

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Tuesday August 8, 2017 6:00 PM

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

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

Absent: Johnny Peterson, Wayne Larson

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order and noted that the meeting was properly noticed

1. ***Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan** –The Board will review and consider recommendations to the Commission relative to the Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan (AIS Plan) is intended to provide guidance to AIS control and prevention programs in the State of Nevada and enhance coordination and effectiveness of AIS control efforts in Nevada and regionally through establishment of an inter-agency Nevada AIS Working Group. The Commission may take action to approve the final AIS Plan which will address any recommendations for modification of the draft AIS Plan from the Commission's June 23 and 24 meeting and other comments received from the public. These changes will be presented during the meeting.

*Glenn gave an update of the information on the plan. Discussion of lakes that it affected. Glenn explained the requirements that was explained to him at the Lake Mead site with the quagga muscles. Discussion ensued.
No Questions and no suggestions from the board.*

2. **Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Land Parcel Disposal** The Board will review and consider recommendations to the Commission will receive comment on maps depicting lands identified by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as potentially suitable for disposal in BLM's existing Resource Management Plans (RMPs) across various BLM districts in Northern Nevada. Critical habitat or important hunting areas will be identified as conflicts with any future land transfer proposals. The Commission will review and finalize correspondence to provide its position on the land transfer/disposal proposals.

*Glenn gave an update of the data provided by BLM. He stated the Commissioner Drew was over this issue and so are not sure who is going to step up where he left off at the end of his term.
Discussion of BLM land issue.*

We support NDOW in all their efforts in protecting the hunting and wildlife.

3. **Mule Deer Management-** The Board will review the information from the Department relative as the - will provide an in depth briefing concerning the processes used to monitor herds and derive quotas. The Department will share feedback received through a recent professional peer-review evaluation. The Department will provide a description of how scientific data is used to meet harvest objectives. This item will be discussed during the County Advisory Board Workshop.

Discussion if they do the spring survey and the fall survey, they plug the data in to come up with the big picture is. The biggest problem for us he doesn't get the flights in. They seem to plug the numbers in and wing it. But the way it appears; if we aren't going to have deer, they won't kill deer. We travel the hunt areas throughout the year. Last year the commission recommended 25 deer in our area. But they want a 60% kill ratio. If our number was at 25, there would have been a 100% kill ratio. So better to have the numbers up and keep the kill ratio in the numbers they want.

Billie stated he is looking forward to the workshop and obtaining the information supplied to the board. Discussion of information received today of the fires and there may be emergency hunts. This will be discussed at the Commission Meeting as well. Billie stated he would bring back all the information he can get.

- 4 Discussion on any other item on Commission Meeting Agenda for August 11-12, 2017.
No further discussion relative to the upcoming meeting agenda,

5. **Public Comment:**

Darren Hamrey asked if we had received anything on the elk for Mineral County. Glenn stated that he had not received anything firm yet. He keeps asking the NDOW every time he sees them as to what is the status on our elk. Billie stated he would be sure and ask this weekend since Glenn isn't able to attend.

Billie stated that he would like to see a guzzler up on the hill by Mt. Grant so the sheep would not be so inclined to cross hwy 95 to Walker Lake to get a drink. Billie said he would ask NDOW this week end about a guzzler for the sheep.

Darren Hamrey stated that the Mineral County Sportsman's Club could possible help in the finances of it. This could help eliminate the problem.

Darren also stated that NBU might be interested in helping with a guzzler for the Mt. Grant area.

This item to be on the next Board meeting agenda

No Further business, motion was made by Billie and seconded by Darren Hamrey to adjourn the meeting a: 6:42PM.