

# **CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

## **Minutes of the November 29, 2010 Meeting**

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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, November 29, 2010, in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**Present:** Chairman Gil Yanuck  
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber  
Member Jim Davis  
Member Doug Martin  
Member John Valley

Staff: Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.** (41) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.
- 2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (51) – Vice Chairman Zuber moved to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting, as presented. Member Davis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- 3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.** (59) – None.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS.** (62) – Chairman Yanuck solicited public comments. Member Martin and Mr. Kevin (CK) Baily commented on the termination of the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Director, stating he had been doing a great job and they were sorry to see him gone.
- 5. DISCLOSURES.** (85) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and said that he had received a large packet of information from Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, which is incorporated into the record, regarding the non-resident guided hunt law, and stated it would be discussed later as agenda item 10A. He also read a petition received via e-mail, incorporated into the record, from Kathryn Bricker, opposing the proposed bear hunt, which she had submitted to Douglas County, along with supporting signatures. Chairman Yanuck said he had informed Ms. Bricker that “she had done the right thing” by submitting the petition to Douglas County where she resided. Chairman Yanuck expressed that he had also advised Ms. Bricker that any residents of Carson City could attend this meeting and “read into the minutes what their feeling is” about the proposed hunt. Additionally, Chairman Yanuck provided a copy of the report, incorporated into the record, to Mayor Crowell on the Governor’s Sage Grouse Conservation Team meeting.
- 6. REPORT ON STATUS OF FUJI PARK URBAN FISHING POND - PARK PLANNER VERN KRAHN –** (130) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and invited Mr. Krahn to elaborate. Mr. Krahn thanked the Board for the support given to the Department of Parks and recreation, and to him personally. He talked about the opening of the pond on Saturday, September 11, 2010, even though the project was accepted by the City in June, to allow it to create its own ecosystem, and the wetlands to establish themselves. He stated that heavy use was anticipated but was beyond their expectations. Mr. Krahn said that NDOW had brought 1,000 fish for the opening day. However, he continued, for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Kids’ Fishing Day, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, NDOW, and the Carson City Lions Club, additional fish and cash were donated. Despite some behind the scene glitches, the event was a huge success with the help of the Carson Flyfishing Club and the Lions Club, according to Mr. Krahn. He also mentioned that the exhibit hall, the fairgrounds, and the park had been reserved by the 4H Club, who had graciously agreed to share the location. He reported that the Mayor, the Director and other members of NDOW, game wardens and park rangers were also present for the red ribbon cutting ceremony on the same day. NDOW had provided additional 1,000 fish, making it “stocked for the winter”, per Mr. Krahn.

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(283) – Member Martin thanked Mr. Krahn and wanted to know how the Board could help, adding that they would like input from Mr. Krahn, Mr. Baily, and the fisheries’ biologists. He also wanted to know the maximum number of fish the pond could hold at any given time. Mr. Krahn responded that they were doing water quality testing, working with the EPA and the Washoe Tribe, to compare with baseline data collected prior to the pond being built. He believed that the major issue to deal with was fecal chloroform. In response to Member Martin’s question, Mr. Krahn believed that the “fish and game violations” were minimal, and that most of those fishing there were repeat users who had been advised on possession limits. Chairperson Yanuck speculated that Baily Fishing Pond was more visible and easy to access, making it a more popular place to fish than other ponds, therefore the area might receive more fish allotments. Mr. Krahn, explained that Dan Greytak, Washoe Tribe Environmental Protection and Liaison, had provided immeasurable support by bringing his expertise to Ms. Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist. He also stated that they had the ability to raise and lower the pond by 6 to 8 inches, to manage the vegetation. The unavailability of a fish-cleaning station, according to Mr. Krahn, had not been abused, but park rangers had “picked up floaters”. However, he said, they had received reports of bears at the pond’s edge, early in the morning. Using beach or lawn chairs, instead of the rocks, and making new footpath trails, Mr. Krahn continued, had already resulted in some wear. Member Valley suggested a survey booth, possibly a database managed by the Carson High School students, to track the number of fish caught, number of people using the pond, and other information to track “high and low spots”, and some trends. Mr. Baily offered to contact Chris Urquhart, NDOW Fisheries Biologist, for suggestions on data collection, and report back to the Board. Mr. Krahn clarified that the Department of Parks and Recreation managed the facility while NDOW managed the fish in the pond. He added that there may be a need for transplanting unwanted vegetation to the wetlands. He also hoped to have year-round usage of the pond, which would be based on the Clear Creek flow. Member Martin thanked Mr. Krahn for his time and report, and invited him to return for a discussion regarding wetlands and NDOT. Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, recommended installing signage regarding the presence of bears near the pond. Chairman Yanuck thanked Mr. Krahn for his dedication to the project, and stated that all the comments he had received from the public had been great.

**7. PRESENTATION TO C.K. BAILY IN RECOGNITION OF EFFORTS INVESTED IN THE CONCEPT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUJI PARK URBAN FISHING POND** (737) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and thanked Mr. Baily for “doing so much for the city”. He presented Mr. Baily with a symbolic catch and release statue that read “until we meet again”. Mr. Baily thanked Chairman Yanuck and the board, saying he was very appreciative of the gift and the recognition.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP.** (1625) – Member Martin reported that they were currently in a “wait mode”. He stated that they were working with NDOW, Douglas and Washoe counties, and that NDOW had obtained funds to do a radio collaring exercise. Member Martin added that the three boards would evaluate those results, and possibly recommend a Heritage Fund project to augment the research.

**9. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** (1658) – Chairman Yanuck reported that one of the longer-discussed issues was the “delisting of the wolf”, and that this was one of the issues they would need to take a position on. Another issue, he stated, was to incentivize people to send their applications earlier, in order to eliminate last-minute entries and overtime costs. An additional discussion item, he said was the non-trophy bull elk hunt, discussed in the previous CABMW meeting. Most of the boards, according to Chairman Yanuck, were favorable to it. Lastly, he reported on the NDOW budget issues, discussed in the minutes and included in the packets. He encouraged the board members to view the meetings, which were now being recorded, on the web site.

**10. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.**

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#### **10-A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 391, GUIDED HUNT CHANGES - T005-**

**10.** (1760) – In response to Member Valley’s request for clarification, Chairman Yanuck explained that the Nevada Guide Association had discussed the issues from a financial point of view. He stated that fewer applications resulted in loss of income to the department and to the guides. He explained that there was concern about non-residents getting favorable treatment, because they could sign with a guide, and if they were not successful, they could apply for a non-resident tag. However, he continued, the number of non-resident tags had not increased, and no extra resident tags would be issued. Mr. Cavin explained that if they were not successful in the restricted hunt, they could apply for a non-resident general draw, but could only get one point. **Member Valley moved to support item 10-A, if no extra tags were issued.** Member Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **10-B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 393, BLACK BEAR HUNT - TEMPORARY - T004-10.**

#### **10-C. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 395 - TEMPORARY - T012-10 - CHANGES TO REGULATIONS CONCERNING HERITAGE PROJECTS - CHAIRMAN RAINES.**

#### **10-D. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 394 - TEMPORARY - T006-10 - WOLF STATUS - CHAIRMAN RAINES.**

#### **10-E. WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.**

#### **10-F. BIGHORN SHEEP DISEASE UPDATE - DR. PERI WOLFF AND CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON.**

#### **10-G. AREA 10 MULE DEER BODY CONDITION ANALYSIS - GAME BIOLOGIST TONY WASLEY.**

#### **10-H. MULE DEER COLLARING EFFORTS IN ELKO COUNTY - GAME BIOLOGIST TONY WASLEY.**

#### **10-I. TRAIL CAMERAS PRESENTATION - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI.**

#### **10-J. GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND BEQUESTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES.**

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

#### **10-L. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.**

#### **10-M. PROGRESS AND FUNDING REPORT ON PHASE 1 INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC DATA ANALYSIS OF NEVADA’S MULE DEER POPULATION, FUNDED BY WILDLIFE HERITAGE TRUST - PATRICK MAXON, Ph.D. AND ELLEN MAXON, Ph.D.**

#### **10-N. DISCUSSION ON THE 2006 NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE MULE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ITS COMPLETION; THIS PLAN WAS SLATED FOR REVISION IN 2010 - STAFF BIOLOGIST TONY WASLEY.**

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**10-O. BIG GAME SEASON SETTING PROCESS - COMMISSION WILL DISCUSS THE PROCESS AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTING BIG GAME SEASONS AND QUOTAS - CHAIRMAN RAINES.**

**10-P. APPLICATION FEE COST CHARGES - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.**

**10-Q. DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP MIXING AND REPORT ON DROP DOWN HUNT APPLICATION MENU - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON.**

**10-R. REPORTS ON MULE DEER EFFORTS WITHIN EACH COUNTY - CABMW MEMBERS.**

**10-S. WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT CHANGES FOR 2011.** (1988) – Member Martin wished to discuss the establishment of a third hunt in Nevada, which was supported by this board. However, he wanted to ensure that a negative decision would not change Western Nevada’s hunting. **Member Martin moved to support the creation of a third hunt zone in the State. Member Davis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Member Martin also supported the hunting of the Tundra Swan, but was concerned about the expansion areas, stating that the length of Tundra Swan season was dependent on the number of Trumpeter Swans that were killed. **Member Martin moved to recommended raising the Trumpeter Swan harvesting quota from 5 to 10, to guarantee the Western Nevada season.** The motion was seconded by Member Valley and carried unanimously.

**10-T. REVIEW OF COMPLETED 2011 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**11. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** (843) – Member Martin moved to remove items 11F and 11G from the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

**11-A. COMMISSION REGULATION 11 - 01 - RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS.**

**11-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 11 - 02 - NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2011 - 2012 - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS.**

**11-C. ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM FERAL HORSE COMMITTEE, HORSE MONUMENT AND LETTERS AND / OR RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMISSION - MIKE STREMLER, CHAIR.**

**11-C(A)** The Commission may approve, modify, create, or deny a letter to the Nevada State Water Engineer in reference to the issue of giving water rights meant for wildlife to wild horses.

**11-C(B)** The Commission will discuss the Pickens Horse Monument in eastern Nevada, may provide guidance to staff on the matter, and may approve, modify, create, or deny a resolution and / or letter on the matter.

**11-D. ACTION REGARDING CABMW BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 - ASO III DALE HANSEN.**

**11-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 391, GUIDED HUNT CHANGES - T005-10 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.**

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#### **11-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 393, BLACK BEAR HUNT - TEMPORARY - T004-10 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. (876) –**

Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin mentioned that a packet containing 500 petition signatures was distributed, however, none that he was aware of, came from sportsmen. He wanted to understand how many of the petitioners were Nevadans, or how the signatures were obtained. Chairman Yanuck mentioned Mrs. Bricker's letter, previously mentioned in Item 5. He felt that 20 bears was a very small percentage of the population, and was not certain if the petitioners had been aware of the NDOW research regarding the black bear hunt. Member Martin questioned whether this would have an impact on the nuisance bears or on recruitment. Mr. Lackey explained that recruitment into the population in the model would include both juveniles and immigration, and that it was sustainable. He added that some nuisance bears may be targeted, but that it would not be a permanent fix, until human food, as an attractant, was removed. Member Martin received confirmation that black bears were being hunted on the California side. Tom Cavin, NDOW Commissioner, said he had received an e-petition containing over 400 signatures, however, he was uncertain how they could be validated as residents, without applicable address information. **Member Martin moved to support General Regulation Number 393, Bear Hunt – Temporary – T004-10. Member Valley seconded the motion.** Chairman Yanuck called for discussion. Member Martin stated that he was pleased, as a sportsman, to see a sustainable population of a big game animal that can be hunted. He also commented that this would not be a form of control of nuisance bears. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **11-G. ACTION REGARDING FINDINGS OF MULE DEER RESTORATION COMMITTEE. (317) –**

Member Martin reported that there were several statements of findings, however, he could not recommend approval of the committee's recommendations, without knowing the sources or the scientific basis of the findings. **Member Martin moved not to support the recommended plan as presented. Member Valley seconded the motion.** Chairman Yanuck called for discussion. Member Valley commented that he disagreed with some of the recommendations. Chairman Yanuck also commented that there were no scientific findings to support a position, even though he agreed with some of the issues presented. He believed other species shared the ecosystem and faced the same problems, and should not be expensed for deer restoration. Chairman Yanuck called for a vote. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **11-H. ACTION FOR EARLY APPLICATIONS FOR THE BIG GAME DRAW - CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BOB HAUGHIAN.**

#### **11-I. ACTION REGARDING WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH WILDLIFE AGENCIES (“WAFWA”) 2011 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - CHAIRMAN RAINES.**

**12. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM. (2232) –** Chairman Yanuck reported that several meetings were held with representatives from California, and that a bi-state meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2010 at Smith Valley High School. They had also exchanged information with the Wyoming conservation group, as both groups faced the same situations, per Chairman Yanuck. He stated that a unique sub-species had been found in the bi-state area, which would be reviewed annually to improve the habitat, and to stave off an endangered species listing. Chairman Yanuck offered to have more information at the next meeting.

**13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (2329) –** Chairman Yanuck informed the Board that the budget would be submitted in February. He proposed to distribute copies at the February meeting.

**14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (2346) –** Chairman Yanuck

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reminded the Board that he would be attending the upcoming Wildlife Commission Meeting in Reno next Friday and Saturday.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** (2444) – Chairman Yanuck notified the Board of the upcoming meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011.

**16. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF.** None.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** (2470) – Member Davis requested discussing the hunting seasons in general, and overlapping seasons in particular. It was suggested discussing it in February.

**18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT.** (2537) – **Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

The minutes of the November 29, 2010 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2011.

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**GIL YANUCK, Chairman**