

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

January 20, 2020
Lander County Court House
Community Meeting Room
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chairman Scott Torgerson.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, Worth Nelson & 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 October 29, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- V. Correspondence—Shawn read the flyer about the Raven Management Workshop in Elko on April 21-23. There was discussion of someone possibly attending.
- VI. Public Comment
Jerry Annis asked to have the Lander County Conservation Board as a regular on the agenda to give an update.
Worth Nelson brought up the possibility of getting the spring fixed in Bell Creek. Board requested that secretary contact Chris Jasmine with Nevada Gold Mines to see if they might know if it is private land or whose land it is on.
- VII. New Business
 1. Advisory Board Elections
Shawn Mariluch made a motion to elect Scott Torgerson as the chair of the board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Scott Torgerson made a motion to elect Shawn Mariluch as the vice chair of the board. The motion was seconded and carried.
 2. Update from NDOW Biologist Sarah Hale.
January 13th they captured 22 sheep to relocate them to Pyramid Lake. 4 mature rams ages 1,2,3,& 4; 2 lambs (1 female & 1 male) and 16 ewes were captured. 21 of the sheep survived the transfer. They are on tribal land now so NDOW does not have control of them.

40 Mountain Quail were released in the Daisy Creek area.

There was a deer flight November 6th-8th and Sarah gave us the information they obtained. The conditions were poor and they were only able to classify 665 deer in the Shoshones and Simpsons. The ratio of fawns per 100 doe was 44 and that is lower than regular. The ratio was 26 bucks to 100 doe.

3. Update from Scott Torgerson about the October State NDOW meeting in Reno, NV. Scott told the board that NDOW showed a good video about the bridges being used to allow animals to cross highways. Canada had the bridges first and NV is one of the first states to have them in the US.

Scott told the board that they are still discussing about giving tags when a person is injured and that the person receiving the tag would retain their bonus points, but the person giving the tag would not get a bonus point.

Scott & Sondra attended a workshop during lunch where they talked about the open meeting laws and also how the budget works for our board.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation about translocating pygmy rabbits. Shawn Mariluch is concerned that the State Board is considering allowing the translocating of 30 pygmy rabbits to Washington because Nevada does not have a lot and he does not want them to go on the endangered list. Shawn made a motion to have a letter read at the upcoming state meeting asking for them to return 30 pygmy rabbits to NV after they get established. Then he amended the motion to ask the board to vote "NO" on the issue of relocating the rabbits, but if they decided to do approve the relocation that we get 30 pygmy rabbits back in a few years. The motion was seconded and carried. Shawn and Sondra will work on producing a letter that Scott will read at this weekend's state meeting.
5. Discussion and possible recommendation about State Agenda items
Ted McElvain asked about the mountain lion tags and how a person could tell how many out of the 245 tags are allocated to the areas in Lander County. Sarah Hale said she will check into it. He would like to know what number they are going by for Lander County to determine if the season is closed.
6. Discussion and possible recommendation for future agenda items
Recap of State Meeting from Scott Torgerson
Update from Biologist
Update from Lander County Conservation Board
Concerns about Smart Scope
Information/Update about Guzzler on Argenta

- VIII. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.