

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

September 21, 2021
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. Chairman Torgerson led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, Larry Teske, & Scott Torgerson.
- III. Shawn Mariluch motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Shawn Mariluch motioned to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board requested that the secretary contact Misty Stanford at the state level to see why our CAB members did not receive the electronic agenda & Zoom info.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted McElvain had a visit from Mr. Jim Petersen with concern that his granddaughter had not received a youth tag in 3 years. Ted explained that there is not a guarantee on the youth hunts. Mr. Petersen also complained about the lack of access in the Ruby Mountains to areas when having a Elk Depredation tag.

Shawn Mariluch read in the Elko paper an article complaining about how NDOW is managing deer. Tom Barnes wrote a response to the article replying about weather, fires, & overgrazing. Shawn did not agree with the article because back in the 80s there were 2.5 times more cattle grazing then there are now.

STANDING COMMITTEE--Conservation Project

There was discussion about possible sheep guzzlers at Argenta to get some sheep to move over to that area. Tom Dorham mentioned that we need to get rid of the domestic sheep first. Guzzlers probably cost about \$10,000.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Restocking the pond by the high school occurred in May.

2. Reopening the Western Elko Elk Plan. Tom Dorham said he sent me an email with a document about it. Our request goes to the department and they decide if it is recommended to the commissioners or not. Ted McElvain asked Tom about what our recourse is to get some action. He responded with “keep putting pressure on the departments.” Shawn Mariluch stated that he feels we need to adjust the hunts. Tom explained that they are looking at shutting down some hunts to help with the problem. The first step is to reopen the state-wide elk plan and get it readjusted before working on the local area plans.

The Board requested that the secretary draft a letter asking for a response about reopening the Elko Elk Plan and a response about our continue requests for a Youth Antelope Hunt.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update from NDOW Biologist

Tom Donham, Supervising Game Biologist, stated that he flew 068 for sheep. They classified 115 (45 Rams, 47 ewes, & 23 lambs). Thirteen of the rams were 6 years or older. They are thinking about moving, but might take a year off from moving any ewes due to the ram ratio. The Area 15 Field Trip Mule Deer Enhancement went well. This group is doing a survey on Oct. 4th & encourages the representatives to reach out to others to gather data for answering the survey. The Chukar survey in Lander County has some areas that look very good such as Izzenhood.

- B. Discussion & possible recommendations about State Agenda Items

No recommendations

- C. Discussion and Possible Recommendation for Future Agenda Items

Leave the Standing Committee Conservation Project on the agenda

Add Shed/Antler Hunting to the next agenda

- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.