

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, August 11, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Stan Zuber
Wes Clyde
John Valley
Tom Cavin

STAFF: Darlene Rubin, Recording Secretary
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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1. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Doug Martin was absent.
2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 23, 2008 - Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.** Staff member Kathleen King informed the Board that Item 16. - Status Reports from Staff - materials included, had not been agendized and therefore could not be discussed at this meeting.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS.** None.
5. **DISCLOSURES.** Member Valley received a call from Christopher MacKenzie regarding what had transpired at the Waterfowl Association meeting in connection with the season limit? Member Valley informed him that a board member had been present at that meeting and therefore the board had been apprised of what had taken place.
6. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PRIVATE LANDS CONSERVATION AND OPPORTUNITIES - NDOW LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**
COORDINATOR CONNIE LEE made a presentation illustrating the numerous existing and new funding opportunities available to private landowners under the Farm Bill of 2008. The bill provides incentives for the restoration and/or maintenance of projects aimed at protecting Nevada's wildlife and habitat. Jamie Jasmine, Natural Resource and Conservation Service, also made a presentation describing the agency's matching funds programs available for similar projects. A general discussion followed which revealed that although these were exceptional opportunities, few landowners had yet to take advantage of them. It was felt that word-of-mouth promotion by the agencies, meeting one-on-one with ranchers, and so on, would probably be beneficial in spreading the word and eliminating the stigma many ranchers believe is attached to participation in government programs. Moreover, Chair Yanuck remarked that while there were great numbers of landowners who would like to participate, they were simply overwhelmed by the amount of paperwork attendant to such participation.

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7. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE JUNE 27 AND 28, 2008 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING - Member Clyde reported he attended the Hunt and Tag Committee Meeting on Friday, June 27, 2008. There was discussion on what hunters' choices were, and how to work out the glitches regarding "early" and "late," and how to work out the percentages. The Saturday meeting went very smoothly. One outstanding point was the BLM memorandum and letter. The Commission was somewhat displeased about that and discussion ensued about access to wilderness areas and so forth. Apparently some promises were made to commissioners about access that is now being denied. "Access to checking on guzzlers and going in with helicopters, just hitting the ground for a five minute period and then lifting." Chair Yanuck remarked that once the "Wilderness designation is attached to an area it becomes a no-man's land," and projects that have been underway with resources allocated could no longer be done.

8. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the August 15 and 16, 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.

8-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION APPROVAL AND FINALIZATION OF THE DRAFT COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MANUAL - COMMISSIONER DAVID MCNINCH.

8-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 358; LCB FILE NO. R066-08; ELIGIBILITY WAITING PERIODS - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission will be asked to adopt language revising the circumstances under which a Nevada resident or a nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag to hunt antelope, bighorn sheep, elk, or mountain goat; and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, August 15 and for action on Saturday, August 16.*

8-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 362; LCB FILE NO. R155-08; WOLVERINES - CHIEF OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ROB BUONAMICI. The commission will be asked to adopt language to add wolverines to the list of mammals classified as protected; and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, August 15 and for action on Saturday, August 16.* **Member Clyde moved to support Items 8-A, 8-B, and 8-C on the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Member Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.**

8-D. COMMISSION REGULATION 08-02, WATERFOWL SEASONS FOR 2008 / 09 - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST CRAIG MORTIMORE. The commission will establish hunting season dates and bag limits for waterfowl, snipe, falconry seasons for migratory game birds, and a youth waterfowl season for the 2008 / 09 hunting season.

Chair Yanuck read an email from Doug Martin, included in the agenda materials, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting, regarding matters which took place at the Waterfowl Association Meeting last week.. **Member Valley moved to accept Item 8-D as presented. Seconded by Member Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.**

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9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 15 AND 16, 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.

9-A. DEPARTMENT BUDGET - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

9-B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

9-C. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

9-D. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

9-E. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE

9-F. HOLLOW MINE CLAIM MARKERS - WILDLIFE DIVERSITY CHIEF LAURA RICHARDS

9-G. APPLICATION HUNT 2008 DRAW REPORT - DON SEFTON, SYSTEMS CONSULTANTS

9-H. DEPARTMENT "GREEN TEAM" REPORT - MANAGEMENT ANALYST KIM JOLLY

9-I. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KEVIN LANSFORD

9-J. CORTEZ MOUNTAIN SHEEP TRANSPLANT - GAME DIVISION CHIEF RUSS MASON

9-K. SHED ANTLER REPORT - CHIEF OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ROB BUONAMICI.

No action taken.

10. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE VACANCY. Stan Zuber made a statement regarding his pleasure at having had the opportunity to serve on the Advisory Board and his desire to continue for another term. Each member voiced approval of and desire for Mr. Zuber to continue to serve. There were no other applicants. **A motion was made and seconded, and all were in favor of Member Zuber continuing to serve on the board.**

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE.

A recommendation will be so made.

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- 12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET.** Chair Yanuck informed that the budget has been augmented by the Department of Wildlife pursuant to what was passed at the May Commission meeting. Accordingly, the board has operating funds to attend meetings and send representatives to the various commission meetings.
- 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO JOINTLY HOST, TOGETHER WITH THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE, A BARBECUE RECEPTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 AT CRYSTAL PEAK PARK IN VERDI, NEVADA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.** Chair Yanuck informed that ENDOW Director Mayer called him in mid-July seeking assistance. There will be a joint meeting in September with the California Department of Wildlife Commissioners and the Nevada Wildlife Commission. Mr. Mayer saw this as an opportunity for a social event that would allow board members, commissioners, and NDOW staff to meet one-on-one. Due to limited funds for such an event, he asked the Advisory Board to take on the responsibility of raising the money for what would now be a cookout. The Chair proposed that Carson and Washoe advisory boards be the hosts. Board members were invited; many members had volunteered to cook. The location has been changed from Crystal Peak Park to the park behind Verdi Elementary School, which the power company donated. All of the organizations that donated funds had been invited to send two representatives. 80 to 90 people are expected to attend; the hours would be on Thursday night, September 4, 2008, from around 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A map and directions with a flyer and RSVP slip would be sent. As a consequence of those plans, and because people were often reluctant to donate money to an individual, Mr. Yanuck formed "Friends of Nevada Wildlife," a duly-registered entity, to raise the estimated \$2,000 needed; so far \$1,500 had been raised. The entity had the appropriate EIN from the IRS. Nonprofit status would be pursued. **Member Wes Clyde moved to accept the cookout activities and fund raising efforts as outlined. Member Valley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**
- 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** Chair Yanuck advised that he would be going to Eureka instead of Doug Martin, who had personal commitments. A discussion of the manual the "Operation of the County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife" would be presented. A CD was mailed to members.
- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2008 in Kings Beach, California and Saturday, September 6, 2008 in Reno, Nevada. The next meeting for the CCABMW will be on Monday night, August 25, 2008.
- 16. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF.** These items cannot be discussed at this meeting. This is an off-shoot of what was discussed at the last meeting regarding a meeting held with the city manager and followed up with a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Based upon what Mr. Yanuck gets back from the Board further action will be taken.
- 17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Chair Yanuck mentioned there was not a sage grouse item on this agenda but there should be. There is a Governor's Conservation Team meeting this Thursday, August 14, in Reno, so we will have a report on that at the next meeting. Member Zuber mentioned that Winters

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Ranch, Washoe Valley, should be included as the BLM is coming out with a plan for that area. There is a working group of which NDOW is a member and Mr. Zuber believed the Board should make a presentation; primarily to address the hunting situation. Also, the Pine Nut Plan will be coming out soon.

18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made by Wes Clyde, seconded by Member Valley, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The Minutes of the August 11, 2008, Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting **ARE SO APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2008.**

Gil Yanuck, Chair