

# NYE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

## MINUTES

**Monday, August 8, 2016**

**County Commission Chambers**

**Nye County Justice Complex**

**101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049**

**6:00 PM**

**Members present: Kevin Strozzi, Steve Bayne, John Terras**

**NDOW Staff: Joe Bennet**

**Secretary: Honey Strozzi**

**Public: Michael West**

**1. Call to Order – Kevin Strozzi – Chairman called the meeting to order.**

**2. Public Comment Period-**

Joe Bennet discussed NDOW business of planting sheep, monitoring sheep, and sage grouse habitat mapping.

**3. For Possible Action – Election of Officers – Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

John Terras made a motion to stay with current officers; Steve Bayne seconded; 3 yeas.

**4. Approval of the Agenda for August 8, 2016.**

Steve Bayne made a motion; seconded by John Terras; 3 yeas

**5. For Possible Action – Approval of minutes of the Nye County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meetings for May 10, 2016.**

John Terras made a motion to approve; seconded by Kevin Strozzi; 3 yeas.

**6. Member Items/Announcements - Board members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Board. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.**

Kevin Strozzi asked Joe Bennet regarding sheep monitoring and mortality rate in sheep.

Joe Bennet stated the local herds, the lamb recruitment, looks decent right now from what he has seen.

John Terras asked about coughing.

Joe Bennet did observe the coughing in the Monte Cristo's in one ewe, but still lamb recruitment still looks decent. They are getting to the age, that you should know the effects on lambs right now. We had the PHD study on Lone Mountain and out of the 15 lambs there is five still alive, but a lot of it has been predation events by bobcats and lions.

John Terras asked was that 15 adult sheep.

Joe Bennet said no, they collared 15 ewes, of that, 14 lambs were collared. There have been 9 predation events at this time. One of the questions we are answering is cause of specific mortality and there were two abandonments and the rest have predation events of one kind or another.

Kevin announced Michael West showed up to the meeting. Kevin updated Michael West concerning the items.

- 7. For Possible Action - Other Items on the Final Commission Agenda - The Board may discuss and take action on any Commission agenda item not on this boards agenda. Kevin asked if anyone had a chance to view the final commission meeting and stated there is a commission meeting in Reno this weekend. He asked if the Board wanted to discuss any items from the final commission agenda. No other items for discussion.**

Kevin stated there is a bunch of informational items and if anyone would like to attend the Commission Meeting this weekend they can and be reimbursed. The commission final agenda does not have a lot on it, it is a lot of informational stuff this meeting, there is some heritage tag items, not any items we usually discuss or make recommendations on. We have this catchall item, so if anyone would like to discuss or make recommendations on any items from the Commission Agenda, we can.

No Action Taken

- 8. For Possible Action - Set the next meeting place and date –**

John Terras made a motion to set the next meeting date for September 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tonopah BOCC Chambers; Steve seconded; 3 yeas.

- 9. Public Comment Period –**

Michael West gave the Board an update concerning Pinion/Juniper treatments in Nye County and the protection taken for sage grouse and other wildlife.

John Terras asked about Pasco;

Michael West stated we are working to receive some funding for that area to treat next year. Next year we will add some additional Pinion/Juniper in the same areas and look into expand our types of projects for wildlife to address some of the wet meadows in the higher elevations.

Kevin Strozzi asked who the fuels manager was for this BLM area.

Michael West was not sure.

Kevin Strozzi stated his brother in law was just promoted to the Fuels Resource Manager in the Elko BLM District and he said they had money for the sage grouse habitat.

Michael West stated the sage Grouse money is going to be a nice bonus for about 5 maybe 10 years and then run out.

Kevin Strozzi stated it would be nice if they would use some of that money for this area.

John Terras asked Joe Bennet if they counted many Sagehen when they did their surveys this spring.

Joe Bennet stated when I went out with the Forest Service there was good numbers pushing the higher end of what is normally seen out there. He did not see anything out of the normal.

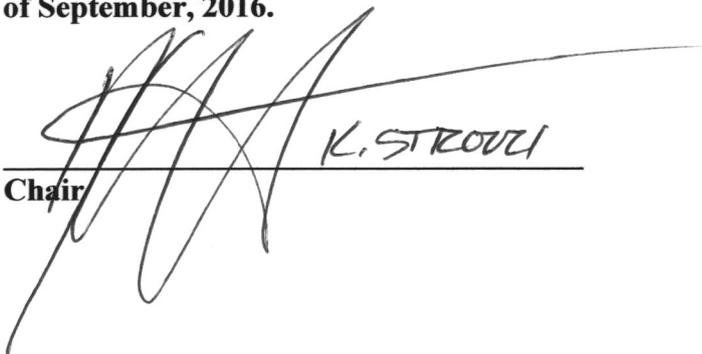
Kevin asked if anyone is watching Sagehen in the Palmetto Mountains.

Joe said yes.

10. **Adjourn** – Kevin Strozzi adjourned the meeting.

**Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 2016.**

**Chair**



K. STROZZI