

LYON COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Silver Springs Senior Center

2945 Fort Churchill, Silver Springs, NV 89429

Minutes - CAB Meeting
Lyon County Wildlife CAB
March 15, 2022 at 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Joe Crawford.

Roll Call

Present Members: Walt Mandeville, Joe Crawford, Bob Arigoni, Mike Osterman,

Absent Members: Alan LaVoie (excused)

Guests: John Fitzgibbon, Isaac Metcalf Department of Wildlife Western Complex

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Participation: Mr. Fitzgibbons is here tonight as he believes this is the place he start to request change in muzzle loading optics. Right now it is open sites. There is a provision for optics but it is relative for a specific clarity not magnification. My interest is to change the regulation for people that are older and my eye sight does not seem to be improving. Even if it was 65 years and older and limited to 4 power. How would you want me to proceed the CABs role in forwarding and suggesting changed to the commission? Joe responded that he will take information and get Mr. Fitzgibbons the petition form.

3. For Possible Action: Review and Adoption of Agenda

- Bob Arigoni motioned to approve/adopt the meeting agenda, Joe Crawford seconded, the motion passed unanimously 4-0

4. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

- Bob Arigoni motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting; Joe Crawford seconded, the motion passed unanimously 4-0

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion:

Isaac Metcalf mentioned the onions at Mason Valley as it was in the minutes from the last Lyon CAB Mtg. He clarified that they are also growing garlic. Furthermore, onions are grown as a soil investment. When they first started the program the main purpose was to improve soil health. It does work and is an investment for the future of the area. After the onion fields the grains are planted for a few years. The onions get rid of the whitetop, thistle and other noxious weeds. Wheat is planted after the wheat, then onions again, then wheat for a couple of years. Geese and ducks use the fields.

Mike Osterman and Walt Mandeville discussed the waste grain left and the benefits of the grains in relation to the water fowl population.

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Isaac Metcalf mentioned that the ducks and geese use the other fields when they are hunted and they go to other fields that are not hunted.

Mike Osterman mentioned that water fowl hunters are not always reporting the fowl that they harvest at the check station in comparison to hunt areas like Greenhead.

Isaac Metcalf discussed that they do a mosaic of the fields. Having a farmer that will put the investment into it in year two and three as they are afraid they won't get their investment back. The farmer prepared the field ready to go for the next year. Contractors help in many areas such as : pulled well and made repairs, fertilizer, cleaning ditches, irrigating food plots for the NVDOW.

Walt asked if they the contractor has alfalfa plots. Isaac mentioned that they do and it is a mosaic.

Isaac stated that it is 2 years of onions, 2 years of wheat and then a 4 years of Alfalfa. The birds seem to like the wheat the most. The contractor will leave 1/3 of the field for the wildlife.

Mike Osterman mentioned the benefit of leaving wheat standing and it falls in the winter for feed.

Joe Crawford asked if there was a schedule or metric for each plot. Isaac responded that they plant on a rotation to rid noxious weeds etc.

The program with the onion / plot rotation benefits the soil. There is a variety of habitats in there.

Joe Crawford thanked Isaac Metcalf for his explanation on the crop rotation and information on the land investment for the wildlife.

6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' March 2022 Agenda:

NBWC Item #7

CAB Discussion: Concerns- Bruce Hubbard is a resident of Utah. Is he allowing people to hunt on his property? There isn't enough information

NBWC Item #8

CAB Discussion: Violated trail camera law. Suspended is guide hunting for 3 years. He can still hunt. It shouldn't be a problem.

NBWC Item #16

CAB Discussion: Migratory game bird bag limits. Comes from Federal Framework

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Northwest region quail and duck

Duck population poor with drought

Open duck season on Oct 8 to disperse people not October 15th. Either chucker or ducks.

Concern over bag limit of 7. Drought concerns and not having done a flyover of Canada in over 2 years. Canada is predicting a low hatch this year.

Ducks should be dropped back down to a 4 bird/day bag limit.

How current is the population numbers?

- Mike Osterman made a motion that the Lyon CAB recommend that the NW duck zone have a bag limit of 4 ducks instead of 7 with an opener of October 8th instead of October 15th to disperse hunters. Motion seconded by Walt Mandeville. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

7. Public participation: None

Chair comments:

- Next Wildlife Commission is scheduled for May 6th and 7th, 2022 -----Lyon CAB meeting is scheduled for 6PM on April 26th, 2022 at Silver Springs Senior Center.

8. Adjournment

Joe Crawford adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm