

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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Wes Clyde
Member Doug Martin
Member John Valley

STAFF: Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (1-0013) - Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (1-0151) - Member Valley moved to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting as presented. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. (1-0016) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS. (1-0019) - Jim Davis advised that because the rifle elk season is in the agricultural areas, there won't be conflict with other hunters. He expressed concern about hunters shooting over other hunters who may be in a blind. He asked to put the item on the agenda at a later date. Chairman Yanuck asked Mr. Davis remind him to add it to the agenda before the season setting meeting.

5. DISCLOSURES. (1-0146) - None.

6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A JOINT LETTER FROM THE CARSON CITY AND DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO THE CARSON CITY OFFICE OF THE BLM REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF WILD HORSES IN NEVADA. (1-0160) - Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and Member Martin distributed a draft letter to John Axtell of the BLM from the Douglas County and Carson City CAB's. He read the letter into the record and summarized the points. In response to a question, he replied that the letter is directed to the BLM. Vice Chairman Zuber suggested that it be sent to the BLM District Manager or State Director. He added that Linda Kelly is the Area Manager. He also suggested sending it to the Carson City District Manager or Ron Wenker, State Director for Nevada. Chairman Yanuck entertained a motion. Member Valley moved that Member Martin proceed with recommendations from Vice Chairman Zuber and Chairman Yanuck to forward the letter to the appropriate authorities that were discussed. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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7. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A JOINT LETTER FROM THE CARSON CITY AND DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO THE FOREST SERVICE REGARDING THE GATE CLOSURE BETWEEN KINGSBURY GRADE AND SPOONER SUMMIT. (1-0358) - Member Martin gave background information and reviewed the contents of the letter to the Forest Service regarding moving the gate and keeping it open for an extended period. He read a portion of the letter into the record. Chairman Yanuck called for comments, but seeing none, entertained a motion. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to accept the letter as presented. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A JOINT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CARSON CITY AND DOUGLAS COUNTY DEER HERD WORKING GROUP ON HOW TO BETTER MANAGE THE DEER HERD IN NEVADA. *These recommendations may be forwarded to the Nevada Wildlife Commission.* (1-0431) - Member Martin distributed material discussed by the working group. Member Clyde advised of some good discussions and expressed hope that Washoe and Storey Counties will join the group. Member Martin added that "it's not our job to come up with a plan" but gather information focusing on the Carson Range. He asked Chairman Yanuck to extend an invitation to Washoe County and referred to the six points they discussed. Chairman Yanuck commented on recommendations by other CAB's and taking into consideration what is available to hunt in local counties. He suggested that local residents hunting in other counties could possibly provide recommendations for improving it. He noted that "predator control managed properly can be an effective tool in aiding it." He made several suggestions on what could be done noting that money will always be the bottom line. He noted that the deer herd may not be able to support large hunts. Member Martin opined that it would be presumptuous to suggest the cause and solutions. He suggested advising the Commission that some members feel the statewide population is a multi-dynamic issue that will always be cyclic. He noted that the group wants to set the foundation that sportsmen are most interested in shared resources. Chairman Yanuck expressed agreement adding that the Commission has their mind set a certain way and doesn't necessarily listen to the CAB's. Member Martin noted that they should ask regionally and not locally and put the money and effort where it is best suited. In response to a question, Chairman Yanuck clarified that the message he will take to the Commission is that the Boards have determined a reasonable approach in going forward, are reviewing the issue, gathering information and anything forthcoming will be brought to the attention of both Boards and the Commission. **Member Martin moved that the points that are made here, the mission statement and objectives be reviewed and ratified by this Board. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Yanuck expressed appreciation for their efforts.**

9. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 5-6, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (1-0771) - Chairman Yanuck advised that most of the issues at the meeting went as anticipated. He noted a considerable discussion regarding the disabled using a scope during the muzzleloader season. Member Martin opined that certain hunting associations want to sell more muzzleloaders and scopes. Member Valley suggested that a scope be used on a muzzleloader as long as it's a flintlock and not a rifled barrel.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. *All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 19-20, 2010 Wildlife Commission meeting and may*

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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. (1-0815) Chairman Yanuck entertained requests to hear items separate from the consent agenda. Member Clyde moved to accept the consent agenda as is. Member Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10-A. ACTION REGARDING APPEAL OF MR. ROBERT G. WALLIN. *The Commission will hear an appeal from Mr. Wallin on the Department of Wildlife's denial of his 2010 Master Guide License.*

10-B. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 380, APPLICATION AMENDMENT, LCB FILE NO. R155-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. *The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation change that would allow a tag applicant to withdraw or amend an application previously submitted.*

10-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 380, APPLICATION AMENDMENT, LCB FILE NO. R155-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. *The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation change that would allow a tag applicant to withdraw or amend an application previously submitted.*

10-D. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 354, SILVER STATE TAG, LCB FILE NO. R196-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. *The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation change that would establish language for the Silver State tag and drawing.*

10-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 354, SILVER STATE TAG, LCB FILE NO. R196-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. *The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation change that would establish language for the Silver State tag and drawing.*

10-F. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 381, CRAYFISH REGULATION, LCB FILE NO. R176-09 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. *The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation prohibiting the importation, transportation or possession of certain crayfish, authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue certain permits or licenses to an institutional member of the Zoological Association of America.*

10-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 381, CRAYFISH REGULATION, LCB FILE NO. R176-09 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. *The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation prohibiting the importation, transportation or possession of certain crayfish, authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue certain permits or licenses to an institutional member of the Zoological Association of America.*

10-H. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 382, COLORADO RIVER REGULATION, LCB FILE NO. R004-10 - SUPERVISING FISHERIES

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10-J. ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SPONSORING AGENCY FOR NEVADA DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST - CHIEF OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION KELLY CLARK. *The Commission is being asked to select a sportsmen's group to sponsor the annual Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest for the 2011 and 2012 contests.*

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 19-20, 2010 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.* (1-0830) Chairman Yanuck entertained requests to hear items separate from the informational reports. **Member Clyde moved to accept as is. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

11-A. CORRESPONDENCE - CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT. *The Commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and provide copies for the exhibit file.*

11-B. CABMW REPORTS ON MULE DEER OVERVIEW EFFORTS WITHIN EACH COUNTY - CABMW MEMBERS.

11-C. BIGHORN SHEEP DISEASE UPDATE - ACTING GAME DIVISION CHIEF RICH HASKINS.

11-D. LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION UPDATE - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.

11-E. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE BUDGET UPDATE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

11-F. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO UPDATE - PROFESSOR AND CHAIR KURT PREGITZER, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE.

11-G. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINES.

11-H. ALL GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND BEQUESTS TO NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PRESENTED TO COMMISSION FOR RECOGNITION - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

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11-I. TRAIL CAMERAS - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI.

11-J. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON.

11-K. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.

12. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER. *The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 14-15, 2010, in Reno; and the Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting. The Chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting.* (1-0844) - Chairman Yanuck advised that the next meeting is set for May 14-15.

13. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (1-0869) - Chairman Yanuck advised that the listing was delayed a week due to the death of a Fish and Wildlife Director. He gave background information on a species of sage grouse found in the Mono basin and Washoe County areas. He noted that the U.S. Geological Survey Group determined it to be a separate species and is being considered as a candidate for the endangered species list for which they assigned a 3 rating. He explained the rating system adding that there will be another meeting on the 24th regarding implementation of plans. He noted that the issue is putting plans on the shelf and implementing them when money or projects become available adding that the real challenge will be finding money to monitor the plan. In response to a question, he replied that the fire areas need attention but this population is in the Mono County and adjacent areas. He noted the difficulty of drawing lines of demarcation when they don't know how far it extends to the north. He explained that people with grazing permits are concerned of the implications of the bird being listed because their grazing rights will be controlled by the government. Member Martin noted that the decision was "not to make a decision" for the western states as a lot of groups are upset over it. He noted a second chance to follow through with voluntary commitments. He added that losing the hunter will lose the interest of the majority and it will become an issue between the rancher and the government.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (1-1128) - Chairman Yanuck distributed copies of the 2010-2011 budget request and reviewed the report which is incorporated into the record. In response to a question, he advised that the budget needs to be approved by the Commission.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (1-1220) - Chairman Yanuck advised that he will be attending the meeting in Las Vegas.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. *The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for May 14-15, 2010, in Reno. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2010.* (1-1286) - Chairman Yanuck advised that the next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

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17. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (1-1295) - None.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (1-1296) – Member Martin suggested keeping Item 8 as a recurring agenda item.

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT. (1-1305) - Chairman Yanuck entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 10th day of May, 2010.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman