

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MINERAL COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDIF- SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

**Present:**        **Glenn Bunch, Chairman**  
                      **Billie Williams Jr**  
                      **Wayne Larson**  
                      **Johnny Peterson**

**Absent:**            **Stephen Gustafson**

**Also Present:** **Andy Stinson-Mineral County Sportsman Club**  
                      **Jeremy Williams – Mineral County Sportsman Club**  
                      **Darren Hamrey – Mineral County Sportsman Club**

Chairman Bunch called the meeting to Order 6:10 PM

**1. Proposed Trail Camera Commission General Regulation - Discussion and recommendation to the Commission relative to the Commission taking action to direct the Department to promulgate a regulation relating to trail cameras and associated provisions.**

**Glenn Bunch** gave an update of the Fallon, NV Commission meeting when the Trail Cameras were discussed by the Commissioners. He gave an update of the Commission sending it back to the County Advisory Boards for further discussion. The Board is requested to come up with something to give the Commission for consideration.

**Glenn Bunch** also suggested that it be limited to the older generation cameras where the camera must be physically checked by the individual and no newer generation cameras allowed that can be review off premises including cameras that can be checked with a smart phone.  
Discussion of proposed verbiage gave to the Board.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that he does not like the fact that certain individuals listed at the bottom of the document can have access to the photos.

**Jeremy Williams** stated that he can go out with a camera and take pictures and sell them.  
Reference was made to the Montana law.  
The document that has been reviewed was prepared by Mr. Bonamuchi and has not gone to LCB yet.

**Glenn Bunch** stated that the Commission is receiving input from the Boards on the verbiage.

**Andy Stinson** stated that the Montana is the only state that has outlawed the cameras. No other state has put in the trail camera legislation. Of all the CAB boards present, there was no other CAB board that wanted the legislation. He just got a flyer from Cabellas and there is more technology out there. Once the trail camera issue goes into effect, then it will be another technical issue after another.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that if 90% of the public does not want the trail cameras, then why is it going to be considered.

**Glenn Bunch** stated that what if you limit it to no smart cameras. Make it where they have to physically go in to check the camera. Glenn stated that there was a guy at the last meeting that he was sitting there in a blind and a guy walked in to check his camera.

**Jeremy Williams** stated that they are trying to regulate human and ethical behavior. But they are not.

**Andy Stinson** stated “*More rules don’t solve problems*”.

We can give more education on the ethical use of cameras through hunter education. More education with ethics is a major portion.

**Jeremy Williams** understands that NDOW will do what they want to do;. But for him, in the past NDOW has based their decisions on statistical data. It is sad that the trail camera issue is being considered because of one persons’ bad incident. Until the data comes forward to prove otherwise, he wants the board to say NO.

**Andy Stinson** Ask how many of our board members uses a trail camera.

**Johnny Peterson** stated that he does use the camera.

**Andy Stinson** stated that with him (meaning himself) it (trail cameras usage) is a passion.

**Johnny Peterson** stated that what bothers him is the guy that put in the complaint, does he really have a valid complaint? He would like to meet this guy. It’s a letter and no proof. He is in Jeremy’s chair that he is not in favor of the legislation.

*Billie Williams made a motion to represent the feelings of the public present at the meeting.. They don’t want it and we should go with the opinion of the public and the two letters submitted by Jeremy Williams and Andy Stinson of the Mineral County Sportsman Club be included as attachments to the minutes. The CAB’s need more data from the department before consideration. There should be research done to support the Department’s motion and for now we support our public and it should be NO trail camera regulation.*

*Motion seconded by Wayne Larson.*

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

2. **CGR 424 Transportation Permit LCB File No. R003-13. Discussion and recommendation for the Commission to hear a regulation relating to wildlife; setting forth the manner in which a portion of the game tag may be used as a transportation permit; requiring certain signatures and information to be included on a tag or permit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**

This is information only item. No recommendation required. Discussion ensued.

3. **CGR 427 LCB File Number R-19-13, Trap Visitation – The Board to provide recommendations to the Commission relating to trapping; interpreting the phrase “visit or cause to be visited” for certain purposes relating to trapping; specifying the minimum period during which a person must visit or cause to be visited certain traps, snares or similar device; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**

**Glenn Bunch** presented the letter from Joe Blakely. He explained that if you have a trap and it has a number that belonged to your dad, or in your family, then you can use that number. But if you sell it, then you can’t use that number. Discussion ensued of the language.

**Billie Williams** stated that he was in favor of the 96 hours.

Further discussion of trapping issues.

4. **CGR 429, Trap Registration Number, LCB File No R017-13-** The Board will make recommendation relative to trapping; 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 established the manner of marking traps, snares or other lawful devices.

**Glenn Bunch** For information only. Discussion ensued of numbering of traps and what is being discussed by the Commission

**5. Discussion of remaining item listed on the commission agenda for September 20-21, 2013 Meeting.**

**6. \* Public Comments**

*Andy Stinson stated "On another important subject, let us keep moving forward by continuing to use sound wildlife management that we know works by continuing to "pull" those "Safety Valves"... and continue to use the trap and transplant method, and save ewe hunts for the very, very, last resort as management tool. Mineral County .... And other surrounding counties in my opinion..."Still" has room for even more sheep for years to come!"*

Further discussion of hunting issues and technologies.

**Motion made by Billie Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.**

**Seconded by Johnny Peterson.**

**Motion Carried.**