

Chair Shea and Members,

I have had personal issues as to conduct surrounding the CAB this fiscal year and now feel a need to air those issues. As a number of you know I have long been involved with the CAB and CAB process over many years, but now feel as though the Washoe CAB is faltering at best. I say this out of a true concern not any personal attack. Please read my comments with an open mind and do remember these are my opinions and observations only.

Attendance- There exists a calendar of meeting dates and times available to all, both members and public, so no one should be late or not in attendance on a regular basis. Situations due arise over time but it appears Washoe CAB meetings are consistently taking second place to whatever else may be happening. Commission meetings are also scheduled on the CAB Calendar and there is no reason that all members can not participate on a regular basis. This year there have been five Commission meetings: August- no attendance as County had failed to appoint new members, the other four meetings only two were attended and no one was available for the others. I will state for the record that during my time as a member of the CAB (six years) we had forty five meetings and only once did we not have a member in attendance at the state meeting as the person who had volunteered to attend had an accident the weekend prior to the Commission meeting and was hospitalized. NRS 501.303 states that the Chair/ Vice-Chair shall attend or the Chair may select a member from the CAB to represent the advisory board at Commission meetings. The Chair has never had to go to this extreme nor should he but that can easily be avoided if people would volunteer. May is coming and I know the Chair has stated he will attend but consider making an appearance and seeing what the Commission is all about. While at times it is long, it is a painless venture and it allows you to meet and associate with others involved in the process. To establish those relationships will bode well for future agenda items and the knowledge which is shared by all will help to give each of you a better understanding of the who, what and why recommendations are made.

Submitting Recommendations- As I review the NDOW website I see no action reports for the past two meetings. The last report on the website is for the 11/2017 meeting. If reports are being prepared and sent to the Department there needs to be a follow up with NDOW as to why these are not being posted- all other counties are being posted. The CABMW Big Game Seasons Recommendations Summary 2017 does not should list Washoe CAB alternative recommendations which would mean that the Washoe CAB didn't submit any for consideration. I know for a fact we had numerous differences with NDOW recommendations. Yes, meeting minutes do appear but they are not consolidated and are cumbersome for the Commissioners to read especially when there are many CABs submitting their respective recommendations. The same NRS 501.303 states that the CAB will take public input and submit recommendations to the Commission for consideration.

It is a necessary evil that all members become engaged with and committed to the process. I have heard all the excuses over the years whether it be you have a job, are married, or are a mother/ father but those who served before you always seemed to make it work and you should work to that same standard. Fortunately or unfortunately you applied for the CAB and gained the blessing of the County Commission so on behalf of the county's public and the state's wildlife and habitat please step up and take responsibility. If you can't, help save the process and step down so the County can appoint someone who can make the commitment. I truly hope this is not the case and will see all of you at our future meetings so we can continue to help wildlife and habitat grow and prosper. Please remember these are my thoughts and concerns and only pertains to you as an individual if you feel it is fitting. Thank you for your time in this matter.

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