

MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
June 22, 2022

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 22, 2022.

PRESENT:	Member Jim Curran Member Timothy Gubler Member Peggy A. Hughes Member Jason Sibley Member Gary Cordes
ABSENT:	N/A

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 16th day of June, 2022, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Tim Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- May 4, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Fiscal Year 2023 Heritage Project proposals totaling up to \$1,513,377.69.

The Commission will hear recommendations from the committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,513,377.69 for projects submitted for FY23. The projects submitted by the committee are:

- Wildfire-related Restoration and Seed Purchase \$150,000.
- Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$150,000).
- 2022-2023 Bighorn Sheep Test and Remove and Monitoring (\$148,500).
- Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$100,000).
- 2022-2023 Murdock Mountain Mule Deer Winter Habitat Enhancement Project (\$100,000).
- Schell Egan Land Acquisition (\$250,000).
- Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$50,000).
- Warmwater Sportfish Stocking for Large Reservoir Drought Recovery and urban Fishing Opportunity (\$125,168).
- Morey Bench Mule Deer Crucial Winter Habitat Enhancement (\$40,000).
- Bullwhack Habitat Restoration (\$75,000).
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$40,000).
- Flint Spring Habitat Restoration (\$40,000).
- Toner Spring Habitat Restoration (\$75,000).

Proposals Submitted by Others:

- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Guzzlers (\$40,000).
- Duck Creek Aspen Restoration (\$50,000).
- The interaction between restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (year 3) (\$38,370).
- White Pine County Mastication and Brush Treatments (\$41,339.69).

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Cordes said it looks like everybody has a great focus.

Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve the Heritage Project proposals as submitted. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Duck Stamp project requests of up to \$102,00 for FY 2023 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$102,000 for projects submitted for FY23 funding from the Duck Stamp Account:

- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$15,000).
- Western Complex WMA Water Control Repair (\$15,000).
- Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvements (\$25,000).
- Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$12,000).
- Fall Flights Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000).

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve the project proposals as submitted. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Upland Game Bird Stamp projects totaling up to \$327,200 from FY 2023 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account.

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$327,200 for projects submitted for FY23 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The projects are listed as:

- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$17,250).
- Corners for Quail (\$25,000).
- Key Pittman Wildlife Food Plots (\$7,500).
- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$29,370).
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,400).
- Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$30,000).
- Overton WMA Food Plots (\$10,000).
- Big Lake PJ Removal-Cleanup (\$5,000).
- Rangeland Restoration for Greater Sage-grouse (\$20,000).
- Western Complex WMAs Water Control Structure Repairs (\$15,000).

- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$10,000).
- Effects of Mineral Development on Greater Sage-grouse (\$47,500).
- Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$25,000).
- Soil Herbicide Monitoring (\$12,180).
- Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$40,000).

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Sibley said is this just leftover money? Didn't they get rid of the Upland Stamp?

Member Curran said no. They still allocate each one based on the questionnaire. Chair Hughes said there are quite a few projects there.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the Upland Game Bird Stamp projects totaling up to \$327,200 from FY 2023 funding as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer.

The Commission will consider adopting Nevada Administrative Code 502.385 that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81st Legislative Session.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes said I thought we looked at this last time. Member Curran said I didn't detect any real changes. It is one of those hard ones to really dissect. It still looks to me like they have to die. I am not sure. After you die you have to designate the beneficiary. I don't know how you do that. Member Sibley said I think you have to put it in a will or something and it goes to a trust. Member Curran said I have read it a couple of times and I am not sure. Member Sibley said it actually says, if a holder of a tag is diagnosed as terminally ill before hunting hours begin, the holder of the tag may claim extenuating circumstances and transfer the tag to another person. You don't have to die; you just have to be dying. Member Cordes said can it be donated to a person or a non-profit? Member Curran said it does say non-profit also. Member Cordes said so, then you can sell it, right? Chair Hughes said I think it is donated.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the regulation as submitted. Member Gary Cordes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages.

The Commission will consider adopting NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served Program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Sibley said I don't know how they are going to enforce it. The part that gets me is multiple logins to a single customer's account. You have to log in every 30 seconds if you are not sitting there. What they are doing, and they reference it, is multiple browser sessions because it is on a weird clock where it refreshes every 30 seconds, so somebody will have 30 browsers open and offset them by 1 second, so then their browser will constantly be open, it is a thing, I have no idea. I know that there are some people using bots, which they have a specific reference to. It is a program that constantly refreshes with the same idea and the second it becomes available, it automatically buys it. That is what they ran into last year where a lot of people would end up with a tag they didn't want and that tag would come up 4-5 more times because of the same reason. Member Curran said I know they had some problems. Chair Hughes said we will see how it works. Member Sibley said what they really should be looking at are the people that are putting a tag in their cart and constantly go out of their cart. I don't see anywhere where it references that. I know that was an issue. They would see it and add it to their cart so nobody else could get it and then realize what it was and then didn't want that one. Then they would wait 5 minutes and it would be hours before it would come back up. After that 5 minutes, if you have not checked out, it just recycles the tag. Then the tag is suspended for 24 hours before it is reallocated. I don't know enough about it.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the regulation as submitted. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File Number R045-22 - Petition process.

The Commission will consider adopting changes recommended by the APRP Committee to NAC 501.195. This regulation was approved by the committee at their March meeting and heard for a workshop by the Commission in May. CGR 507 will now be considered by the Commission for possible adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Curran said it looks like they are just cleaning it up. Member Sibley said it looks like an attorney went through it and made adjustments. Member Curran said it says the petition process

is a natural legal process which is referencing back to the legal authority.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve the regulation as submitted. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 22-12, Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits 2022-2023.

The Commission will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals, as well as furbearers, for the 2022-2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2022 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes said I see a couple of changes. Member Sibley said what is the bobcat one about. Member Curran said the only change in that sealing date was they changed one date in Panaca. Member Sibley said it says the change will allow a person to have a single bobcat per year for taxidermy or tanning to be sealed at any of the NDOW Regional offices.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the regulation as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 22-05, Amendment #1, Heritage Tag Vendors 2023.

The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2023 and may take action on the proposals.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Curran said I wanted to ask Carl Erquiaga if there is anything that you are aware of, because you belong to these groups, if they are proposing any difference in the number of auction tags that are going to be allocated to like the Wild Sheep Foundation? Carl Erquiaga said I don't know of anybody asking for increases in any of the auction tags. I think they did something different with the Silver State Tag maybe. It seems like they created a new California Big Horn but they just took it from someplace else. I think they would have to do that legislatively to make the change. Member Curran said I have not seen any correspondence from any group trying to get anything additional.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the regulation as presented. Member Gary Cordes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: David Flanders petition regarding the use of air

rifles for hunting.

Mr. Flanders has submitted a petition to allow air rifles to hunt. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes said I did not see any supporting information on this. Pam Moore said I could not find anything, Peggy. Member Cordes said I don't get it. It says really small game. Member Curran said they have them up to 50 calibers now. They hunt pigs with the air rifles. I have trouble killing starlings with mine. It is a petition filed with the Commission, so, if they accept the petition, it will come back as a regulation. There are a few places, because of the noise involved, that are looking at some of the national forest park areas, they are looking at requiring just air rifles. There is less disturbance to the public. Member Cordes said do you pump them up? Member Sibley said they are compressed gas. They are scuba things. Member Gubler said my son has one that is 25 calibers. You put it in and pump it once and it is loaded. Member Curran said it is not considered a firearm by federal or state definition? I am sure they the Legislature will be looking at that. They can't have a Red Rider BB Gun.

Informational Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for June 24 and 25, 2022, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

Should the board want to discuss Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for June 24 and 25, 2022, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

There was no further discussion about items on the state's Agenda.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Public Comment:

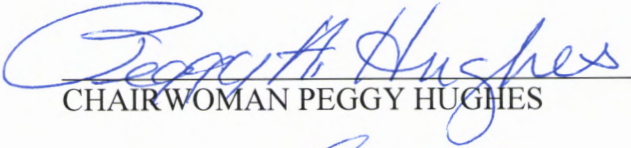
Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment. Member Cordes said I am sure Carl has something to say. Carl Erquiaga said I do not. I just came to cheer you guys on. I always learn something here. Regarding the high-powered air rifles, I certainly had that wrong. I was thinking it was to shoot quail in the city or something like that. I honestly didn't get a chance to really look at that item. I don't want anything controversial right now. Chair Hughes said thank you. We love to have you come. Member Cordes said how was your NBU Banquet? Did it go well?

Carl answered from the audience and said it was very successful.

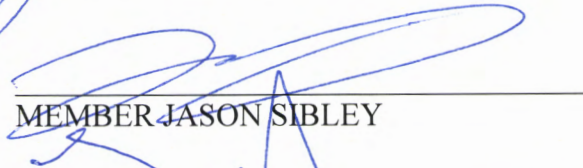
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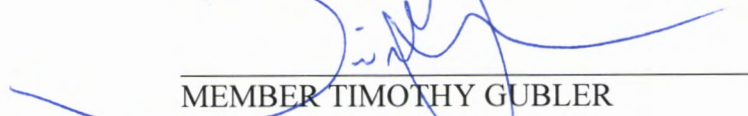
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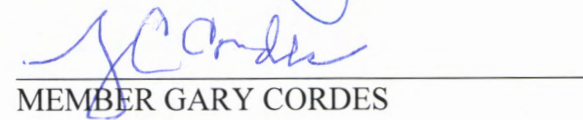
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.


CHAIRWOMAN PEGGY HUGHES

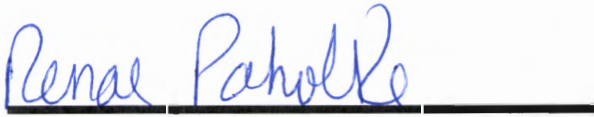

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