

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
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The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) held a public meeting on April 28, 2022, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex). A remote, telephonic option to attend was made available.

Members Present: James Evans (Chairman), Trent Gordon (Vice-Chairman), Joe Luby (via phone)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Donham, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Eastern Region Supervisor, Samantha Fino, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Game Biologist, Chad Bliss, Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, Shasta Blackeye-Adair, Board Secretary

Call to order

Chairman James Evans called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. 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.

Vice-Chairman Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda without any changes. Chairman Evans seconded with all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting.

Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the minutes without any changes. Vice-Chairman Gordon seconded the motion with all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports

None.

Agency Reports

Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies.

None.

Current and Emerging Public Land Issues

Report on current and emerging public land issues affecting Eureka County.

Chairman Evans commented to the Board that has visited with the Eureka County Sheriff's Office in reference to the Black Point Access road and they are willing to use citations if needed. Both the current Sheriff and another Sheriff candidate are willing to

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enforce any laws pertaining to this issue. Chairman Evans also advised that he spoke his neighbor who is the BLM Fire Management Officer here in Eureka and he expressed concerns that if there were to be a wildland fire in that area, they would be unable to get equipment into the area.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects

Update on pinyon-juniper thinning project, wildlife guzzler installation, and other potential projects including fisheries, and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.

Jake Tibbitts made the Board aware that he submitted a grant proposal into the State Conservation Commission for funding for Sage Grouse for local Conservation Districts. Mr. Tibbitts shared with the Board that Eureka County was currently ranked as the top proposal. Mr. Tibbitts clarified that this grant is for projects related to Sage Grouse only.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material— the Board may discuss and act upon any or all items on the Wildlife Commissioners Agenda for the May 6 - 7, 2022 meeting.

The Board discussed only the following items on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda:

- **8. Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee Report**

8A-8H – No comments or recommendations made.

8I – Chairman Evans requested clarification on this item from Tom Donham. Mr. Donham explained how the Elk Damage Program works and the requirements to be considered for the program.

8J-8L – No comments or recommendations made.

- **9. Final Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan**

9 – It was noted that the Board previously supported this item. No new comments or recommendations made.

- **16. Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**

16A – 16C – It was noted that the Board previously supported this item. No new comments or recommendations made.

The Board discussed the Recommended Big Game Quotas for the 2022 – 2023 Season. Chairman Evans requested that the Board focus on hunting areas 13, 14, 15 and 16. The Board consented and had no comments or recommendations to each tag quota in exception of the following:

- Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered – Or – Antlerless – Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107: The Board disagreed with the quota amount

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and requested that that tags in this category be increased by 50 in area 141-145. The Board requested to remove 30 tags from the Resident Mule Deer – Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331 and 20 tags from Resident Mule Deer – Antlered Archery Hunt 1341 to provide for the increase in tags.

- Resident Mule Deer – Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331: The Board disagreed with the quota amount and requested that 30 tags be removed from this hunt in areas 141-145 and moved to Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered or Antlerless - Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107 in areas 141-145.
- Resident Mule Deer – Antlered Archery Hunt 1341: The Board disagreed with the quota amount and requested that 20 tags be removed from this hunt in areas 141-145 and moved to Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered or Antlerless - Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107 in areas 141-145.

Mr. Donham and Samantha Fino of NDOW were present and answered questions and assisted the Board by providing information as requested. Chad Bliss made comments and suggestions that are reflected in the Board’s recommendations. Due to some typo errors on the survey itself, the survey was not submitted during the meeting. Shasta Blackeye-Adair advised she would contact NDOW in reference to this and then submit the survey after the changes have been made. Clarification of the language for the above-mentioned recommendations was made and the Board consented and agreed on all of the Recommended Big Game Quotas for the 2022 – 2023 Season.

Next Meeting

By consensus, the Board set the next meeting date for June 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Evans, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gordon with all in favor. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Shasta Blackeye-Adair

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans