

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes

Date & Time: Monday June 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location : MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY, 1<sup>st</sup> & A<sup>st</sup>

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

Absent: None

Public Present : None

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on June 11, 2019.

- 1\* **Commission Regulation 18-12, Amendment 2, 2018-2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits.** The Board will make recommendations to the Commission for consideration and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2019 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2020.

Chairman Bunch read to the board the recommendations of the Dept relative to the Greater Sage-grouse Hunting Season Amendments as presented in the support material.

Chairman Bunch asked if the board has any problems with the recommendations.

*The Board concurred with the recommendations as presented.*

- 2\* Discussion and updates relative to the request for elk to be transplanted in Mineral County.

Discussion that there has not been any update yet. Will follow up the Commission and with Department personnel. We will keep a follow up on the local board agenda so it doesn't fall in the cracks. It was reported that the residents of Mineral County is in full support of getting elk here.

Billie Williams stated conversations that he held with various Commission members and Department personnel at the last Commission meeting.

Chairman Bunch stated that he was advised the elk are pioneering into the northern portion of Churchill County and they could be here in 10 years, and he told them he wants it sooner than 10 years.

No action taken, it was advisory only.

- 3\* **Fiscal Year 2020 County Advisory Board Budget Request.** The Board will review the Department recommendations of the County Advisory Boards travel money requests.

Glenn brought it to the boards' attention that he had submitted a request of \$5,973.18. He noted the funds available at the time the budget was prepared there was \$3,006. in the account. So they are recommending \$4,946. However since then, there has been \$2,724.22 paid out in travel and PACT payments leaving a balance after today's voucher is submitted of \$286.36. Will have to see how the end

funding is at budget time next year if the Department goes ahead and cuts our available funds by \$1,027.18 leaving a shortfall of \$740.82 in the 2019-2020 budget. This could possibly be recovered by reduced hotel costs from the per diem rates, or reduced mileage. Long story short, when we get to May of next year, we can pretty well budget the expected costs to the end of the fiscal year. This year we started the year <\$42.> in the minus after PACT was paid. The board agreed that we will just sit back and keep track of the balance through the year.

#### **4.\* Board is to discuss final plans for the June 21-22 NDOW**

Chairman Bunch asked Johnny Peterson how the road looks going up on Grant. Johnny responded that last week they couldn't get up to the top because of snow drifts. But they can get up to the turkey track and the meadows. This will give those going up on the mountain a look at the area and also where the new guzzler was just put on the mountain. He said that he hadn't been able to go up there this week as they had problems with the trusses that he had to deal with. Chairman Bunch asked – would that be with water? Yes.

Chairman Bunch gave an update on the vetting form and that it had been forwarded to Jack Robb so they can get their staff vetted before the meeting. The plan was worked out that Glenn would lead the group up the hill and Johnny Peterson would take the end of the group and everyone would be kept between them. It's going to be a really good trip up the hill. Then follow up with a side run to see the new signs at Sportsman's Beach. An update of that project by the Walker Lake Working Group was give to the Board.

The goal is to make the tour and back to the El Capitan by 7:00 PM for dinner which is sponsored by the Mineral County Sportsman's Club. Darren Hamrey reported that everything is all approved for the dinner. He had received a called today by NDOW staff and will give an informational speech to the attendees of the projects they are working on. He reported that the Club will purchase the dinner however a donation bucket will be placed for people who wish to support their group to give a donation to the group.

#### **5\* Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for June 21-22.**

One other thing that is on the Commission Agenda, on the Saturday Meeting at the end of the day, there is a part of the meeting that is going to be relative to the presentation of the Fallon Naval Station of the withdraw of the land. It is in the informational side of it. It's for information for the public together. There is a lot of resistance on it between here but a lot of anti and resistance on the project in the Southern portion of the State.

Wayne Larson said there is a lot of resistance from the ranchers in the area too.

Discussion of problems in allowing hunting into the withdrawn area as well as the off road races that was held in the Eastern part of the state that Bunch was involved in.

Johnny Peterson said when National Guard put in millions of dollars in the area by the bombing range and was told no they couldn't use it.

#### **6\* Board Recommendations. The Board may make recommendations to be referred to the Commission for possible consideration**

Chairman Bunch reported to the board that he received a call from Deputy Director Jack Robb relative to helping the local sportsmen to develop a shooting range. He stated that there are funds that could be available and he would help to put in for a grant and what local support could be needed to make it all work. The board was very interested in seeing if a shooting range could become a reality. More information on this will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

7. **Public Comment** No action can be taken by MCABMW at this time; any item requiring MCABMW action may be scheduled on a future MCABMW agenda.

No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM