



# Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Nannini Administration Building, Suite 102  
540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada 89801

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## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, County of Elko, State of Nevada, will meet on Monday, November 1, 2021, in the Nannini Administration Building, Suite 102, 540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada 89801 at 6:00 PM Pacific Time Zone**

Attached with this Notice is the Agenda for said meeting of the Board.

This Notice is posted pursuant to NRS 241 as amended by the 2021 Legislature and is to be posted at the following places no later than three full working days before the meeting:

ELKO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ELKO COUNTY WEBSITE: [www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net)

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**AMANDA OSBORNE**  
Elko County Manager

## **WELCOME TO AN ELKO COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING!**

We are pleased you are interested in a meeting of one of Elko County's Boards or Commissions. Below is some basic information about our meetings and procedures for you to participate in your government.

### **AGENDAS**

The agenda is available on the Elko County website at [www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net). Hard copies are made available at the meeting, upon request at the County Manager's Office or posted as per NRS 241. Meetings are broadcast live from our website, under the Meetings tab on the home page of the website and then under Agendas, Videos, etc. You can also click the Watch Our Meetings tab on the right side of the home page. Videos of the meeting are available within 24 hours of the end of the meeting. Minutes, when finalized and approved by the Board/Commission, are also posted to that page. Our agendas contain Zoom meeting links if you can't be in person at our meetings.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public's participation in our meetings is valued and appreciated. The Board/Commission can only take action on items that are listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During Comments by the General Public, speakers may address matters not listed on the agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comment by the Commissioners, but no deliberation on a matter can be considered without notice to the public. Public comment will also be called for on all agenda items marked FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

If you are planning to speak during the meeting, please sign the sign-in-sheet at the back of the meeting room. This helps our recording clerk get the correct spelling of your name. When comments are called for, please approach the podium and state your name and who you represent, or raise your hand on Zoom.

If submitting comments or information on an agenda item, please submit to the County Manager's Office as soon as possible in order to provide opportunity for Board/Commission members to review and to avoid possible delays in a decision if not all information is presented previous to the start of a meeting. If information is presented at the meeting, you need to provide at least 10 copies, making sure to submit a copy to the recording secretary for the official public record. All information submitted becomes part of the public record and is added to the backup information for that agenda item on our website with 24 hours of the adjournment of the meeting.

Another avenue for making comments on agenda items, especially if you can't make a meeting, is our e-Comment system. If you open the agenda under the process described above, you will find a link by the agenda called e-Comment. Click on the link and follow the directions to register to comment and you are set to comment on specific agenda items. Please note that the e-comment period for a specific agenda closes 4 hours before the start of the meeting to allow those comments to be transmitted to our Board/Commission members and recording staff. Those reports are also uploaded to our agenda on the website.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and are normally approved by one motion without extensive discussion. If a Board/Commission member wishes to comment or discuss a particular item, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate action during the meeting.



**ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE  
WILDLIFE COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA  
MEETING THE NANNINI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
SUITE 102, 540 COURT STREET, ELKO, NEVADA 89801 .**

**6:00 PM Pacific Time Zone**

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**Monday, November 1, 2021**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 241, THE COMMISSION MAY: (I) CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA, (II) COMBINE TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, (III) REMOVE AN ITEM FROM THE AGENDA OR DELAY DISCUSSION RELATING TO AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA AT ANY TIME, (IV) AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED, RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIR WHILE THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.**

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### **POSTING**

This agenda is posted pursuant to NRS 241 as amended by the 2021 Legislature and was posted at the following locations no later than October 28, 2021: ELKO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE, ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, NEVADA STATE WEBSITE (<https://notice.nv.gov/>) AND THE ELKO COUNTY WEBSITE ([www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net)).

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**Link In:** <https://zoom.us/j/96506660795?pwd=aTVtNE1JakZYU1VsbWhFaHpqZVQ5QT09>

Meeting ID: 965 0666 0795

Passcode: 844367

**Dial In:** +1 669 900 6833

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### **PROCEDURE**

Please sign in at the back of the hearing room if you plan on speaking during the meeting and remember to state your name for the record at the podium before making your statement.

### **REQUEST FOR AGENDA INFORMATION**

The public may acquire this agenda and supporting materials, pursuant to NRS 241 by contacting Michele Petty, Executive Assistant, at (775) 738-5398 or via e-mail to [mpetty@elkocountynv.net](mailto:mpetty@elkocountynv.net). Materials are available from the Elko County Manager's Office, Nannini Administration Building, 540 Court Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801 or on the Elko County website at [www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net).

## **ATTENTION**

THE CHAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIRPERSON WHILE THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.

THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS (NBOWC) WILL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ELKO COUNTY COMMISSION.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Forum restrictions and orderly business: The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech.

Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Board may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**3. MEMBER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Board members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Board. Any items requiring Board action may be scheduled on a future Board agenda. The Board will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Board since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Board members will provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).

NON-ACTION

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.a Discussion and consideration of approval of the minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[DRAFT Wildlife Minutes from September 20, 2021.pdf](#)

**5. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Pursuant to NRS 241 this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

NON-ACTION

**6. WILDHORSES AND BURROS**

6.a Discussion and consideration of a response letter based on the letter from Judi Caron of the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands and Free Roaming Horses and Burros to Secretary Haaland regarding the health of our lands.

The letter's purpose is to impress upon her the severity of the situation, particularly in Nevada and to demonstrate the broad diverse support for swift action to be taken to reduce populations to sustainable levels, as land health diminishes daily.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Cover Letter and Sign On Letter to Department of the Interior Secretary Haaland .pdf](#)

**7. WILDLIFE CALLING CONTESTS**

7.a Discussion and consideration of a response based on the letter from Mike Reese of the Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife which took a stance on the proposed regulation of calling contests which is not supported by science or data, and serves no valid purpose other than virtue signaling.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Predator Calling Letter from Mike Reese of the Southern Nevada Wildlife Coalition.pdf](#)

**8. GOVERNOR SISOLAK'S WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK PLAN**

- 8.a Discussion and consideration of a response letter to Executive Order 2021-18 from Governor Sisolak that sets out a wildlife habitat conservation framework plan. Elko County, along with other counties, have addressed the plan .

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Lincoln County Letter on Governor's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Framework September 7, 2021.pdf](#)

[Commissioners Letter to Governor Sisolak Regarding Wildlife Habitat Conservation Framework Plan.pdf](#)

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

- 9.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item # 7A regarding Commission Policy 1, General Guidelines for the Commission.

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 1, General Guidelines for the Commission, and may take action to repeal or revise the policy. The Commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[7A - Commission Policy 1 with Memo Page.pdf](#)

- 9.b Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item # 7B regarding Commission Policy 10, Heritage Tags and Vendors.

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 10, Heritage Tags and Vendors, and may take action to repeal or revise the policy. The commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[7B - Commission Policy 10 with Memo Page-1.pdf](#)

**10. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS - ADOPTION**

- 10.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item # 10A regarding Commission General Regulation 499, Bonus Point Only Application Period.

The Commission will review language amending NAC 502 chapters that would decouple the hunt application periods from bonus point purchase periods, remove the requirement for a 7-day bonus point only purchase period, and allows for the creation of a separate period for bonus point purchases to facilitate a more timely draw process and potentially provide increased opportunity for customers to obtain a bonus points in the future.

The change also outlines the definitions for “awarded” or “successful” relative to obtaining a big game tag.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[10A - COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 499 Memo and Language.pdf](#)

## 11. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS - WORKSHOP

- 11.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item # 11A regarding Commission General Regulation 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX, Predator and Fur-bearing Contests.

The Commission will hold a workshop to discuss potential language on predator and fur-bearing contests proposed by Commissioner McNinch.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[11 - COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION - Predator and Furbearing Contests 503.pdf](#)

## 12. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROJECT UPDATES

- 12.a Presentation from the Department of Wildlife, Eastern Region, with an update on the department's activities, including the status of the Mule Deer Enhancement Program.  
NON-ACTION

## 13. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- 13.a The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 28 and 29, 2022. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the date, time, and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is set for **Monday, January 24, 2022.**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## 14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General’s Office, this time is devoted to comments by Board Members for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item. Any correspondence received by a Board member may be read and attached for the record.

NON-ACTION

**15. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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NON-ACTION

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**E-COMMENT AND POSTING CERTIFICATE**

**NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Board of County Commissioners, County of Elko, in writing at 540 Court Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801, by e-mail at [mpetty@elkocountynv.net](mailto:mpetty@elkocountynv.net) or by calling (775) 738-5398.

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