

Minutes - CAB Meeting

Lyon County Wildlife CAB

April 14, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting held at Fernley Intermediate School

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Joe Crawford.

Roll Call

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Participation – none

3. For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Joe Crawford motioned to approve the agenda for the April 14, 2021 meeting;
Alan Lavoie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes

Joe Crawford motioned to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting;
Alan Lavoie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion:

6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in January. (Action may be taken)

AB286 Firearm Under Covered Premises

CAB Discussion: Board members discussed that if a hunter is staying in a hotel during a hunting trip – leaving guns locked in a vehicle instead of taking them into the hotel is not a safe option.

- Mike Osterman made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB opposes *AB 286 Firearm Under Covered Premises*. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

SB344 Importation of Wild Animals

CAB discussed concerns regarding SB344 Importation of Wild Animals in the proposed bill.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the LCSD Wildlife CAB supports the SB344 amendment. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

AB2 Sagebrush Ecosystem Council

CAB discussed this is related to possible removing of language and allowing people serve on more than one board committee. This bill does not seem to really impact wildlife. If people want to serve let me serve.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the LCSD Wildlife CAB supports the AB2. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

AB234 Charitable Lotteries and Organizations

CAB discussed that the bill seems to want to add language about charitable lotteries and organizations. This could possibly effect Chuckars Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Foundation and other coalitions. An example of the effect -if an organization/ coalition did a raffle for a rifle that was valued at \$4000....they would have a very low cap on it of \$2500. Most of the money generated from these organizations is truly a donation back used for wildlife (for guzzlers etc.)

- Bob Arogoni made a motion that the Lyon CAB opposed AB234. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

AB433 SEC Program

Sagebrush Ecosystem Council – Looks like they are trying to give them the authority to spend money and add a fee. Who would pay the fee? If we have to spend an extra little bit to rebuild the habitat it is worth it. There is a lot of wildlife habitat deprivation. Many new developments and land needs to be replenished.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon CAB supports the proposed AB234 Charitable Lotteries and Organizations. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

AB84 Wildfire Prevention

CAB Discussed that AB84 sounds like it gives state forestry provisions to work with landowners and officials. CAB member mentioned that they have seen Forest service till up and reseed land that benefits the landowners that then have the landowner cattle graze – this benefits private landowners / ranchers more than the wildlife in some instances. An example shared was that when landowners cry depredation and then not let the hunters hunt on their land. Landowners and ranchers are getting the tags selling them and then not letting hunters in their land. Forestry/ organizations reseed and then they let their cattle out to graze it. They are getting the best of both worlds. Alan is not in favor of this and this needs to benefit wildlife more than the rancher. If landowners have depredation and land damage from the Elk they should have to let hunters hunt with the tags on the land.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon CAB supports the proposed AB84 **as long as it benefits wildlife**. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

SB406 NDOW Bill

CAB Discussed that this bill sounds like it wants to send people the electronic copy of the tags or receive tags by mail. Alan doesn't see a problem with an option. Mike mentioned the issue could arise with paper not being protected, getting worn out and hard to read. Joe mentioned that this may be geared towards technology more than just combining licenses. This may be going towards an electronic format.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon CAB supports the proposed AB406 and still allowing the hunter the choice between paper or electronic. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

SJR3- Proposed Amendment – American Wild Horse Campaign

CAB Discussion – Nevada needs its own funding because we have the most wild feral horses than other states. This amendment discusses using fertility control. Alan stated that he counted 10 times more horses than big game in many areas. Our land is taking a beating with wild horses and wildfire. This amendment is not doing what really needs to be done. Fertility control will not take care of the wild horse overpopulation. Wild horses breed year-round and it won't take long before the population is high again.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon CAB supports the proposed SJR3 with the caveat that they would like to see a different approach and the lethal options on the table without removing them. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

AB299 Roadkill Salvage Bill

CAB Discussion: Walt concerned about people hitting deer on purpose to salvage the deer. Alan stated that damage to your vehicle is more significant and it would be cheaper to purchase a beef. This bill states that any law enforcement officer can give a permit to salvage the animal. Why let the roadkill go to rot? Giving NDOW the skull is reasonable and should definitely be part of this bill.. Issue discussed that it could arise it to be problematic and burden law enforcement. Is there a way to lessen the burden to law enforcement? People should definitely have to surrender the horns and skull (AB299)

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon CAB supports the proposed AB299 and NDOW Amendment for the Roadkill Salvage Bill. Mike Osterman seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

AB202 Charitable Lotteries and Charitable Games

CAB Discussed that this sounds like each organization/ chapter must apply to the gaming board to get a permit for charitable lotteries. Sounds like they are trying to get wildlife coalitions to pay a fee or get a portion of the funds generated from the banquets. Why does the agency need to get involved into it?

Alan Lavoie made a motion that the Lyon County CAB oppose AB202 Charitable Lotteries and Charitable Games. Mike Osterman seconded the motion. Passed vote of 4-1.

7. Public participation: None

Chair comments:

- CAB meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at Silver Springs, Yerington Lyons Club or FIS depending on availability TBD prior to CAB agenda posting.– Next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 7 and May 8.

8. Adjournment

Joe Crawford adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm