

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, December 3, 2012, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

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

Staff: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:30:10) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Martin arrived at 5:55 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:30:33) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Fred Voltz suggested that Advisory Boards take an official position to support a teleconferencing option for Wildlife Commission meetings for audience participation. He also suggested that Advisory Boards support trap registrations, and decrease visitation from 96 to 24 hours. Mr. Voltz noted that proposal of new legislation was being considered; however, he suggested that this Board consider taking action in support of his suggestions.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:34:59) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Member Davis moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 4-0. Member Valley moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 4-0.**

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:37:05) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to adopt the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by member Valley. Motion carried 4-0.**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES. (5:38:24) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and stated that he had received a phone call from the Nevada Houndsmen Association suggesting that the Board support the utilization of dogs for bear and lion hunts. He also noted that he had encouraged the caller to attend tonight's meeting as this item would be discussed.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP. (5:39:03) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and suggested postponing the item until the arrival of Member Martin. (6:00:30) – Member Martin noted that no updates were available as the group had not yet met.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:40:12) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and updated the Board on the previous Wildlife Commission meeting. He stated that the Lake Mead Hatchery water had been too warm to raise trout. He also noted that “the trapping and trail closure issue in Las Vegas was accepted”. Discussion ensued regarding weather conditions prohibiting trappers from accessing their traps. Chairperson Yanuck added that lack of dollars creating enforcement issues for the Aquatic Invasive Species, on-line tag applications, and the northern Nevada wild horse sanctuary were also discussed. He reminded the Board that a segment-by-segment video was also available for viewing.

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8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (6:00:41) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and noted that many County Advisory Board had difficulty recruiting volunteers and maintaining quorums, adding that this was not the case in Carson City. He explained that several of the members on this Board had been reappointed as there were no new applicants, and questioned how the new Board of Supervisors regulations would affect this Board. Discussion ensued on the implementation of the new regulations. In the form of public comments, C.K. Baily confirmed that there was not a pool of applicants to choose from. Member Martin clarified that in discussions with the City Manager, he had learned that the members’ timeline to serve would be effective at the time of the new regulation approval. Discussion ensued regarding recruitment and appropriate noticing, in addition to the influence of the Advisory Boards on the Wildlife Commission.

8-A. COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT, AND COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

8-B. ANALYSIS OF MULE DEER ANTLER POINTS AND MEASUREMENTS PRESENTATION - GAME DIVISION STAFF SPECIALIST TONY WASLEY.

8-C. BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE, STRATEGIES, TIMING, AND OPENING DATES / DAYS DISCUSSION, INCLUDING AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE – GAME DIVISION STAFF SPECIALISTS MIKE COX AND TONY WASLEY.

8-D. WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.

8-E. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.

8-F. TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN ROBB.

8-G. PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER DREW.

8-H. SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - SECRETARY MAYER.

8-I. HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER WALLACE.

8-J. LITIGATION REPORT - SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

9. REGULATION WORKSHOP ITEMS. (6:30:18) – There was no discussion or public comment on this item.

9-A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 421, LCB FILE NO. R160-12 - PARTY APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERRING BONUS POINTS - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

9-B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 420, LCB FILE NO. R159-12 - SELECTION OF TAG ALTERNATES - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:28:33) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin moved to accept and support the consent agenda as is with the exception of items 10A. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Zuber. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Mr. Voltz suggested internet-based meetings as a cost-saving mechanism (agenda item 10G). Chairman Yanuck mentioned that many of the members do not request reimbursement and incur the costs as a personal expense. He also called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0.

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10-A. For Possible Action: TAG APPLICATION - PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT TAG APPLICATIONS ONLINE-ONLY BEGINNING IN 2013 - OPERATIONS DIVISION CHIEF BOB HAUGHIAN. (6:42:14) – Member Valley suggested providing access and support to those who have no internet, possibly setting up a computer at the library or at the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) office. He gave the example of his 80-year-old father who hunts avidly but has no internet access. Chairman Yanuck expressed concern over many residents in rural Nevada who had dial-up connections only. He explained that this discussion had taken place previously and explained that NDOW had a responsibility to make tag applications accessible to the public. Discussion ensued about the location and it was suggested that any “city office” or “NDOW” office would be appropriate. Member Martin noted that 3,000 members statewide had applied via paper applications. It was agreed the Department had a responsibility to make the technology accessible to the four or five percent of the applications processed through the mail. Member Martin noted that alienating 50-60 Carson City residents for cost-saving purposes was not a viable option. It was suggested to involve the sporting organizations to set up and help those without access. Member Davis suggested having the County Advisory Boards (CABs) involved to facilitate the application process. **Member Valley moved not to support this regulation as written, but support the availability of limited applications through CABs, for those who do not use the internet.** The motion seconded by member Davis. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. C.K. Baily noted that cell phone coverage was also not readily available in many parts of Nevada. Motion carried 5-0.

10-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 13-01 - TAKING OF RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY FOR 2013 / 2014 - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS.

10-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 13-02 – NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2013 / 2014 - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS.

10-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 13-03 - BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND DEADLINE INFORMATION - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

10-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 421, LCB FILE NO. R160-12 - PARTY APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERRING BONUS POINTS - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

10-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 420, LCB FILE NO. R159-12 - SELECTION OF TAG ALTERNATES - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. 10-G. For Possible Action: WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (“WAFWA”) MID-WINTER AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES – CHAIRMAN ROBB.

10-G. For Possible Action: WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (“WAFWA”) MID-WINTER AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES – CHAIRMAN ROBB.

10-H. For Possible Action: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - CHAIRMAN ROBB.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (7:08:24) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and noted that he had spoken at a Range Management Association meeting regarding the role of the “average sportsman” in the conservation efforts. He noted that \$11 million were spent in the last seven years by volunteers. He added that 150 projects were completed in the last 7 years and 50 more were “in the works”.

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (7:15:03) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the new system was working well.

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13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (7:16:28) – Chairman Yanuck announced that he would be attending the meeting on Friday and Vice Chairperson Zuber would be attending the Saturday meeting.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (7:17:42) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (7:17:45) – There were no reports from Staff.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:18:10) – Chairman Yanuck suggested agendizing the discussion of teleconferenced Commission and Committee meetings, and the registration of traps.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT (7:24:10) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however none were forthcoming.

18. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:25:02) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. **Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

The minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 28th day of January, 2013.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman