

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

March 23, 2022
Lander County Courthouse
50 State Route 305
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Vice Chairman Shawn Mariluch led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, Worth Nelson, & Larry Teske
- III. Worth Nelson motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Larry Teske motioned to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Sondra Torgerson reported to the board that the budget for the next fiscal year is due by May 1. She will be reaching out to them about which meetings they will be attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Worth Nelson had four (4) different items during public comment.

- 1) Clarification of the Shed Antler Certification. He was wondering why the certification was only needed from May 1 thru June 30. Caleb McAdoo from NDOW explained that due to kidding/lambing/fawning primarily during that time they wanted people to be certified and that is also the primary time that people are looking for sheds.
- 2) Hunting licenses have to be on you. May you use your phone? The representatives from NDOW said "yes, you can either call up the email with your license information or you can take a picture of it."
- 3) Is there an actual Area 6 Elk Plan. The representatives stated that there is. Worth asked if they are redoing the plan since the elk are almost all gone. Members of the CAB explained to him what Tom Dorham told us at a previous meeting. Currently the state is working on the overall plan and then each subplan will need to be revised.
- 4) What is happening with the Youth Antelope Hunt we have been trying to get put in place? It has to go through the TAAHC committee. Also, it will need to be put in place during a season year, which occurs next year.

STANDING COMMITTEE--Conservation Project

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Wildlife Management Area

Caleb McAdoo gave the Board an overview of the plan for the Licking Ranch. He explained that the owner reached out to NDOW three years ago about purchasing the property. Caleb

McAdoo said that when approached about purchasing the ranch NDOW would have preferred a conservation easement. Mr. Mueller did not want to do that so that is why they purchased the ranch. NDOW just closed on the property two to three weeks ago. Licking Ranch and the water rights are now a Wildlife Management Area. Their basic plan is to check it out for a while and see what needs to be done to protect the wildlife in that area. Currently it is unmanned, but that might change down the road. It is open to the public but no vehicle access. They will probably lease it for agricultural purposes. They have only made two (2) changes at this point: open to members of the public to walk and access property; and no vehicular access.

B. Discussion and possible recommendation about Nighttime Shooting Ordinance

Larry Teske made a motion to recommend to the Lander County Commissioners to keep the nighttime ordinance as it currently is. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary Torgerson will send an email to Commissioner Ancho tonight informing her of our recommendation.

C. Update from NDOW Biologist

Sarah Hale informed us about the antelope survey of Areas 14 & 15. They classified 1482 antelope with a 50 buck/100 doe ratio and 38 fawns/100 does.

They also did aerial classification of 617 mule deer over the Shoshones, West Simpson Park & Argenta. There were 45 fawns/100 does

They are currently working on the sage grouse survey.

D. Discussion and possible recommendations about the NDOW State Agenda

No particular items were discussed. Item 16A of the agenda dealt with migratory game bird seasons, and such. However, there was not any additional information asking for the Boards input.

The Board requests that the secretary resends the letter to the NDOW State Commissioners about the Youth Antelope Hunt that we have been requesting for years.

E. Discussion and possible recommendation for future agenda items

Leave the Nighttime shooting ordinance on the agenda

Youth Antelope Hunt possibly sending a letter out to the neighboring counties that would probably be for the hunt.

Adjournment

Ted McElvain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.