

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, August 8, 2016, 6:30 PM

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman, Billie Williams Jr., Darren Hamrey,
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Absent: Johnny Peterson, Wayne Larson

1. **Commission Regulation 15-09, Amendment #3, Big Game Seasons.** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission on Amendment #3 of the 2016-2017 hunting seasons and dates to specifically address inconsistent fall 2016 season dates established previously for the interstate antlered elk hunt in unit 091 shared with Utah

Glenn Bunch gave an update relative to the CGR 15-09. After discussion, the Board concurs with the Department Regulation.

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2. **Commission General Regulation 467, Special Assistance Permit, LCB File No R105-16.** The Board discussion as the Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Through Assembly Bill 136 of the 2016 legislative session, the Nevada State Legislature mandated the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person may assist a licensed hunter with certain disabilities in the killing and retrieval of a big game mammal.

Glenn explained that this is a workshop item. He asked if any of the members had any recommendation to take to the Commission. Discussion of a special assistant permit and a review of the verbiage submitted.

Darren Hamrey asked what kind of disabled hunter is being helped? Discussion ensued. Billie Williams Jr stated that he felt it was a good thing to support the disabled.

Glenn Bunch explained the presentation that was given the Elko NDOW meeting pertaining to the AD hunt supported by Newmont Mining.

After discussion the board supports the initiative to assist the disabled hunter to give the hunter all opportunity available to him/her.

3. **Commission General Regulation 468, Bonus Point Transfer, LCB File R104-16** The Board will discuss as the Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation provides for the accumulation of bonus points by a person who applies for certain drawings for tags required for hunting certain species. Such bonus points accumulate and give the person a mathematical advantage in subsequent drawings for a tag. Under existing regulations, a person who changes his or her state of residence may request a transfer of any accumulated bonus points to himself, or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State, as appropriate. This

regulation change provides the authority to the Department to make such a transfer automatic upon the person's change of residence.

Glenn Bunch gave background to the bonus points.

It was asked if this allows people to bring bonus points into Nevada from other states?

Darren Hamrey asked if other states are doing this? Unknown at this time.

Discussion of requesting in writing for processing.

Discussion of Bonus points and is it really going to affect the elk.

The language will say any bonus points with the applicant will stay with the applicant.

Consensus of the Board to support the agenda item.

4. Discussion on any other item on Commission Meeting Agenda for August 12-13, 2016

Specialty Tags. Glenn read the correspondence received relative to the Commission Agenda. He read the letter into record.

Discussion of the harvest of specialty tags out of a unit area, they can't hunt anymore.

#2 assigns a number to the specialty tag.

#3 no longer consider any of these tags

Discussion of the tags.

The Board Recommends Option #3.

Agenda Item # 10 Wildlife killing contests.

First reading of policy for review and change.

Glenn Bunch gave an update to the board of dialog from previous Commission Meetings.

He gave the Board information for consideration.

Darren stated that it's no different then fishing contests.

Billie Williams mentioned the Chukar contest in Winnemucca.

It was stated that they should take the \$3.00 depredation fee and just let the guys have contests.

Board prefers to not make a recommendation at this time.

If you are going to do some of this coyote calling, just use a little common sense.

5. Public Comment

Glenn Bunch advised the board that they are trying to find a way to set quotas, before they set tags.

Daren stated that he was not for sure how they could set quotas because of the survey data. Discussion only.

Update on the elk for Mineral County. There has to be a committee formed start the review process. Glenn will inquire at the upcoming Wildlife Meeting where we are in the process.

Glenn Bunch advised the board that the Hilton property has been purchased by NFWF. Discussion of the water and how NFWF will proceed from here.

No further business, the Board adjourned.

A recording of this meeting may be available upon request.