

LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Fish Hatchery
Miller Lane
Yerington, NV 89447

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mitch Burns, Rob Jacobson, Jessie Weller, Eric Bobrick, Walt Mandeville

Staff: Maureen Williss

Guests: Brian Eller-NDOW, Ed Partee-NDOW, Mike Scott-NDOW, Don Smith, Darlene Smith, Kyle Cramer-NDOW, Isaac Metcalf-NDOQW

2. Pledge of Allegiance

No action taken.

3. Tour of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area (no action will be taken)

Tour began at 4:45 p.m. – attendees: Walt Mandeville, Mitch Burns, Eric Bobrick, Maureen Williss, Kyle Cramer and Isaac Metcalf.

Issac Metcalf: the MVWMA is currently 14,000 acres with an additional 4000 acres to be added soon. Mr. Metcalf described the various ponds and that some are for fishing while others are used for wildlife. Mr. Isaac took the group to filled ponds (Hinkson, etc) and to several ponds that are not full of water at this time.

These ponds will be burned and seeded with millet. The MVWMA currently draws 4.7 million gallons of water a day from the fishery which helped maintain some of the ponds during the severe drought.

Tour of Fishery - Kyle Cramer: The fishery obtains eggs from Marlette lake and some eggs from outside states as well. All fish from this fishery stay in Nevada. T are planting about 500,000 fish a year. Mr. Cramer took the group through the fishery and explained that the troughs are used for fish from the time of hatching through two months and then are placed in the tanks. From about 6 months they are placed in the outside troughs and when they reach 10 inches, which can take anywhere from 12-18 months depending on the fish, they are released.

6:00 P.M. – Regular Wildlife Board Agenda

4. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

Walt Mandeville moved to approve the minutes of January 2016. Jessie Weller seconded – 5-0 unanimous.

5. Public comment may be on any agenda item (No action will be taken)

Walt Mandeville asked that all guests introduce themselves. No action taken

6. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)

Rob Jacobson: Area 081 Cow Elk Early hunt – I went by there 3 times and saw a lot of Elk in Utah. There was a 27% success rate for that hunt. I spoke with a hunter and he felt that the area may be over allocated. He wants to know how they allocate tags. Mike Scott: We have a Bighorn Sheep tag that a hunter can use in Utah and Nevada, but not for Elk or any other species.

Rob Jacobson: I just received my packet yesterday and didn't have a lot of time to spend looking it over. I think we need to have our meetings the same week as the Wildlife Commission. Maureen Williss: I need at least two days to get the minutes done which could pose a problem if you all decide to have your meetings the same week. Mitch Burns: The next meeting of our board will be Monday, May 9th at 6:00 pm – Silver Springs Community Center. All members agree.

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

Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan (First Reading) – Committee Chairman Eddie Booth and Western Region Biologist 3 Ed Partee – For Possible Action

Ed Partee: Plan for Elk Management in the Humboldt WLAB. This is the first time this plan will be before the Commission for review. Back in May the Commission assigned people to a committee and we have six members working hard to provide a plan. The committee has had nine meetings over the last ten months. This plan is for the entire Humboldt County and no Elk introductions are planned. Mike Scott: This herd had a report of a group of 600 Elk in Idaho (just to the north) and we could end up with a mass movement into Humboldt County. No action taken.

Commission Regulation 16-11 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2016 – 2017 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action

Jessie Weller: I'm an avid water fowler and we had the option to buy a federal stamp electronically, which expires 45 days from purchase and the buyer should receive the "real" stamp within that timeline. What if you don't receive your stamp within the 45 days? I don't think the electronic stamp should expire. Brian Eller: That is with the Feds but I think you can still buy a stamp at the post office. Jessie Weller: I would like this item on the next agenda. No action taken.

Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-

15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Lyon County Wildlife Advisory Board voted on this item at their January 2016 meeting. To reiterate the advisory board did briefly discuss this item again. Rob Jacobson moved to leave the regulation as currently written. Jessie Weller seconded – 5-0 unanimous.

Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Lyon County Wildlife Advisory Board voted on this item at their January 2016 meeting. To reiterate the advisory board did briefly discuss this item again. No action taken.

Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Cameras and Other Devices, LCB File No. R012-16 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Jessie Weller: I'm not in favor of trail cams during hunting season. I'm okay with them otherwise. Ed Partee: I feel that these cameras are being over used. They are supposed to be used for big game but some could be used for Chucker, etc. Walt Mandeville: I agree that they should not be used during any hunting seasons. Eric Bobrick: This started in 2013 and its 2016, why so long for this to come before the commission? Ed Partee: A lot of non-resident guides use them and there has been a push for them. Walt Mandeville moved to agree with commission regulation 440. Eric Bobrick seconded -4-1 Jessie Weller Opposed. More discussion was held and Walt Mandeville rescinded his motion. Eric Bobrick rescinded his second – 5-0 unanimous.

Jessie Weller moved that we support banning trail cameras during big game season and that trail cameras not be used to observe wildlife from August 1st to December 31st. Eric Bobrick seconded – 5-0 unanimous.

Bighorn Sheep Disease Surveillance and Herd Performance from 2012 to 2015 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox – Informational

Mike Scott: Area 031 45% of that herd was lost due to disease. NDOW removed 27 animals from the Montanas. Lost 87 from that herd due to pneumonia. At this point all sheep have been removed from the Montanas.

8. Public Comment (General comments, no action will be taken)
None.
9. Adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm