

## Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

January 25, 2021  
Lander County Court House  
50 State Route 305  
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

### DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Torgerson at 6:38 pm. Chairman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, Worth Nelson, Larry Teske & Scott Torgerson.
- III. Shawn Mariluch made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Shawn Mariluch made a motion to accept that the minutes from the meetings of June 22, 2020 and November 2, 2020. The motion was seconded and carried.
- V. Correspondence--  
Chairman Torgerson informed the Board about the emails that he has been receiving from James 'Trapper' Matheus and Bert Ramos. Basically, Mr. Matheus's letter expressed concern about helping wildlife and wanting to see all different entities come together to work on a plan. Mr. Mariluch went over the key points in Mr. Matheus's letter.  
  
Mr. Ramos's letter asked the board to consider some conservation projects with Lander County.
- VI. Public Comment  
Jerry Annis explained to the Board that at the state level NDOW has started a Mule Deer Enhancement Program. There is a group for Area 15 here in Battle Mountain. This program is going to go through a procedure to pick three goals to focus on and then hand them off to NDOW to increase the mule deer population. He also informed the Board that the new Conservation meeting is February 9th.
- VII. New Business
  - A. **Update from NDOW Biologist**  
Sarah told us that they recently did a ground survey on deer for 3 days. They counted 487 deer and the buck to doe ratio was 31 to 100. The fawn ratio was 57 to 100. They spent the majority of their time in Ag fields (Grass Valley Ranch, Gun Ranch, C Ranch). Mr. Teske asked her if there was a difference between the fawn ratio in the higher areas versus the Ag fields. She was surprised because the ratio was higher in areas that were not Ag Fields.  
  
As for the Rams they did a presample capture of six rams in Area 68 (Sheep Creeks) to test for pneumonia. They are planning on taking about 20 lambs and ewes and 4 young

rams to McGee Mountain. The current population is around 150 and they are hoping to boost the population. They will leave the sheep on the Sheep Creeks alone for a couple of years to let them recoup. The ratio was 46/100 for rams to ewes and 74/100 for lambs to ewes.

Sarah mentioned that the first Mule Deer Enhancement Meeting will be posted online and she will share the link so that people can view it if they want to. She made sure we were aware that there was a form to be used for recording our decisions about the seasons. She is currently working on the antelope survey.

**B. Update from Committee Members about State Commission Meetings**

The meetings are still virtual. There will be one this Friday and Saturday (January 29th and 30th).

**C. Discussion and possible recommendations about State Agenda Items**

Mr. Nelson brought up that there are 93 new hunts being added in one year. They are proposing to shut down 8 seasons. This is a lot of money to NDOW. He mentioned that we were told last year that the antelope numbers were down but yet they are trying to add 29 new antelope hunts. However, we still cannot get any progress with adding a Youth Antelope Hunt.

The Board went through the 2021 Big Game Seasons Recommendation Survey. See separate attachment (2021 Big Game Recommendation) for the list of season, motions made and results.

**D. Discussion and possible recommendation for future agenda items**

Mr. Teske requested to find out about the status of the Western Elko County Elk Plan. It was supposed to be updated every 10 years and he would like to know if that is being done.

Discuss and possibly act on the suggestions received from Bert Ramos.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.