

Lander County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

December 13, 2021
Lander County Courthouse
50 State Route 305
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6 pm. Vice Chairman Shawn Mariluch led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Shawn Mariluch, Ted McElvain, & Larry Teske.
- III. Larry Teske motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Ted McElvain motioned to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Larry Teske read a letter that all members of the CAB received from Kailey Musso, management analyst from NDOW. The letter discussed their core mission, how misunderstood wildlife conservation is in Nevada and North America. Plus, it talked about how hunting supports our state's economy bringing in about \$400M annually.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Both Larry Teske & Ted McElvain received phone calls recently from Commissioner Kathy Ancho concerning an item that is on the December 16th agenda for the Lander County Commissioners. There is currently a nighttime shooting ordinance that has been on the books since Larry Teske began working here in 1979. Larry stated that the ordinance is to protect wildlife, people, and property. There are people wanting to remove the ordinance. This will promote poaching not to mention be unsafe. No members present will be able to attend the meeting, but the Lander County Wildlife CAB is against removing this ordinance. Game Warden Demarquis Tcherneshoff will be attending the meeting as will Jerry Annis and they both stated they would share the board's feelings in public comment.

STANDING COMMITTEE--Conservation Project

Larry Teske brought up that he is aware of 5 mule deer being killed between the rodeo grounds and the general vicinity of the white bridge. It was discussed that possibly changing speed limits would be beneficial. Also, there was discussion about asking the County to pay and put in higher fences.

Shawn Mariluch brought up that after hunting he strongly feels that if our droughts continue there will be a big need for more guzzlers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Secretary Torgerson read the letter that will be emailed to the NDOW commissioners, Kailey Musso, Missy Stanford, Joe Krimm and Tony Wossley. The letter asks for the commissioners to strongly consider adding a youth antelope to areas 141, 143, & 151-156. Plus, it asks for them to reopen the Western Elko County Elk Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update about Mule Deer Enhancement Program

Ted McElvain represents our CAB on this committee. He informed the Board that they came up with two main areas to focus on (Argenta Rim and Strawberry Spring). The Argenta Rim area is being put off and they will focus on a guzzler/fencing project at Strawberry Spring costing approximately \$30,000. Jerry Annis is also on this committee and explained that the conservation board will have this item on their January 11th agenda.

Shawn Mariluch asked if there was a way to have more of the overall tags in Area 15 be split up into areas giving more tags in areas that have more deer and fewer tags in areas (northern part of Area 15) that have less deer. Ted McElvain, Jerry Annis and Biologist Sarah Hale all felt that the Mule Deer Program committee could discuss this and bring it back to our CAB.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Setting Wage for Secretarial Position

Secretary Torgerson explained that the county manager asked for clarification on this item when she turned in a payment voucher in September. She gave the past history that was told to her. Shawn Mariluch made a motion to pay the secretary \$62.50/hour with a two-hour minimum for meetings which will include typing agendas, posting and emailing agendas, attending meetings, typing minutes & emailing minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Approval and payment of secretary voucher

Shawn Mariluch made a motion to approve the payment voucher of \$1,187.50. Motion was seconded and carried.

- V. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.