

**MINUTES OF THE MINERAL COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**  
**Wednesday – July 24, 2013 - 6:00 PM**  
**MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE**

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman  
Billie Williams, Jr  
Johnny Peterson  
Wayne Larson  
Stephen Gustafson  
Marlene Bunch, Administrative Secretary

Also Present:

Rob Mathias, Mineral County Sportsman Club  
Darren Hamrey, Mineral County Sportsman Club

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, Meeting so noticed and all recipients given copy of the agenda as requested.

- 1. Discussion of Proposed New Commission Policy Entitled # 23 Predation Management** This is first reading by the Commission of Policy # 23 (Public Comment)  
Discussion of the policy. Board members read the Policy prior to meeting. Billie Williams stated that he didn't like the Landfill portion. Chairman Bunch gave information as presented at the Ely meeting that it had to come back to the board for review.  
Discussion of what is a raven and what is a crow.  
This is first reading and this may come back to us after input comes in from the state.

- 2. Trail Camera Usage – Continued** Discussion of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife letter dated April 8, 2013 regarding the recommendation to the Commission relative to the use of trail cameras just prior to and during hunting season. The Board to obtain public input relative to the consideration of the use of Trail Cameras. (Public Comment)

The board discussed that it was reviewed at the June 19, 2013 meeting and all concurred that the feelings of the board remain the same now as it was discussed in June. No member had any further information to add. For reference, the following was presented at the June 19, 2013 Mineral County Advisory Board meeting by Darren Hamrey of the Mineral County Sportsman Club and the board continues to agree with the following remarks:

- 1.) What's the reason for outlawing them? Too many trophies? Too many animals harvested? Unethical? If so....what about the use of horses? quads? High powered rifles that shoot 1000 yards? Amazing optics? Or even bow hunting?*
- 2.) What about the use of trail cams for Scientific studies?*
- 3.) What about the use of them in the classroom?*
- 4.) What if a rancher wants to use them to track down an animal that is killing his livestock?*
- 5.) What about for water development studies?*
- 6.) Putting trail cams out is hard work!!!! And people steal them... how's that for unethical?*
- 7. What about tracking population influx and migration pattern?*
- 8.) Predator management?*
- 9.) How do you enforce It?*
- 10.) Who could still use them? NDOW? BLM? Etc.... so they can benefit?*
- 11.) What are the studies saying? Has there been a change since the use of trail cams? What are the facts? Or is this just some guys that don't like the idea?*
- 12.) And last but not least....what about mine and your right to use them, which is no different than filming or taking still photos of animals. A trail cam serves the same purpose as a fish finder, and nobody is make a fuss about those!!!!*

*Please give some thought to these things before a decision is made to outlaw such use of trail cams. The information that can be gained by the use of trail cams is second to none and outlawing them would be a foolish decision.*

- 3. Commission Regulation 14-01 Migratory Waterfowl (Ducks, Geese and Swans) and Migratory Webless Bird (Coots, Gallinules and Snipe) Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations, Public Hunting on Overton Wildlife Management Area and Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area Hunter Reservation System – 2013-14 Season-** Board to make recommendations to the Commission relative items listed in title. (Public Comment)

Discussion of the seasons as presented to the board for review.

Darren Hamrey asked if they were still having the spring snow hunt. Season dates were discussed and agreed.

- 4. CGR 427 LCB File Number R-19-13, Trap Visitation** – The Board to provide recommendations relative to trap visitation of trap, “visit or cause to be visited” specifying the minimum period during which a person must visit or cause to be visited certain traps, snares or similar devices, and designates that each trap snare or other lawful device be visited at least once each 96 hours. (Public Comment)

Discussion of the proposed regulation as distributed by the Commission. Visited at least once every 96 hours.

Discussion of the result of the legislation as was passed by the 2013 legislature.

The board agrees with LCB File Number R-10-13 as presented

- 5. CGR 429, trap Registration-** The Board will make recommendation relative to trap registration, a regulation revising provisions governing the registration of a trap, snare or similar device; setting forth the requirements for affixing a registration number to the trap, snare or similar device; and the issuance of trap registration numbers and establishes the manner of marking traps, snare, or other lawful devices. (Public Comment)

Glenn read the proposed verbiage as presented by the commission.

Discussion ensued.

Board agrees with the verbiage.

- 6. Discussion of remaining item listed on the commission agenda for August 2-3, 2013 Meeting.**

No other items were requested by the Board

- 7. Review and discussion of Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee letter dated July 15, 2013**

Glenn Bunch read the memorandum dated July 15, 2013 requesting feedback of the 5 items attached.

1.7 Party Hunt bonus point retention.

Submitted by Washoe County.

Discussion ensued

Leave it alone, don't change

1.10 First-time youth applicant, who has completed hunter safety course, starts with one bonus point.

Discussion ensued

We support the change

A1.14 No loss of bonus point for active duty military who leave the State of Nevada

Discussion ensued.

If it is for Nevada Resident, then it should be

Darren Hamrey mentioned that it should have a maximum length of time.

Agree with verbiage that they have to maintain annual register.

We agree with NDOW comment but have to stay a Nevada Resident.

A2.2 Fee evaluation

Discussion ensued.

Board recommends no change

A1.02 Apply for bull and cow elk in the same draw.

Discussion ensued

Board recommends no change.

Public Comment

Glenn Bunch brought to the board the notice that the new tags coming out must be signed and dated.  
Further discussion of the new tags for information only.

Billie Williams moved and Johnny Peterson seconded the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.