LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Hillyard Hall-Lahontan Room
2945 Ft. Churchill Street
Silver Springs, NV 89429

Monday, August 7, 2017
MINUTES

1. Call to order
   - Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
   - Members Present: Jessie Weller, Rob Jacobson, Eric Bobrick, Walt Mandeville
   - Staff Present: Jessica Smith
   - Guests: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance
   - No action taken.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes
   - Rob moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017; Walt offered a second. The vote was called for and passed; 4-0 unanimous.

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   - There was no public participation.

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)
   - Eric advised he spoke with Jeff Page, County Manager, and he stated there are three names from Dayton going to the next commissioners meeting to be considered for the vacant Dayton representative position.
   - Walt advised there are no commission agenda items for the Eurasian Doves and Fernley Management area and would like to discuss them. Jessie advised Agenda Item 6 is set for discussion on the doves. Walt stated he doesn't know what happened to the Fernley Wildlife Management Area as it used to be an active wildlife area and then it faded away.

6. Discussion/Action on language in the current dove regulations regarding Asian Dove (Action may be taken).
   - Jessie advised he reviewed last year's regulations and there is a footnote that was possibly added last year. The footnote reads 'Eurasian Collared Dove is an unprotected specie and does not count toward your bag limit' and that is what the Board was looking for. This item is no longer a problem. No action taken.

7. Discussion/Action regarding Fernley Wildlife Management Area (Action may be taken).

- Walt offered some background on the area. The area was a minor management area in the western side of the state. They did manage the water but it is unknown where the water went. There are some hot springs still and a marsh along the freeway. Jessie stated there is a fairly new sign identifying the area as the Fernley Wildlife Management Area (FWMA) and would like to see money put into making it a function wildlife management area. Walt questioned whether there are certain days to hunt; Jessie advised there are not certain days to hunt other than the regular season. Eric stated he would like to see how much money is being put into the area and if there isn't any, there needs to be. Walt stated he was not sure if the guy from Fallon has any responsibility in managing the water flows and the roadways. Jessie stated he read through the proposals and saw money going to other projects, but none designated to FWMA. Walt suggested the topic be brought to the Wildlife Commission. A progressive plan would be nice to present. Rob inquired as to how to propose it- as an inquiry or information. Possible wording to present- 'Lyon County Wildlife Advisory Board requests information on the status of funds and management plans for the FWMA'. Rob made a motion to submit a request for information to the State Board regarding information gathering on the management plan on the FWMA; Walt seconded. All in favor 4-0.

8. Discussion/Action regarding goose season beginning and ending dates (Action may be taken).
   - Jessie looked at the season dates for last year; October 8-23, October 26-January 22. He suggests it be changed and start 2 weeks later and go 2 weeks later into February when the geese are here. The geese show up later in the season and are not around when the season begins in October, so the change would allow for more successful hunts. Walt advised northeastern Nevada has an early season because of the earlier freeze, but it does not freeze as early here. Jessie stated the northeastern part of the state has adapted to the climate and we should too. Eric made a motion to change the Canadian Goose season to begin on October 26 and end on February 4; Walt offered a second. Discussion: the season would begin after the split and end later when the geese are here. Walt inquired about how the youth hunt fits into the proposed season change. Jessie advised the early hunt is in late September and the late youth could be moved back to the weekend after the season. The vote was called for with all were favor 4-0.

9. Discussion/Action regarding regulations on children's fish day (Action may be taken).
   - Walt stated there is a regulation that says fishing will be allowed on MV Hatchery starting at sunrise and going to sunset on that day. That creates adults going early to fish in the kids ponds and catching all the fish. They can be more specific and state there is no fishing allowed on outlet ponds 1, 2 and 3; only children can fish those ponds. The regulation needs to be changed to allow only children to fish. Eric spoke with Elmer Bull, former Area Supervisor of MVWMA and member of the Lions Club. Elmer stated that if the adults continue fishing early, there will be no more children's fish day. The children usually begin fishing around 8:30am and the adults get there earlier and catching the fish and soiling up the ponds. Last year there were approximately 100 children and only 4 fish caught. When the adults are confronted

they are getting confrontational since the regulation states the waters open at sunrise. Lions Club donates prizes and cannot give them out because there aren't any fish being caught by children. Rob proposed a language change. Eric stated it needs to be a blanket change that goes statewide because if this is happening in Mason Valley, it must be happening other places. Eric stated the spoke to Chris Bragg and he suggested starting the derby earlier to help counteract early adult fishers and/or make a special regulation for the children derbies. Elmer offered to go to the state meeting to support a regulation. Eric questioned Elmer on why the regulation was not changed before; Elmer stated they ran into a possible age discrimination problem. Jessie stated it would be no different than the junior hunt. Walt suggested to set the age limit to 12 and make a common regulation across the state. Eric suggested setting the start time at 8:30am to make it so more children can be there and the community club(s) can get out there. Jessie questioned why it can't just prohibit adults from fishing those days. Rob suggested to close it to all fishing until after the derby is concluded. Rob made a motion to ask the State Wildlife Board for guidance and/or a regulation that closes all fishing prior to the start of a kids fishing derby to let the fish get acclimated and settled in and provide for a more enriching experience for the kids participating. Eric offered a second. Discussion: Eric stated someone would have to attend Friday's meeting. Rob, Jessie, and Walt stated they were not available; Eric stated he would try to go. The vote was called for; all were in favor 4-0.

10. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in August (Action may be taken).
    - #9 Elk Incentive Tags: Jessie stated he was happy to see private land owners are expected to allow sportsmen to go through land to get to public lands. Walt questioned who enforces the access; Jessie suggested contacting them and reminding them it could hurt their incentive tag eligibility.
    - #11 Commercial Reptile Collection: Jessie stated the commission is looking to the CAB for recommendations regarding the commercial collection of reptiles. Right now, there are no regulations for the commercial collectors and the commissions is looking at not making regulations, making regulations, shutting it down entirely, etc. Walt stated it is for people who are collecting reptiles such as Gila monsters, horned lizards, whip tails, rattlesnakes and selling them to pet stores. Rob stated anytime there are no regulations it is a system meant for abuse. Some people are trapping and catching reptiles from certain parts of the state and causing serious damage to the population. Jessie stated there is one person in Idaho that is grandfathered in who can do whatever he wants; the rest of the states have regulations on commercial reptile collection. As it is read, there is a regulation for private reptile collection but not for commercial collection. Potential action for commission consideration a.) direct the department to cease permitting commercial collection; b.) direct the department to draft permanent regulations in inhibiting commercial collection; c.) direct the department to develop recommendations that limit commercial collection based on species, season year; d.) direct the department to no further action and continue to allow unlimited commercial reptile collecting. Rob stated he could see regulating it if there were a way to enforce the limited numbers,

but they (collectors) are not going to report it. Rob suggested closing the collection to commercial collectors. Eric stated that if the commercial collectors are regulated then money will be paid and laws will be changed. Rob made a motion to support Department of Wildlife in regulating commercial reptile collection in the State of Nevada either through season dates, quotas, or a combination thereof; Eric offered a second. The vote was called for; all were in favor 4-0.

- Rob requested that at the next meeting, thank Chairman Wallace for a great year of leadership.
- Rob requested information on the ADA part B. Jessie stated Jack Robb killed it when he said if it is federally funded then ADA accommodations are expected; if not then it is not.
- #18 BLM Public Land Parcel Disposal: Jessie stated he fully supports the commission; if any wildlife breeding grounds and/or summer/winter range are affected then he is not in favor of selling public land. Walt stated the federal government wants to get out of the land management and has attempted to turn the land over to the state; that would be a big mistake. Eric stated he attended the meeting and not one person spoke in favor of the topic except for the head person. There is a paranoia regarding the amount of money to manage the lands- fire control, fencing, water development. The State does not have the funds to manage the land. Department was not invited to the table for discussion. Jessie stated the commission is doing a great job by keeping the public land sportsmen as a priority. Rob stated they are protecting land, wildlife, and resources. Walt stated the next meeting is September 22-23 in Las Vegas. The next CAB meeting will be on September 18, 2017 at 6:00pm.

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12. Adjourn.
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
    - Next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Silver Springs Community Center

Approved:_____ Date: 9-18-17
Chair