

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes

Date & Time: Monday August 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location : EOC Building 205 South 'A' St, Hawthorne, Nv - Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,
Members Present: Billie Williams Jr., Wayne Larson, Darren Hamrey
Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Absent: Johnny Peterson

Public Present: None

The meeting was brought to order by Glenn Bunch, Chairman at 6:00 PM

- 1* **The Board will review the Regulation Simplification Committee Report** as being presented by Commissioner Tiffany East - Informational A report will be provided on the Committee's recent meeting held on July 7, 2020.

Glenn Bunch gave the Board the information that had been forwarded to him that they wanted the advisory boards to read it and send back the recommendation as to what needed to be done with the regulation.

He stated that there was a lot of reference to the Game Warden would do this and the Dept would do that. He felt that someone with a little more authority would be making those recommendations. This regulation came from the Simplification committee. He read some of the changes as was suggested in the changes. It was also noted that this may come back before the board for discussion again at a later meeting.

After discussion of the subjects involved, a motion was made by Wayne Larson, seconded by Billie Williams, to concur with the changes as presented. Motion Carried.

- 2* **Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics, LCB File No. R035- 20** The board will consider recommendation to present to the Commission as they will consider adopting a regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 and NAC 503.1485 relating to wildlife; prohibiting the use of certain night vision equipment and devices for locating, hunting and taking game mammals and game birds; revising the definition of "trail camera or similar device"; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Chairman Bunch read the proposed regulation to the Board. He stated that after he read that, he wondered when will it end.

Wayne Larson stated that years ago there was a Las Vegas hunter in the Elko area that actually had a laser scope. And Walt Campbell, with the Dept, told him to take the scope off or he would confiscate the bow.

It was noted that as technology increases, the regulations will need to be included to updated as time goes on.

It was moved by Wayne Larson, seconded by Billie Williams to support the proposed changes in the regulation. Motion Carried

- 3* **Big Game Season Setting – Game Division Administrator Mike Scott** - Informational A presentation will be given demonstrating the need for the Game Division to begin working with the County Advisory

Boards to recommend changes to Big Game Seasons. Big Game seasons will be set in January 2021 for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons. Starting the process now may reduce the time spent discussing changes to the proposed seasons during the January Wildlife Commission Meeting.

The Board will review this process and make recommendation to Mike Scott for considerations for Mineral County for the above seasons.

Chairman Bunch noted that we have talked about having a Muzzleloader season for Antelope. It was discussed as to when the any legal weapons hunt for are 202-204, is Oct 15 – Oct 30, and 205 -208 is Aug 22 – Sept 7. So if we are going to propose a Muzzleloader Hunt to look at the other areas of the State where the hunt runs Sept 25 – Oct 7 and Aug 15 – Aug 21 pretty well statewide.

Glenn referenced a prior discussion of an antelope season in August however since it was in conflict with the Vegas to Reno race the 3rd Saturday in August, it was not approved so that we wouldn't interfere with that season. The Vegas to Reno race is this weekend, Aug 14 -15. It is always the 3rd Saturday in August. A discussion of the dates that happen in this area.

Darren Hamrey said that it could run from Sept 25 to Oct 4 same as other areas in the state. With it at the end of the 205-208 unit of Aug 22 – Sept 7; and run before the Unit 202-204 units of Oct 15 – Oct 30 any legal weapon hunts. This would give a break between the 3 hunts.

Chairman Bunch asked how the dates would work with 202-204, & 205-208 being proposed as Sept 25 to Oct 4. Will that work with the other dates?

Darren Hamrey responded that it's a pretty good deal. You have a few days in between for scouting. He felt that it was a good recommendation.

Chairman Bunch stated that we need to get in front of it and propose the season and the dates. By doing this now, we are getting in front of the curve and allow Mike Scott time to work our proposal into the seasons.

It was moved by Darren Hamrey, seconded by Billie Williams to propose a Muzzleloader Antelope Hunt for areas 202-204 & 205-208 to be held Sept 25 – Oct. 4. Discussion – None – Motion Carried.

The Board will send a recommendation to the Commission for the above recommendation for consideration during the Commission Meeting at the August 14 Meeting.

4. The Board May Review remaining items of the August 14, 2020 Commission Agenda.

Discussion of who will may take the position of the Chairman of the Commission and supporting organizations.

5. Public Comment: None

It was moved by Billie Williams, seconded by Wayne Larson to adjourn the meeting. At 6:45 PM