

## Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)

### Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) held a public meeting telephonically on January 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Promulgated March 22, 2020.

**Members Present:** Jim Evans (Chair), Trent Gordon (Vice-Chair), and Joe Luby

**Others Present:** Clint Garrett, Biologist NV Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resource Manager, and Magee Braswell, Secretary

#### **Call to order**

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order telephonically at 4:30 p.m. a quorum was determined to be present.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Appointment of Officers**

*Appoint Officers—Chair and Vice-Chair—for 2021.*

Trent Gordon motioned to keep the board officers as is for 2021. Joe Luby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Board Business**

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

Chair Evans motioned to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Review and approval of minutes-*

Chair Evans motioned to approve the minutes from August 6, 2020. Mr. Luby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Correspondence and Member Reports- Review and discuss any or all items.*

There was no correspondence or member reports to be discussed at this time.

#### **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.*

Chair Evans reported that Kinross has recently began their Cold Creek restoration project. The water levels are at the lowest they have been in years and work on the primary structures has begun.

#### **Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material**

#### **Action Item #6A-6B Commission General Regulation 495, 496, and 497, NAC 502, 503, and 504 Simplification**

The board had a discussion over the changes that have been made so far. They were in agreeance of supporting the initiatives moving forward.

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Mr. Luby made a motion of no recommendation but to keep supporting the initiatives. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Action Item #14- Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification**

The board was in agreeance to support the initiative with no recommendation.

Mr. Gordon made a motion to continue supporting the initiative with no recommendations to be made. Mr. Luby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Action Item #16A-16J - Commission Regulation 21-03-21-12**

Clint Garrett went over the key changes that are being proposed. He noted that there were no dramatic changes. There is a new archery sheep hunt, a lot more opportunity for antelope success, and a possible season change at the south end of 132 which are contingent on no specialty tags for that area.

After discussing the changes Mr. Garrett had noted, the board was in agreeance that they had no more discussion related to items 16A-16J.

Mr. Luby made of no recommendation for items 16A-16J. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan**

Mr. Garrett and the board discussed the predation management plan for 2022.

Predator control has been happening for several years in Eureka County. Project 40 plan has been in place since 2016. There have been many years with good control on predators. Last year the success dropped down to 105 takes for coyotes. The focus is spanned between coyotes and mountain lion, although in the last few years the mountain lion activity has been limited. Last year only one lion was taken and so far this year only one as well has been taken. Next week they are due to start flying again and we should see numbers increase for this year.

\*The board jumped back to Item #8.

#### **Use of Hounds on Bear Hunts**

Mr. Tibbitts noted that the Houndsmen Association had circulated letters to the board regarding this petition at the last meeting and wanted to know if the board wanted to comment on this. Ms. Braswell noted that the board didn't meet a quorum at the last meeting so they were not able to go over this item.

Mr. Gordon said that NDOW did accept the data that was presented and was going to look at presentations on the success rate of use of hounds vs. use of no hounds. Mr. Garrett said that they could give more information on how selective the use of hounds is relative to the take, and the ability to do that effectively.

The board discussed that they were in agreement of the proposal brought forward from the association and they continue to support the initiative of the continuing use of hounds.

#### **Next Meeting**

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The board should get any other desired agenda items to the secretary for the next meeting. **The next meeting date is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Public Comment**

Mr. Evans noted he has gotten questions on the application process. He reported that the people are having a hard time understanding if they can only apply for one hunt or if they can apply for multiple hunts but only draw one tag.

Mr. Garrett noted that he doesn't know of any changes related to that, years ago the talked about limiting the number of tags you can successfully draw, but has not saw any regulation come across related to that. NDOW is making changes on the draw process based on the sex species that they draw.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Evans. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

Magee Braswell

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

Jim Evans