

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
November 2, 2022**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 2, 2022.

PRESENT:

Member Peggy A. Hughes
Member Jim Curran
Member Timothy Gubler
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore

ABSENT:

Member Jason Sibley
Member Gary Cordes

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 21st day of October, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

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

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- September 21, 2022.

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 21, 2022 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

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 Minutes of the meeting of September

21, 2022 as presented. Member Tim Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to review.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 11, Heritage Grants, First Reading.

The Commission will review Commission Policy 11 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve Commission Policy 11, Heritage Grants, as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 23, Predation Management, First Reading.

The Commission will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading. The Churchill County Advisory Board is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve Commission Policy 23, Predation Management, as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 24, Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups, Third Reading.

The Commission will have a third reading of Commission Policy 24, Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups, and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy. The CCAB has considered this policy at previous

meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Gubler said the biggest change here is to the tags. Chair Hughes said is that for the better? Member Gubler said I don't know. Splitting them up will not allow them to hunt all season; I don't know how I feel about it. It was always a fun idea that your kid could hunt throughout all three classes. That is what we did. One weekend you would try with your bow and then you try with your muzzleloader and, if you don't get one, you can go out with your rifle, but now, it is you either go with your bow or muzzleloader or rifle. I feel there is going to be a lot of leftover tags in the archery/muzzleloader side because a lot of those parents took their kids out during archery/muzzleloader because they had the opportunity to go out but they really didn't hunt hard until they took the rifle. There are still a lot of deer to kill in the archery/muzzleloader but not near as many. Member Curran said I agree. I don't know how they are going to allocate the tags. They are going to get fewer archery applicants. Member Gubler said my son will be twelve and I am not going to take him archery hunting. When he is 16, we will consider that. There is too much that can go wrong archery hunting anyway. When you are 12, it just makes it worse. We use just strictly rifle. Member Curran said that is going to decrease the number of successful tags and it is going to make it harder for a junior to draw a tag if he is only putting in for rifle. Member Gubler said if you just want to hunt area 111, for example, that gives you two chances to draw. You wouldn't go hunt muzzleloader if you wanted to use your bow.

Member Curran said they didn't provide a lot of data but I am just not sure this whole package is justified that there are that many kids. There are still always leftover in Area 10 and, if a kid is so desperate to hunt that no matter what system you have, there is going to be some unsuccessful that only applied for say Fox Mountain where there are only five tags. They want to change it to where you can only have three tags in a six year period. Up to a couple of weeks ago, they were going to drop it from age 17 down to age 16 and then they took that out. I just don't support this modification when we are trying to get youth interested in hunting. At the same time, they were going to start giving them some antelope tags, which I am not opposed to. I think that three junior tags in that 6-year period, it is 4 tags now isn't it. It is being taken from five tags to three tags. Member Gubler said does that say you can only apply for or be awarded? Member Curran said you can only apply for five years and only be awarded a maximum of three tags. The way it was written you actually can apply for five years and may not draw a tag and here it says three tags. Changing it from ages 12 to 17, that is quite a few years. I guess you just start applying as an adult and building up on the points, I don't know. Member Gubler said, like my son, his birthday is in December, so there are no junior tags that opened before his birthday of last year. There was one that opened like the 203 but it opens on the first. His birthday is on the fifth so he was still not able to apply for that but he was able to apply for some of those that opened on the fifteenth, so he has a bonus point, which will help him but he didn't lose a year of eligibility on the junior tag. He has 1 point plus five years of eligibility.

Member Curran said I tried to turn in my grandson's tag because he couldn't hunt but I forgot about the archery hunt, so I waited too late last year. That tag went wasted. I know we're going to have a lot of time to discuss this. I can't see the justification and I just don't think it will create a lot more successful hunts. It is also making it just a buck tag and the doe harvest, there are not that many juniors that shoot does. I had one grandkid shoot a doe one time. I don't know where that pressure is coming from. I think it is Humboldt County that doesn't ever want a doe killed. Member Gubler said most of those units all have doe tags. Member Curran said Areas 6, 7, and 10, I don't think 11 does anymore. I don't want to make a motion to support those changes. I don't think they are necessary. I will make a motion that Churchill County is opposed to any proposed changes in the allocation of the junior deer tags. We can always change our minds.

Member Jim Curran made a motion for Commission Policy 24 that Churchill County is opposed to any proposed changes in the allocation of the junior deer tags. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 60, Water Application Guidelines, Second Reading.

The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 60, Water Rights, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy. The CCAB has considered this policy at previous meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Policy 60 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 61, Water Rights, Second Reading.

The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 61, Water Rights, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy. The CCAB has considered this policy at previous meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Policy 61 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 62, Mitigation Policy, First Reading.

The Commission will review Commission Policy 62 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Policy 62 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 66, Management and Use of Wildlife Management Areas, Second Reading.

The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 66, Management and Use of Wildlife Management Areas, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy. The CCAB has considered this policy at a previous meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said they don't have any changes.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Policy 66 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 to provide for the Departmental review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures,

best management practices or required design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out such reviews. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said can we just say no position? Chair Hughes said they don't require subdivision maps, do they? They can be reviewed but it would be the counties to review. Member Curran said with some of the new wordage, I think some cases need to be reviewed. It is hit or miss. There is a regular definition of subdivision, so it is just not some guy's house. So many subdivisions have intercepted migration and everything else. We just don't have the expertise.

Member Jim Curran made a motion that Churchill County has no position at this time on Commission General Regulation 500. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt and Turkey Program.

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 to limit the number of successfully awarded tags in the junior hunt program. The regulation also removes hard close dates for submitting a turkey harvest return card and allows for junior turkey bonus points to convert to the adult point category once a junior is ineligible to participate in the junior hunt turkey program. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said they want to make this a 3-year tag. They may apply for no more than five years or the length of time required for the person to successfully obtain three tags for a junior hunt. Member Gubler said and you can roll your points over if you don't draw. Member Curran said for a rifle deer hunt, do those points roll over? Member Gubler said they do now. Member Curran said I don't know anything about the number of applications they have had for junior turkeys. Member Gubler said I only know of one person that has ever drawn a junior turkey tag. That one killed it in Battle Mountain.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 502 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 510, First Come First Served Exchange to Obtain a Tag.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a temporary regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 510 that would include any money, goods, or services exchanged for procurement of a tag through the FCFS program as grounds for suspension from the program. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said I think they implemented these to keep people from reserving a tag and then not taking it. They do it electronically. It pops up in maybe Eureka and they say I don't want to go there, so then they would dump it again. If you do that more than once you are blackballed out of the system; it won't let you back in. There are guys that are computer wizards that weren't sitting there watching all that but they were grabbing everything that popped up according to my granddaughter who works in that part of the office, this has really helped. There have been 4-5 people statewide who have been blackballed out of the system. They were claiming tags, like out of Las Vegas, not even realizing what unit it was and then didn't want it, so they wouldn't go to the pay section. They would just let it go and it got to where there were people offering to watch it to try to get you a tag. They were paying people to do that. That is where the exchange is. My grandson-in-law was watching for his wife but he had all her information, so he was logged into her account, which you can do. She shared his account, really.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 510 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

K- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 506 to allow for possession of a golden eagle under certain circumstances. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said this is just to come up with a permit system to allow falconers to have a golden eagle. Member Gubler said I thought that was a federal issue. Member Curran said they have to have a federal

license but it is very common among falconers with displays to have a golden eagle. This just makes it legal in Nevada to do that. They get birds turned into them.

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 506 as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department the authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 509 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

M- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-02, Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2023-2024.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and taking of raptors for falconry. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said I don't see any changes. It is just establishing the quotas, I guess.

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-02 as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

N- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-03, Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2023-2024.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve 2023-2024 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians. The Churchill

County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

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

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-03 as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

O- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, Upland and Furbearer Seasons.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the proposed changes amending the spring turkey application period and draw dates for the 2023 season. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said the only change I see is a change in the dates.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 22-12 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

P- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 508, Antler Points and Spike Elk Defined.

The Commission will consider adopting NAC 502 that would clarify definitions pertaining to "antler point" and "spike elk" for certain big game mammals and reduce the potential occurrence of inadvertent infractions. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. Member Curran said I read that as saying the eye guard on a deer is not a point. Member Gubler said but it is on a spike. Member Curran said this only mentions mule deer. Member Gubler said having one of

two antler points above the top of the ear. Member Curran said now it says no more than 3 antler points. I don't know how that makes it any more severe. Member Gubler said existing law defines the term "antler point" to exclude the first antler point on the main beam, commonly known as the eye guard on mule deer. Section 1 of this regulation clarifies that the exclusion of the first antler point on the main beam is limited to mule deer.

Existing regulations define the terms "spike elk" and "spike elk only" to mean antlered elk having not more than two antler points above the top of the ear on either antler. Sections 2 and 3 of this regulation revises these definitions to mean antlered elk having not more than three antler points on either antler.

Member Curran said I don't care how many it says, when I was out in the field chasing after that spike, I was nervous as hell. Especially that one we shot. There was nothing wrong with it, it had 2 forks. Member Gubler said but that is not a spike. Member Curran said, now it is. Now it can have three. Member Gubler said not more than three antler points on either antler. Member Curran said above the top of the ear, so they are starting to count the brow point as one of the 3. And they took the ear part of it out. That is what it sounds like. You still have a fork and in the past, as long as the brow point is still below the ear, they think this is separate. Maybe it is separate. One, two, three. Chair Hughes said I am confused. Member Gubler said I always thought that a spike was a spike and then branched, it is not a spike. They had a picture of it and a spike, what a true spike is and the difference. Usually there is a difference in age too. It is actually an inferior bull that genetically wasn't going to do much.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 508 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Q- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 510, First Come First Served Exchange to Obtain a Tag.

The Commission will hold an adoption hearing to consider a temporary regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 510 that would include any money, goods, or services exchanged for procurement of a tag through the FCFS program as grounds for suspension from the program. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. I think this was an error because we already did this one.

Informational Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for November 4 and 5, 2022, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

Should the board want to discuss Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for November 4 and 5, 2022, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

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

Consider Future Agenda Items:

Member Curran said I called to check the status of the Carson Lake Management Plan was. All they said was that they are still working on it. Originally, they said it would be about a 6 month time frame and it has been about a year now. We asked them to bring this back to our board because it could have quite an impact on Churchill County and our hunters out there. They still do not have a draft.

Deputy Clerk Moore reported that the next meeting will be held on January 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment:

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

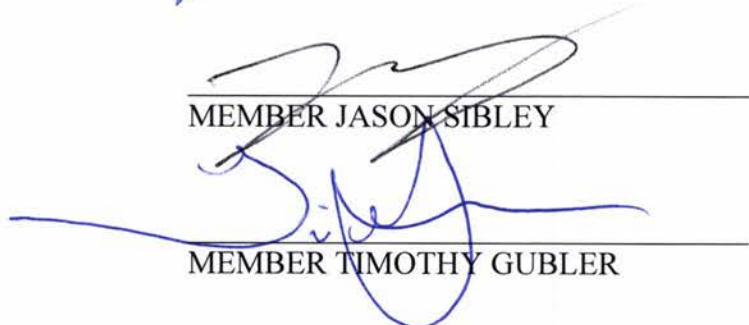
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.


CHAIRWOMAN PEGGY HUGHES


MEMBER JIM CURRAN


MEMBER JASON SIBLEY


MEMBER TIMOTHY GUBLER

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renae Paholke", written in black ink.

Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk