

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Minutes

The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) held a public meeting on October 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex). A remote, telephonic option to attend was made available.

Members Present: Trent Gordon (Vice-Chairman), and Joe Luby.

Others Present: Tom Donham, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Eastern Region Supervisor (via phone), Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, Shasta Blackeye-Adair, Eureka County Natural Resources Assistant, Mitch Nielsen, Weed Technician

Call to order

Vice-Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:41 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.
Vice-Chairman Trent Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda without any changes. Joe Luby seconded with all in favor.

Review and approve the minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting.

Vice-Chairman Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes without any changes. Mr. Luby seconded with all in favor.

Correspondence and Member Reports

None

Agency Reports

Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies.

Tom Donham with NDOW updated the Board on flights that were done during the last week of July 2021 in unit 145 to check on guzzlers in the area. Per Mr. Donham, three of the four were 100% full and one was approximately 90% full. Due to the snow levels received over the last weekend the guzzlers are possibly full now.

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.

Vice-Chairman Gordon brought up PJ projects happening around the local area. Jake Tibbitts shared that those are being done by the local BLM office on days that are slow.

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 September 24, 2021 meeting.

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7A. *Commission Policy 1, General Guidelines for the Commission – First Reading – APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

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.

No recommendation by consensus.

7B. *Commission Policy 10, Heritage Tags and Vendors – First Reading – APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

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.

No recommendation by consensus.

8. Modernization of the Statewide Elk Species Management Plan – Staff Specialist Cody McKee – For Possible Action

The Nevada Elk Species Management Plan (ESMP) was approved in 1997. Over the last 25 years, the Department has adopted various techniques, technologies, and harvest guidance designed to improve elk management in Nevada and some of these practices are not specifically described within the ESMP. Further, certain portions of the ESMP may be outdated and may require revision. The Department requests the Commission's approval to begin the evaluation and review process of the ESMP.

Mr. Tibbitts mentioned this item and the next in reference to this topic being fairly contentious in the past. Mr. Tibbitts also mentioned the depredation tags that were started in the area to keep elk populations controlled. No recommendation by consensus.

9. Adjustments to Meeting Intervals for Coordination and Oversight Teams responsible for Overseeing Existing Elk Management Sub-Plan – Staff Specialist Cody McKee – For Possible Action

Language in several local elk management sub-plans stipulate the Coordination Oversight Team (COT) hold annual meetings to discuss various aspects of elk management within the planning area. Achieving a voting quorum during these meetings has been difficult in recent years. The Department requests the Commission's approval to hold COT meetings with requested by team members of to address emerging management needs rather than on an annual basis.

No recommendation by consensus.

10A. * Commission General Regulation 499, Bonus Point Only Application Period – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

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.

Vice-Chairman Gordon is still in support of this item and minimal discussion was had in reference to past meetings where the Board supported this item. Vice-Chairman Gordon motioned to continue to support this item as is. Mr. Luby seconded with all in favor.

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11A.* Commission General Regulation 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX, Predator and Fur-bearing Contests – Commissioner McNinch – For Possible Action

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

Vice-Chairman Gordon motioned to not support this item citing that the Board has not supported in the previous two meetings. Mr. Luby seconded with all in favor

Next Meeting

Discussion was had between the board members to set the next meeting date for January 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. with all members of the Board in consensus.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Gordon, Mr. Luby seconded with all in favor. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Shasta Blackeye-Adair

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans