

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Minutes

The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) held a public meeting on March 17, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex). A remote, telephonic option to attend was made available.

Members Present: James Evans (Chairman), Trent Gordon (Vice-Chairman), Joe Luby (via phone)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Donham, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Eastern Region Supervisor (via phone) Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager

Call to order

Chairman James Evans called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None

Board Business

Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item.

Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the agenda without any changes. Vice-Chairman Trent Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting.

Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the minutes without any changes. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Joe Luby abstained.

Discuss and consider Board's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 budget request, with submission due May 1.

Jake Tibbitts presented and discussed the budget request to the Board. Mr. Tibbitts commented that there may not be any new money coming this year because there is still a considerable amount there. He also commented that there may be County money included on the SFY22. Mr. Tibbitts will follow up with the Comptroller in reference to that money to be sure of the correct amount. Mr. Tibbitts requested that the Board make a motion to approve submission of the Budget Request form with a budget amount of \$5,151.50. Chairman Evans made a motion to submit the budget form for the

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amount of \$5,151.50. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports

Chairman Evans discussed with the Board the Cold Creek Project to which he submitted photos to the Board members. He commented that it will have a positive impact to water management levels in the Cold Creek Reservoir.

Agency Reports

Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies.

Tom Donham advised the Board that he and Sam Fino have been doing spring deer surveys in Areas 13 and 14. He commented that Area 13 is not looking well and Area 14 is steady.

Chairman Evans asked about what the lek surveys look like right now. Mr. Donham advised that they do not have much data yet because the surveys are starting right now. It may take another month before there is more data.

Mr. Tibbitts updated the Board on an agenda item from the last meeting in reference to Public and Accessory Roads. Mr. Tibbitts advised that the County Commission is working on that currently and he also recommended that the folks that are bringing these concerns to the Board, also need to bring these concerns to the County Commissioners as well.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects

Update on pinyon-juniper thinning project, wildlife guzzler installation, and other potential projects including fisheries, and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.

Mr. Tibbitts updated the Board with a grant opportunity for sage grouse. Mr. Tibbitts met with Robert Burdick, Battle Mountain BLM to ask if Eureka County could add on with them and Mr. Burdick advised that they could do that. Mr. Tibbitts did not have specific details on hand but will continue working on this.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material— the Board may discuss and act upon any or all items on the Wildlife Commissioners Agenda for the March 25-26, 2022 meeting.

- **Item 6 – Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan**
 - Chairman Evans made a motion for no new recommendations for this item. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Item 7 – Approval for Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000**
 - Chairman Evans stated there would be no recommendation made for this item.

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- **Item 15 – Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee Report**
 - Although discussion was had in regards to the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management and that the last recommendations were not accepted, Chairman Evans made a motion to accept the policy language as proposed based upon decisions made at previous meetings and the Board will continue with their support. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Item 16A – Commission Regulation 22-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2022 – 2023 Season**
 - Chairman Evans made a motion to accept Item 16A. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

By consensus, the Board set the next meeting date for April 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Evans, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gordon with all in favor. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Shasta Blackeye-Adair

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans