

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

May 3, 2021
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mariluch at 5:42 pm. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, Worth Nelson, & Larry Teske.
- III. Ted McElvain made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Ted McElvain mentioned that the minutes from the March meeting need to be edited to Unit 068 in Item #1 under New Business. Then Ted McElvain made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- V. Correspondence--
None
- VI. Public Comment
Jerry Annis talked about the Mule Deer Enhancement Meeting and explained that its main focus is habitat projects (site specific).

Our County put in \$250,000 for wildlife enhancement in Lander County. This can go toward water projects, birds, restocking fish for the 14 & under free fish day.

- VII. Old Business
Worth Nelson mentioned that a good project would be to slope the gravel pits in our area so that kids can go fish easier.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Election of New Officers**
Shawn Mariluch made a motion to re-elect Scott Torgerson to the Chairman position & Sondra Torgerson to the Secretary position. The motion was seconded and carried.
 - B. Request Reopening Western Elko County Elk Plan**
Larry Teske would like to see this Elk Plan reopened. Ted McElvain made a motion to write a letter to NDOW to request the Western Elko County Elk Plan be reopened. Larry and Ted will write the letter. They will get it to Sondra and she will send it out.
 - C. Restock Pond at BMHS**

Worth Nelson will check with NDOW and contact the fishery about restocking the pond. Shawn Mariluch made a motion and it was seconded and carried.

D. Update from NDOW Biologist Sarah Hale

Sarah Hale stated that they have been doing sage grouse surveys and that all but 3 will be surveyed. She said the numbers seem down and it is probably due to drought. She also informed us that the Rabbit Hemorrhagic disease is in the area and if we find a rabbit that does not show a reason for dying to contact Sarah. There will be a press release coming out about it to inform our community.

E. Update from Ted McElvain about the March State Commissioners Meeting

The issue about Wildlife game kills (coyote hunt, etc...) was a 5 to 2 vote to move forward on it. NDOW has received over 600 calls about it going both ways. The Wildlife Board will put together language to vote on it in the June meeting. They did not leave any idea of the direction that language will go.

The issue before the commissioners about the Bear versus Dogs deals primarily with guides and outfitters. The State has received 2,200 emails about it going both ways. The Bear population has increased to 700 bears. Dogs are used in every open season. The commission voted 5 to 2 to continue with the way it is currently.

They want our CAB members in on the meetings.

F. Discussion and possible action on the State Commissioners agenda

The Board acted on the Big Game Quotas Recommendations as follows:

Resident & Nonresident Black Bear--either sex-any legal weapon

Shawn Mariluch made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Resident Antelope--horns longer than ears--any legal weapon Hunt 2151

Ted McElvain made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Nonresident Antelope--horns longer than ears--any legal weapon Hunt 2251

Larry Teske made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Resident Antelope--horns longer than ears--Muzzleloader Hunt 2171

Ted McElvain made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Nonresident Antelope--horns longer than ears--Muzzleloader Hunt 2271

Larry Teske made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Resident Antelope--horns longer than ears--Archery Hunt 2161

Ted McElvain made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Resident Elk--any legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102

Worth Nelson made a motion to change the numbers to 50 in the early season and 50 in the late season. It was seconded and carried.

Resident Elk--antlered--any legal weapon Hunt 4151

Worth Nelson made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Nonresident Elk--antlered--any legal weapon Hunt 4251

Worth Nelson made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Resident Elk--Antlered--muzzleloader Hunt 4156

Worth Nelson made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.

Nonresident Elk--Antlered--Muzzleloader Hunt 4256

Worth Nelson made a motion to accept. It was seconded and carried.