

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Minutes

October 30, 2023

The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) held a public meeting on October 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex). A virtual option to attend was made available.

Members Present: James Evans, Chairman; Trent Gordon; Vice-Chairman, Jayme Halpin

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Joshua Kirk, NDOW Game Biologist; Ridge Ricketts, NDOW Fisheries Biologist (virtually); Cody Byrne, NDOW Eastern Region Fisheries Supervisor (virtually); Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resource Manager; Hallee Dechambeau, CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm. 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.

Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halpin, and passed unanimously.

Review and approve the minutes from the September 14, 2023 Meeting.

Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the September 14, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon, and passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports.

None

Agency Reports

Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies.

Mr. Kirk informed the Board that some collared deer have been observed to be moving into winter range, and that NDOW is looking into planting Desert Big Horn Sheep in the Cortez range.

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Mr. Byrne introduced Ridge Ricketts, the new Fisheries Biologist stationed in Battle Mountain. Mr. Ricketts will be responsible for covering most fisheries located in Eureka County. Mr. Byrne shared with the Board that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission (NBWC) reviewed recommendations from Eureka CAB regarding Tonkin regulations at their September meeting. The NBWC supported and are moving forward with the motor restriction recommendation from Eureka CAB, however, they did not support the recommendation for a reduced fish limit or tackle restriction. They will not be moving forward with those recommendations.

Current and Emerging Wildlife, Natural Resources and Public Land Issues

Report on and discuss current and emerging wildlife, natural resources and public land issues affecting Eureka County.

There was nothing to report.

Wildlife Enhancement Projects

Discuss pinyon-juniper thinning projects, wildlife guzzlers installation, and other potential projects including fisheries and the Tonkin Reservoir Access Improvement Planning Initiative and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects including potential funding requests for the County or other entities.

Mr. Tibbitts informed the Board that Quick Silver Contracting will be beginning Pinion Juniper thinning in the Minoletti and Cottonwood seedings along the Diamond Mountain range in November. This project will be completed by the end of the year in an effort to improve Sage Grouse habitat. Mr. Tibbitts also shared that the BLM will be doing some roadside fuel breaks in that region.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material

Board may discuss and act upon any or all items on the Wildlife Commissioners Agenda for the November 3-4, 2023 meeting.

The Board reviewed the NBWC agenda for the November 3-4, 2023.

NBWC Agenda Item 8, Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management:

Mr. Gordon made a motion to continue to support. Mr. Halpin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NBWC Agenda Item 9, Commission Policy 24 – Hunting Opportunities:

Mr. Halpin mad a motion to continue to support. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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NBWC Agenda Item 18a, Commission Regulation 500 - Subdivision Map Review:

Chairman Evans made a motion to continue to request that the regulations stay within the limits of state law and go through the county process rather than making developers submit information directly to NDOW, that may not be required by counties. Mr. Halpin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NBWC Agenda Item 19a, Commission General Regulation 509 – License and Vessel

Product Refunds:

Mr. Gordon mad a motion to continue to support. Mr. Halpin seconded the motion, and the it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

By consensus, the Board set the next meeting date for Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Mr. Halpin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gordon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary

Hallee Dechambeau

Approved: _____, Chairman

Jim Evans