

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Minutes

The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) held a public meeting on October 31, 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) and Trent Gordon (Vice-Chairman)

Members Absent: Joe Luby

Others Present: Samantha Fino, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Game Biologist, and Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager.

Call to order

Chairman James Evans called the meeting to order at 4:33 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 Gordon seconded with all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting.

Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the minutes without any changes. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded the motion with all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports

None.

Agency Reports

Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies.

Samantha Fino, NDOW, provided an update on the Mule Deer Enhancement Program Area 14 team projects and some concerns that have come up regarding proposed treatment blocks being partially within a mining exploration area. Mr. Tibbitts commented that just because mining exploration is allowed to occur in an area does not mean that the entire area will receive exploration activities or transition to active mining. He mentioned that if mining exploration areas were “off the table” for habitat work that the bulk of Eureka County and much of the State would not be considered.

Current and Emerging Public Land Issues

Report on current and emerging public land issues affecting Eureka County.

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None.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects

Discuss pinyon-juniper thinning projects, wildlife guzzlers installation, and other potential projects including fisheries and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects including potential funding requests for the County or other entities.

Mr. Tibbitts reported that the 2022 sage-grouse pinyon-juniper removal and maintenance projects through the Eureka Conservation District had been completed by the contractor in early October.

The Board discussed status of various guzzlers with Sam Fino. It was determined that some guzzlers in Eureka County are in need of maintenance and repair. The Board wished to see a work-plan developed for the guzzlers so the Board could weigh their involvement and potential funding moving forward.

Chairman Evans discussed a proposal he has been working on for the Tonkin Reservoir fishery. He would like the Board to consider engaging with Nevada Gold Mines, which owns much of the reservoir and water rights from the reservoir, BLM, and NDOW in an initiative to make the reservoir a treasured local fishery. Some things that would need to be done would be restoration of the historic boat launch that was destroyed during the most recent dam reconstruction and looking at the specific rules and regulations, including species for stocking and bait and lures that may be used. Chairman Evans would like this initiative to move forward and will continue to request progress.

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 November 4 and 5, 2022 meeting.

The Board discussed and considered only the following items on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda:

- Agenda Item 7 - Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee
 - After some discussion and review of the proposed changes to the various policies, Chairman Evans made a motion to support all of the proposed changes outlined in all of the policies, A through G. Vice-chair Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Agenda Item 8 - Commission General Regulations
 - A. Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review
 - Mr. Tibbitts brought up some concerns that he has heard from the Nevada Association of Counties and their member counties related to the regulations. AB 211 was passed in the 2021 Legislative Session which now empowers NDOW to do subdivision map review. But there are concerns from NACO and some counties that the

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regulations do not fit, as proposed, into the limits of the State law. Namely, seeming to require review of even infill development if there are any wildlife values, requiring developers to submit the map directly to NDOW rather than through the counties, and requiring certain items to be on the maps that are not or may not be required by state law and county ordinances. Chairman Evans motioned to request the regulations stay within the limits of state law and go through the county process rather than making developers submit information directly to NDOW that may not be required by counties. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt and Turkey Program
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Commission General Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain a Tag
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- E. Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds
 - No recommendation.
- Agenda Item 14 - Commission Regulations
 - A. Commission Regulation 23-02, Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2023-2024
 - Vice-chair Gordon motioned to support the regulation. Chairman Evans seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Commission Regulation 23-03, Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2023-2024
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, Upland and Furbearer Seasons
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- Agenda Item 15 - Commission General Regulations
 - A. Commission General Regulation 508, Antler Points and Spike Elk Defined
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Commission General Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain a Tag
 - Chairman Evans motioned to support the regulation. Vice-chair Gordon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Next Meeting

By consensus, the Board set the next meeting date for January 19, 2023 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 5:33 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans

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