2. The Snow Geese issue is being addressed regarding daytime extension of hunts. The Feds

regulate this and all the western states are on board with the extension so we are waiting on the Feds.

6. For Possible Action: Recommendations on the Tag Application Committee  
Mitch Burns: This was a big packet and I went through the packet. There is a proposal to award bonus points to people for volunteering. Consensus of the board was that they don't agree with putting this policy in effect.

Rob Jacobson: A person brought up the area 6 Elk numbers and they are lower than they should be. Apparently there is an old MOU that states this area should not exceed 500-600 head of Elk. Also, ranchers can use a gate to access public land, yet the public can't. Mitch Burns: What county are you talking about? Rob Jacobson: Elko. I think we need to look at this old MOU. I believe the MOU is between NDOW and the Cattlemen's Association.

7. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in May (action may be taken).

Walt Mandeville: Commission Agenda Item 6A – this policy doesn't mention carrying a handgun for mercy killing. Eric Bobrick: I like that it would be used for protection. Jessie Weller: The only time I ever felt like I needed a pistol was with a Mountain Lion. Walt Mandeville: We went for years without this. Rob Jacobson: I would have voted against this. If you don't feel confident in the weapon you're using to hunt with, then put in for a rifle hunt.

Rob Jacobson: I move that no pistols be used on the Archery/Muzzle Loader Hunt after November 1<sup>st</sup> – Not permanently allowed. Walt Mandeville seconded – 3-2 passed by majority vote.

Walt Mandeville: Commission Agenda Item 7F – why is so much money (\$21,574.) being used to reconstruct the bathroom at the Mason Valley Wildlife Management area?

Board consensus is that there should be more detail provided in regards to the expenditure report.

8. Public Comment (General comments, no action will be taken)  
Mitch Burns: I will try to attend the meeting in Fallon on Saturday.  
Next meeting will be held on September 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm in Yerington.
9. Adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.