

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

March 17, 2021
Battle Mountain Fire Hall
25 East 2nd Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mariluch at 6:03 pm. Vice Chairman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, Worth Nelson & Scott Torgerson.
- III. Ted McElvain made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Ted McElvain made a motion to accept that the minutes from the meeting in January. The motion was seconded and carried.
- V. Correspondence--there was not any.
- VI. Public Comment--there was not any.

VII. Old Business

1. **Western Elko County Elk Plan Status**

Most all of the Elk Plans in the State had a revision date. It was soon learned that it wasn't a good idea due to it taking up to 4-years to revise. It was changed that when the department, sportsmen, livestock industry, landowners, etc... asked for the plan to be revised they could do so and it would have to be completed in three months. No group has asked for the Elko Plan to be revised.

VIII. New Business

1. **Update from Ted McElvain about State Commission Meeting in January**

Ted explained that the season dates all passed. He also informed the Board that they did get rid of the Ewe tags which is something we have been wanting.

2. **Discussion on possible conservation projects with Lander County**

Shawn Mariluch talked to Doug Groves & David Bothe who are managers over the NV Gold Mine Ranches. They would be interested in any projects if it would help to expedite the project for wildlife.

The Board discussed areas for possible water projects for big game guzzlers. We need Bert Ramos to attend a meeting to move forward on the planning of any such project.

Jerry Annis stated not to forget that the Conservation District has funds that could be used to help with projects like the ones we are discussing.

3. Update from NDOW Biologist Sarah Hale

They recently completed the Pronghorn survey with 66/100 buck ratio to does & 67 fawns in Area 15.

They completed the bighorn capture in the Sheep Creeks without any mortality. Captured 20 animals (2 rams that were approximately 20 months; 4 lambs--1 female, 3 male; & 14 ewes). One of the ewes weighed 170 pounds. The sheep were relocated to Magee Mountain.

They have processed about 500 mule deer so far. They are done with the Argenta & Simpson Park areas and will be doing the Shoshones on March 18th.

Scott Torgerson asked Sarah to explain why they are adding a muzzle loader hunt to the antelope season instead of the youth hunt. Sarah informed him that she cannot do anything about the youth hunt. Tom Dorham explained that the muzzle loader hunt doesn't necessarily increase the number of tags. It is basically an additional hunt but they spread the tags for the other two hunts into that hunt based on success rate.

Ted asked Tom to explain how they will be allocating a returned tag. A returned tag can only be reallocated when it is returned at least two (2) weeks before the season starts. Now it will be a First Come, First Serve basis for people who are interested in obtaining those returned tags. The hunter will have to burn their bonus points and be an eligible hunter for that tag.

4. Discussion and possible action on the State Commissioner Agenda

Scott made a motion that the Lander County CAB is against the hounds NOT being allowed to be used to hunt bears (Item 10B). The motion was seconded and carried.

Shawn made a motion to NOT draft regulatory language prohibiting Wildlife Killing Contests. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Discussion and possible recommendation for future agenda items

Leave the conservation projects on the agenda

Receive an update from Ted McElvain about the March State Commissioners Meeting

Update from NDOW Biologist

Elections

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.