

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, November 14, 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

Meeting opened and noted that the meeting was properly noticed

1. **Nevada Department of Wildlife, Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management in Nevada.** The Board will provide the Department their suggestions for discussions of the updates on the status and process of refining the draft harvest guide lines for consideration by the commission. The Department will provide a briefing on the September 2016 Commission Meeting. The Commission may provide the Department with direction regarding further development.

Glenn Bunch gave an update on the proceedings at the September Commission meeting relevant to the data for Mineral County.

Document dated October 20, 2016 provided by the Department for review.

Big game framework for Mineral County Seasons

Pronghorn Antelope – Non-Standard Season

Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon

Season Areas 202-204 - October 15 - 30

Standard Season Nov 20 – Dec 20

Any Legal Weapon Bighorn sheep

non-standard season 202-204 Oct 15 - Nov 5

Mule deer

Archery Late Season 202,205-208 Dec 16 – Jan 1

Muzzleloader Season 202, 205-208 Dec 1 – Dec 15

Any Legal Weapon non-standard Season 202, 205-208 Nov 5 – Nov 30

It was moved by Darren Hamrey, seconded by Billie Williams to approve the revised dates as stated above for Mineral County in the October 20, 2016 document. Motion Carried.

2. **Nevada Department of Wildlife License Simplification Strategy Update.** The Board will discuss the Department's conduct of substantial data analysis and public input since the effort to simplify hunting and angling license structures was initiated just over one year ago. The Department will provide an overview of the information obtained to date, along with suggestions for bundled privileges and

fees. The Commission may vote to support the Department's license structure proposal.

Discussion of the above Information.

Glenn Bunch gave an update on the history to date.

Glenn Bunch also specified the major changes relative to the proposed license changes in regards to the new rates and dates.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus of the Board to approve the proposed license changes.

3. **Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Expansion of Land Ranges Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).** The Board will review and make recommendations to the Commission on the Department's update and overview of the proposals being analyzed through the National Environment Policy Act (NDPA) process for legislative action to extend the current administrative withdrawals and to consider additional areas for withdrawal at both the Fallon Naval Air Station and the Nevada Test and Training Range.

Glenn Bunch gave an update that we had sent a letter to the Dept to do something with this additional withdraw of land. He also noted that the change in deadline date from Nov 25 to Dec 12, 2016

4. **Development of a Commission Policy Regarding Wildlife Contests-** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will discuss a prior draft of a Wildlife Contest Policy forwarded by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee, which was discussed by the Commission at their August 12, 2016 meeting. The Commission may choose to discuss the merits of the policy and may amend, forward, discard, or reinstate development of a policy that articulates the Commission's perspective regarding contests of take of wildlife.

Glenn Bunch gave an update that it is still under consideration by the Commission.

Just Arrived – Now Present Brian Wakeling, NDOW Administrator, Game Division

Discussion bringing Mr. Wakeling up to speed of what had been discussed up to now.

Mr. Wakeling gave an update of different concepts that was proposed. Had put it out to 1,700 hunters and anglers. Right now they purchase a fishing license so to take the confusion out of purchasing all the extra stamps the license bundles everything into one price. It is a simplified method.

Darren Hamrey as far as allocating the funds for game, is it broke out?

Mr. Wakeling- the same allocation would apply and spread out and all the funds would be protected. We don't expect any of that to change. We think it will get more people engaged.

Billie Williams – there would be no question what to buy

Glenn Bunch – it's good for a year. He wonders if the Department would try to get everyone to buy on a specific date.

Mr. Wakeling- the 365 works great. Don't want to buy for a month. What Arizona did was they put a sundown date that you have to have a license by the last day the draw is open.

If you buy in October, you draw a sheep tag, what you have to affirm is that I will go ahead and buy now and have it applicable during the hunt.

Darren Hamrey– asked that “If I buy a license on January 1, I could hunt this year and it's good for the next year season up to January 1.

Marlene Bunch asked for clarification if you purchase the license say October 15 and the hunting season that you draw a tag for in the next year starts on October 1, is that purchase included then when you draw your tag for the season.

Glenn Bunch the new license would be part of the tag draw.

Mr. Wakeling- it will be more value for the customer. One thing needs to be mentioned is the federal duck stamp. It will not be included as it is a federal and cannot be added in the state license. So that will be separate.

Mr. Wakeling said he wanted to thank the Boards for submitting the feedback from the CAB's and the Sportsman's clubs.

What our intent is not to change in a dramatic event. If we can give the commission to give us a guidance to do. If we don't think it's the right thing to do. If the CAB does not agree, then we are open for the discussion.

Glenn Bunch– when Jack Robb called Saturday and wanted to know if he got the right document that a few of the counties did not.

Mr. Wakeling- Washoe CAB is the first one to hear from that all the documentation was not received.

Glenn Bunch stated that our minutes will reflect information regarding Mineral County only. We do not make recommendations for other counties.

Discussion of license fee history since last increase in 2004.

5. Discussion on any other item on Commission Meeting Agenda for November 18-19, 2016

No other item brought up for discussion.

6. Public Comment -No Public Comment received.

Darren Hamrey moved, Billie Williams seconded, Motion carried to adjourn.