

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairperson Stan Zuber
Wes Clyde
John Valley

STAFF: Melanie Bruketta, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the advisory board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record, on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. These materials are available for review during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0016) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 29, 2007 and February 4, 2008 (1-0023) - Member Valley moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0033) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0039) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0059) - None.

6. ACTION TO ELECT CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (1-0063) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item, and circulated among the advisory board members a plaque he had presented to former Chairperson Steve Walker. He referred to the draft county advisory board manual, which was included in the commission agenda materials, and discussed the possibility of an advisory board secretary. He provided background information on the position and its associated responsibilities.

Vice Chairperson Yanuck opened the floor to nominations for chairperson. **Member Valley nominated Vice Chairperson Yanuck. Member Zuber seconded the nomination.** Vice Chairperson Yanuck called for discussion and additional nominations. When none were forthcoming, he called for a vote on the pending nomination. **Nomination carried 3-0-1, Vice Chairperson Yanuck abstaining.** Chairperson-elect Yanuck opened the floor for nominations for vice chair, and discussed the associated responsibilities. **Member Valley nominated Member Zuber**, who accepted the nomination. **Chairperson-elect Yanuck seconded the nomination** and called for additional nominations. When none were forthcoming, he called for a vote on the pending nomination. **Nomination carried 4-0.**

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7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE'S PHASE 2 WRAP UP (1-0223) - Chairperson Yanuck referred to the pertinent commission agenda materials, and advised of having communicated with Commissioner Jim Jeffress regarding this item. He related details of his conversation with Commissioner Jeffress, and advised that this advisory board had already submitted its comments to the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee ("TAAHC"). He offered to convey new information from this advisory board at the upcoming March 21st meeting.

Member Valley inquired as to the method by which the application deadline was determined. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of discussion which took place at the last commission meeting. He suggested that additional information may be provided by the TAAHC at the upcoming meeting. Discussion took place regarding the application deadline, and Chairperson Yanuck offered to inquire as to a better method for NDOW receiving survey data in order to move the application deadline forward.

8. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 8 AND 9, 2008 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0417) - Chairperson Yanuck advised of a "terrific" amount of material reviewed at the commission meeting. He provided an overview of discussion which took place regarding the youth hunt and fisheries. He referred the advisory board members to the minutes which were included in the commission agenda materials.

9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 21 and 22, 2008 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting (1-0498) - Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item, and entertained requests to pull items from the consent agenda. When none were forthcoming, he entertained a motion. Member Clyde moved to accept the consent agenda, as presented. Vice Chairperson Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

9-A. ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET AUGMENTATIONS - FISCAL STAFF DAVE HANSEN. The Humboldt and Washoe County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife are requesting the commission to approve budget augmentations to their boards for fiscal year 2008.

9-B. ACTION REGARDING APPEAL OF TODD ECKHARDT. Mr. Todd Eckhardt appealed for reinstatement of his elk and desert bighorn sheep bonus points at the November commission meeting. Action was postponed to the February meeting pending research from the commission's legal counsel. Mr. Eckhardt subsequently requested the item to be further postponed to March.

9-C. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECT REQUEST - CHAIRMAN BENTLEY. The commission's heritage committee will present a recommendation to the commission for approval of a project under NAC 501.300(3) whereby the commission determines that additional funding is available for an additional project.

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9-D. ACTION REGARDING THE WELLS RESOURCE PLAN REVISION REQUEST - GAME DIVISION CHIEF RUSS MASON. The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife has requested the commission to initiate a sub-plan revision for the Wells Resource Area Elk Plan. The commission will consider and may take action on this proposal.

9-E. ACTION REGARDING ELK DAMAGE AND INCENTIVE COMMITTEE - GAME DIVISION CHIEF RUSS MASON. The commission will hear a report and recommendation from the Elk Damage and Elk Incentive Committee, and will consider and may take action to initiate changes to the elk damage and elk incentive language.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 21 AND 22, 2008 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. A report on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting (1-0513) - Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item, and entertained comments, questions, or input.

10-A. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE

10-B. GRAY WOLF REGULATORY CHANGES - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KEVIN LANSFORD

10-C. EVALUATION OF WILD LAND BEAR COMMISSION AUTHORITY - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN (1-0526) - Member Valley expressed an interest in this item. (1-0630) NDOW Management Analyst / Legislative Liaison Kim Jolly advised that she and Wildlife Staff Specialist Kevin Lansford have been working with local governments to develop bear proof garbage container and anti-feeding ordinances. Discussion followed.

10-D. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - KEVIN LANSFORD (1-0581) - Member Valley expressed an interest as to whether this committee might also consider damage by nuisance bears.

10-E. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE GUIDE PROGRAM - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI AND STAFF GAME WARDEN CAMERON WAITHMAN

10-F. COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS TO IMPLEMENT NEVADA'S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN IN NORTHERN NEVADA - WILDLIFE DIVERSITY BIOLOGIST BRAD BAUMAN

10-G. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LAND REPORT - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

10-H. DEPARTMENT BUDGET - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

10-I. AUDIT COMPLIANCE UPDATE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

10-J. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

10-K. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

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11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR 8:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008 AS PART OF THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0836) - Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the commission agenda materials pertinent to this item, and provided an overview of the workshop agenda.

12. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP (1-1005) - Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item. He introduced the applicant, Douglas Martin, provided an overview of the interview process, and discussed the purpose and role of the advisory board. Mr. Martin responded to questions regarding his interest in serving as an advisory board member, his interest in wildlife issues, his education and career experience, his opinion on predator control, and his understanding of the advisory board's role. In response to a question, Chairperson Yanuck provided additional detail regarding the advisory board's role and responsibilities. Mr. Martin discussed his past and present employment situations, the latter of which has afforded him more free time than ever before. He discussed his passion for wildlife and, in response to a question, his availability to attend commission meetings. He discussed his interest in maintaining public access to the Carson River. Chairperson Yanuck discussed the importance of a diversity of interests represented on the advisory board. Mr. Martin discussed the mission and funding of a conservation district. Discussion took place regarding the Fuji Park urban fishing pond.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-2290) - The advisory board members discussed Mr. Martin's experience and qualifications. Chairperson Yanuck discussed details of the advisory board's annual meeting schedule and the unofficial roles of the advisory board members based on their individual knowledge and experience. Member Clyde and Vice Chairperson Zuber responded to questions regarding their education and employment backgrounds. Mr. Martin pointed out that he was applying to fill an unexpired term. Chairperson Yanuck discussed the importance of a full complement of advisory board members in consideration of advisory board attendance at commission meetings. Mr. Martin acknowledged a willingness to commit to serve as an advisory board member and to attend as many of his share of commission meetings as possible. Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion. **Member Valley moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Douglas Martin to fill the advisory board vacancy. Vice Chairperson Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Ms. King advised that the recommendation would likely be agendized for the April 3rd Board of Supervisors consent agenda.

14. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-2941) - Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of the written reports included in the agenda materials. He advised of a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 20th in Reno, and discussed a recent ruling that the decision to not list sage grouse was not properly determined. He discussed a recent meeting of the bi-state group.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-3082) - Chairperson Yanuck advised of having submitted the advisory board's budget. He noted commission meeting location as the most important factor in developing the advisory board's annual budget. He discussed the method by which the advisory board's budget is augmented each year.

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16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-3217) - Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item, and discussed the method by which the advisory board members divide up and attend commission meetings. Chairperson Yanuck advised he would be attending the upcoming commission meeting, as he is presenting at the Saturday workshop. He invited any other interested advisory board member to attend as well. He recommended that Mr. Martin plan to attend a commission workshop.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2008 in Reno. The next meeting of the CCABMW is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008 (1-3300) - Consensus of the advisory board was to hold the next meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008. Chairperson Yanuck requested the advisory board members to consider attending the May 9 and 10, 2008 commission meeting in Reno.

18. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-3330) - None.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-3350) - Chairperson Yanuck expressed an interest in agendizing discussion regarding the possibility of requiring bear proof trash containers in Carson City. Ms. Bruketta suggested inviting City staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, the Health and Human Services Department, and the Planning Division to discuss the issue.

20. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-3510) - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the March 17, 2008 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 5th day of May, 2008.

GIL YANUCK, Chair