

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, June 17, 2013, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room B, 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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:30:00) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:30:20) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Fred Voltz stated that the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) website did not contain an agenda or meeting information regarding this Advisory Board's meeting. Mr. Voltz also noted that this meeting was not noticed in the Nevada Appeal and requested that the agenda be placed on the NDOW website. Mr. Voltz received clarification from Staff that meeting schedules and agendas could also be found on the City's website.

3. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:33:27) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Vice Chairman Zuber moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

4. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:34:53) – Member Martin moved to adopt the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 5-0.

5. For Possible Action: ELECTION OF CCABMW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. (5:53:17) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and noted that he had forwarded a copy of AB168 to the Board, addressing the make up of the County Advisory Boards. He also stated that per the Carson City's Board, Committee, and Commission Policies and Procedures published on September 6, 2012, an election for Chair and Vice Chair would be held today, followed by new elections in January, 2014. **Member Martin moved to nominate Chairman Yanuck to serve as Chair for the balance of the 2013 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Member Davis.** Chairman Yanuck noted that he had discussed the timing of the elections with the City Manager. Member Davis expressed concern over “changing horses mid-stream”. Vice Chairman Zuber reminded the Board that Chairman Yanuck would still have to attend the Wildlife Commission meetings because he chaired the Finance Committee. Chairman Yanuck entertained other nominations and public comments and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 5-0. Member Valley moved to nominate Vice Chairman Zuber to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Motion carried 5-0.** Discussion ensued regarding Commission Meeting attendance, and it was confirmed that Board members other than the Chair could attend Commission meetings.

6. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES. (5:49:58) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Valley noted that he had received public input regarding agenda item 9H, requesting the publication of a “waiting list” for returned tags in order for applicants to better prioritize and manage their schedules. Chairman Yanuck indicated he would bring the item up during the tag allocation meeting.

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7. For Possible Action: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP. (5:53:18) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin indicated that the meetings will now take place quarterly and not monthly.

8. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:53:44) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and provided highlights from the past Commission meeting, noting that this Board's request to increase the tags from seven to 10 was approved. He also reported on discussion regarding sustainability of wild horses as a result of recent drought years, especially in certain areas.

9. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 21 AND 11, 2013 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (6:00:41) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and entertained input from Board members. Member Martin requested discussing agenda item 9B.

9-A. Informational Item - 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY AND COMMISSIONER DREW. A session report on the 2013 Legislature and NDOW's tracked legislation will be presented.

9-B. Informational Item - TRAIL CAMERA USAGE - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is requesting development of a regulation to limit trail camera usage before and during hunting seasons to preserve and maintain ethical hunting practices. (6:02:55) – Chairman Yanuck noted that he had relayed Member Davis' concerns about the trail cameras being disruptive. Member Martin agreed with the ethical issues posed by Douglas County; however, he was concerned about creating regulation that did not address all issues, including those who recreated on public lands without realizing the disruption caused to hunters. Discussion ensued regarding hunting on public lands and the role of guides. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Mr. Voltz believed it would be difficult to control the commercialization aspect of hunting in the Internet age, and expressed concern over enforcement with so few officers. He was also concerned about the unfair advantage created by the use of trail cameras and other technology items. **Member martin moved to inform the Wildlife Commission that this Board supports, in concept, the letter by Douglas County as it relates to the commercialization issues regarding trail camera usage; however it does not support an outright ban of trail camera usage.** The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

9-C. Informational Item - TRAP REGISTRATION UPDATE - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. A report will be provided on trap registration legislation and expectations provided from the legislature.

9-D. Informational Item - WHITE PINE COUNTY FISHABLE WATERS REPORT - CHIEF OF FISHERIES JON SJOBERG. A fisheries status report on Cave, Comins, and Bassett Lakes will be provided.

9-E. Informational Item - WILD HORSE UPDATE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR RICH HASKINS. A report will be provided on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

9-F. Informational Item - SAGE GROUSE AND SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL UPDATE - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY AND COMMISSIONER DREW. An update on the status of the sage grouse will be provided, as well as an update on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council.

9-G. Informational Item - DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY. Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

9-H. Informational Item - TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE ("TAAHC") - CHAIRMAN ROBB. A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

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9-I. Informational Item - LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL KRISTEN GEDDES

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:48:39) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Valley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

10-A. For Possible Action - DUCK STAMP REQUEST - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MARK FARMAN AND MIKE ZAHRADKA. The commission will review and may take action to approve projects submitted for funding from Duck Stamp funds. The total cost for the proposed FY 2014 Duck Stamp projects is \$142,950.

10-B. For Possible Action - UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MARK FARMAN AND MIKE ZAHRADKA. The commission will review and may take action to approve projects submitted for funding from Upland Game Stamp funds. The total cost of projects for the proposed FY 2014 Upland Game Bird Stamp projects is \$271,050.

10-C. FINANCE COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE CHAIR GIL YANUCK AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES

(1) **Informational Item - FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMITTEE CHAIR GIL YANUCK.** The commission will hear a report from the Finance Committee Chair Gil Yanuck.

(2) **For Possible Action - FY 2014 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.** The commission may approve budgets for county advisory boards to manage wildlife for FY 2014.

10-D. WILDLIFE HERITAGE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES

(1) **Informational Item - HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMISSIONER WALLACE.** The commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Heritage Committee chair.

(2) **For Possible Action - FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND FISCAL YEAR 2012 HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSIONS.** Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the commission may approve requests for extension of 2013 Heritage projects.

(3) **For Possible Action - FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND FISCAL YEAR 2012 HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION.** Pursuant to NAC 501.300, the commission may approve reallocation of unused Heritage funds from a previously-approved 2012 project to any other previously-considered 2012 project application.

(4) **For Possible Action - FISCAL YEAR 2014 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS.** The commission will hear the recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve project applications for 2014.

10-E. For Possible Action - WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK INCENTIVE AND DAMAGE ARBITRATION PANEL - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON. The commission will consider input provided by the White Pine County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and may take action to select three appointments to the White Pine County Elk Incentive and Damage Arbitration Panel to serve for the next two years (NAC 502.42283 and NAC 504.430).

10-F. For Possible Action - COMMISSION REGULATION (“CR”) 12-06, AMENDMENT #2 - SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS CHANGES FOR SAGE GROUSE, BLUE GROUSE (DUSKY AND SOOTY), AND WILD TURKEY - 2013 - 14 SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST SHAWN ESPINOSA. The commission will consider recommendations and make possible changes to the existing CR 12-06 to modify regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for sage grouse, blue grouse (dusky and sooty), and wild turkey for the 2013 - 14 season.

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10-G. For Possible Action - COMMISSION REGULATION (“CR”) 13-07, AMENDMENT #1, HERITAGE TAG VENDORS - COMMISSIONER WALLACE. The Heritage Committee chairman will provide the committee’s vendor recommendations to the commission for possible action regarding the 2014 tags.

10-H. For Possible Action - BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015 - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST SHAWN ESPINOSA. The commission will review and may take action to approve the Department’s proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

10-I. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER McBEATH, CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON, AND LARGE CARNIVORE STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY.

(1) **Informational Item - WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT (“WDMC”) COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER McBEATH.** The commission will hear a report from the WDMC committee chair.

(2) **For Possible Action - FIRST READING OF REVISED COMMISSION POLICY #25, WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT - COMMISSIONER McBEATH.** In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy #25, Wildlife Damage Management.

10-J. For Possible Action - BEAR AWARENESS - CHAIRMAN ROBB. The Commission will discuss and consider drafting a letter soliciting the involvement of additional entities to assist with bear awareness education.

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (6:51:14) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that his only issue was the reporting by various county treasurers to the Wildlife Commission. He attributed the issue to “a myriad of little things” and noted that he had provided a spreadsheet and an augmentation process for county treasurers and boards to use. Chairman Yanuck also stated that this Board’s budget was \$200 less than requested, but noted that they would be “okay”.

12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (6:56:55) – Chairman Yanuck stated that he would be representing this Board at the upcoming Wildlife Commission meetings, in addition to fulfilling his duty as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

13. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for August 2 and 3, 2013 in Fallon. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Management Wildlife is, therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2013. (6:57:17) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item, noting that he would be attending the Fallon meeting.

14. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (6:57:37) – There were no additional items from Staff.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:02:01) – Vice Chairman Zuber requested an update from BLM regarding their management plan. Mr. Voltz requested an update on the wild horse management in particular.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:59:36) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. M. Voltz requested information on the implementation of the budgeted purchase of the audiovisual equipment for those wishing to attend future NDOW meetings. Chairperson Yanuck suggested agendizing the item for the next meeting.

18. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:08:35) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. Vice Chairman Zuber moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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The minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 29th day of July, 2013.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman