

APPROVED MINUTES
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.
WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 1001 E 9TH STREET, BUILDING A,
RENO, NEVADA 89512

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Committee Members

Chairman McNinch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Chairman McNinch, Commissioners Wallace, Valentine, and Hubbs.

Nevada Department of Wildlife staff present: Management Analyst III Jordan Neubauer, Deputy Directors Jack Robb and Liz O'Brien, Conservation Education Division Administrator Chris Vasey, and Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen.

Attorney General present: Deputy Attorney General Bryan Stockton.

County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) members present: Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW; and Cory Lytle, Lincoln CABMW.

Members of the public present: None.

2. Approval of Agenda

No member questions or comments. No public comment.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of Minutes

No member questions or comments. No public comment.

COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Review of Commission Policy 50 – Duck Stamp Procedure

Chairman McNinch appreciated the thoughtfulness of bringing the policy back to the Committee to discuss. He has a personal connection to it, but he is also practical and knows that times change and he is okay with what happens today. He appreciated the time today. If there isn't a straight forward path to conservation then he is fine moving forward.

Commissioner Wallace explained what happened at the Commission meeting in Laughlin. He does not think there was a clear path forward set by the Commission.

He wanted to bring it back to the Committee to have a discussion. The Committee might take it back to the Commission and suspend the policy. This was an emotional agenda item and he wanted to be sure Chairman McNinch had the opportunity to speak on it. Some Commissioners felt that something could be done. He is fine either way. He just wanted to talk about other possible opportunities.

Chairman McNinch said he appreciates it. He read the minutes and understands the context of the conversation.

Commissioner Hubbs was looking at all of the individuals that are involved in the duck stamp contest. There are a lot of people involved. There would be a lot of logistical planning for something that has been phased out. Is there anywhere else these stamps may be applied? Is there anything else that the Department gives out?

Deputy Director Jack Robb said no, all privileges are available online now. Duck, trout and upland stamps were all brought forward by sportsmen for very noble reasons. All of these stamps have provided a great purpose and even though there isn't a stamp left the ideas are still in place. They are protected in perpetuity. There are still a lot of benefits from the duck stamp.

Commissioner Valentine said he thinks it is time to suspend Commission Policy 50.

Chairman McNinch asked if we are suspending or repealing.

Deputy Director Jack Robb said to suspend the policy for now. We can always repeal later if that is what the Commission wants to do.

Commissioner Hubbs said she donated to the Department and now has a beautiful wildlife license plate. She asked if we could use the duck stamp art for a license plate.

Commissioner Wallace said that he does not know the license plate program very well, but he does know there has to be a certain number of plates sold each year to keep offering it.

Deputy Director Jack Robb said there are a minimum number of plates that must be sold each year and a committee approves the art. It is hard to get the art approved. It cannot be switched out on an annual basis.

Commissioner Hubbs said tangible items are getting phased out due to technology. It is hard to see it go, but it doesn't make sense to keep it. She does not know what else to say. It is hard to see it die out.

Chairman McNinch said the Committee received correspondence from Jana Wright. She put a good spin on getting rid of the duck stamp program. He thinks what she was trying to say was when this went into place it was at the top of the chain. Maybe it was the first step towards a lot of good things. He agrees with her. We have to be practical. The Nevada Waterfowl Association has been good about

supporting the contest. There are opportunities for those people to participate in other ways. We will continue collecting the money and putting it on the ground.

Commissioner Hubbs asked if it is suspended it can be revisited, correct?

Chairman McNinch said that is his understanding.

No Public Comment.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION TO SUSPEND COMMISSION POLICY 50. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman McNinch appreciates the opportunity to talk about the policy again.

5. Future Committee Meetings and Agenda Items

Management Analyst III Jordan Neubauer said the next time we need to meet will probably be in August once the petition regulation is adopted by the Legislative Commission to revise the petitions policy.

Chairman McNinch asked if we are holding off on Commission Policy 64, 67 and 24?

Commissioner Wallace said yes.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment Period

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Note: The minutes are only a summary of the meeting. A complete record of the meeting can be obtained at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, NV 89511.