

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday August 11, 2014 • 5:30 PM
City Hall Capitol Conference Room
201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members:

Chair – Doug Martin
Member – James Powell
Member – Gil Yanuck

Vice Chair – Stan Zuber
Member – John Valley

Staff:

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:34:12) – A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	
James Powell	Absent	
John Valley	Absent	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:35:15) – CK Baily reported that due to significant runoff from the Topsy Lane area into Baily Pond, the September Kids Fishing Day will be postponed to May 2, 2015. Chairperson Martin noted that this day might coincide with the Ducks Unlimited event and wished to coordinate an afternoon activity with Mr. Baily.

(5:58:58) – Joel Blakeslee of the Nevada Trappers Association, clarified that he was speaking as a private citizen and expressed concern that [the Commission's] regulation language was being written prior to County Advisory Board (CAB) input. He wished to see such language originate in workshops.

(5:39:41) – CK Baily was informed that trespassing would be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2014.

(5:40:09) – MOTION: I move to accept the June 16, 2014 meeting minutes as written.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVER:	Zuber
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell, Valley

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

(5:40:24) – Chairperson Martin suggested discussing agenda item 6 after the arrival of Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager.

(5:41:00) – MOTION: So moved.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell, Valley

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES.

(5:41:16) – Member Yanuck disclosed that he had been contacted by Supervisor Karen Abowd regarding an injured deer on a residential property. He noted that the deer had to be put down by the Sheriff's Department, and instructed all residents not feed or give water to wildlife.

(5:45:49) – Vice Chairperson Zuber noted that he had received several emails regarding agenda item 8D and trespassing regulation changes.

(5:46:05) – Chairperson Martin disclosed the receipt of several emails regarding agenda item 8D. He also noted that he had discussions with Mr. Guzman and Myrna Zumwalt, Secretary/Treasurer of the Sierra Nevada Retriever Club. Chairperson Martin also disclosed receiving a phone call from the Chairman of the Lander County Wildlife Advisory Board regarding future discussions on elk hunting practices.

6. Informational Item: PRESENTATION BY OPEN SPACE / PROPERTY MANAGER JUAN GUZMAN REGARDING THE PRISON HILL / SILVER SADDLE RANCH AREAS, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF A “WATER DOG” FACILITY AND THE TRANSFER OF BLM PROPERTY TO CARSON CITY.

(6:41:30) – Chairperson Marin introduced the item and Juan Guzman, Carson City Open Space Manager.

(6:45:25) – Mr. Guzman gave background and distributed a draft copy of the Open Space Management Plan for the Andersen and Jarrard Ranches, incorporated into the record. He also noted that he was in favor of using the wetlands as a retriever training facility since it did not involve any other enhancements such as a parking lot, paved roads, etc. Mr. Guzman gave the archery range as an example of using the land as is. He also stated that an attorney for the landowners was not opposed to the idea; however, he wished to receive input from his clients.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:56:51) – Myrna Zumwalt, Secretary/treasurer of the Sierra Nevada Retriever Club, and Joe Reinhardt, a member of the Club introduced themselves. Mr. Reinhardt and Ms. Zumwalt agreed with Chairperson Martin that the concept of using the property for retriever training was not to disturb the agricultural operations, burden the

lessees, or disturb the nesting waterfowl and the grazing cattle. Mr. Reinhardt explained that the dog events he had attended and judged had made a difference in the economies of cities in which they were held, generating tourism dollars. He also offered to work with Mr. Guzman to make the project a reality.

(7:07:21) – Member Yanuck agreed that with the assistance of the Sierra Nevada Retriever Club, the area could be maintained and taken care of. Discussion ensued regarding the different types of uses.

(7:22:07) – Mr. Guzman gave an update on the transfer of Silver Saddle Ranch from BLM to Carson City. He also invited everyone to an Open Space Management Plan open house on Monday, August 18, 2014, 3-5:45 p.m. in the lobby of the Carson City Community Center, and later to a public hearing on the same day, starting at 6 p.m. during the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting.

(7:26:31) – Chairperson Martin and the Board thanked Mr. Guzman for his service over the years and congratulated him on his retirement.

7. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(5:47:41) – Member Yanuck reported on the Wildlife Commission meeting he attended on behalf of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW). He stated that the Heritage Projects were passed, and incomplete projects had received extensions and funds were carried over. Member Yanuck also gave a status update on the wild horse litigation, crossbow usage, CAB budgets, and upland game and furbearer seasons and limits. He stated that a dinner was hosted by the “miner’s association” as well. In response to a question by Chairperson Martin, Member Yanuck explained that there was much confusion regarding the “what” and “why” of trapping regulations.

8. For Possible Action: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: *The items addressed hereunder are consent agenda items. They are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Although a member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether or not to pull an item from the consent agenda. There will be no public comment unless an item is pulled for separate discussion and action.*

(5:59:54) – MOTION: I move to support agenda item 8A as is, and to remove agenda items 8B, 8C, and 8D from the consent agenda for discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVER:	Zuber
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell, Valley

8-A For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-11 AMENDMENT NO. 1 - APPLICATION PROCEDURES / DATES - TURKEY HUNTS - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

8-B For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-01, MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND WEBLESS BIRD SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WATERFOWL AND WEBLESS BIRDS, PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS - 2014 - 15 SEASON - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST RUSSELL WOOLSTENHULME, WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE ZAHRADKA

(6:01:02) – Chairperson Martin gave background and introduced the agenda item. He also noted that the reason there is a break in the season is to accommodate youth hunts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

(6:05:40) – MOTION: I move to support the proposed waterfowl hunt as proposed by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW).

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell, Valley

8-C For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 450, TRAP VISITATION, LCB FILE NO. R087-14 - ACTING GAME WARDEN CHIEF PAUL DANKOWSKI.

(6:06:10) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and identified two issues: the connection of the visitation to hunt units and the already-existing rule of prohibiting firearms in congested areas.

(6:08:15) – Member Yanuck cited many reasons such as weather or breakdowns, indicated by the trappers, for not being able to visit a trap within 24 hours.

(6:14:30) – Vice Chairperson Zuber expressed his opposition to the proposed regulation. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of domestic animals being trapped.

(6:17:02) – Mr. Blakeslee noted that SB 213 prohibited trapping within half a mile of private dwellings in Washoe and Clark Counties. He also noted that he had not received a clear answer when questioning the shortened visitations. Discussion ensued regarding the use of firearms in congested and residential areas.

(6:21:02) – Russell Woolstenhulme of NDOW explained that the restrictions are for any county with a population of over 100,000. He also noted that he measured “trap nights” in addition to the number of traps, adding that the perception was that frequently checking the traps would reduce the suffering of an animal. Discussion ensued regarding the latter, and Member Yanuck noted that it would be counter-productive for a trapper to leave an animal in a trap for long periods of time.

(6:31:22) – MOTION: I move that the Carson City Advisory Board not support the proposed trapping regulation and to retain the 96-hour trap visitation.

(6:32:25) – Vice Chairperson Zuber noted that he was in favor of the Motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:33:10) – Bob Brunner stated that SB 213 required NDOW to “consider” the new regulation. He also cautioned against unintended consequences, citing examples of traps placed by non-professional trappers that have caused issues. Mr. Brunner indicated that when trap times are shortened, trappers would set them closer to the roads and congested areas.

(6:36:20) – CK Baily explained that dog owners had a responsibility to keep them on a leash, and wished to see the trap visitation timeframe remain unchanged.

(6:38:22) – Mr. Blakeslee explained the process he used for checking his traps which would allow each one to be checked every 48 hours.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVED:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell, Valley

8-D For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 451, DEMERIT POINTS FOR TRESPASS AND TRAP VISITATION VIOLATIONS, LCB FILE NO. R088-14 - ACTING GAME WARDEN CHIEF PAUL DANKOWSKI.

(7:29:19) – Vice Chairperson Zuber stated that he had no issues with the idea of demerits; however, this particular proposal included a private land clause, which might involve accidental trespassing and would amount to twelve points. Member Yanuck agreed that hunting and fishing activities may cause one to enter a private property accidentally and questioned the reason behind the high demerit point consequence. Discussion ensued regarding ways of accidentally ending up on private property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:43:10) – Mr. Brunner gave some historical background on the origination of the proposed regulation. He also expressed concern that the trespassing demerits are equal to “shooting a bighorn sheep out of a helicopter”.

(7:46:36) – Mr. Blakeslee noted that he understood the trespass laws “at the county level”; however, he noted that “anytime something bad happens we change the regulation”.

(7:48:39) – Chairperson Martin clarified that the agenda item addressed both the trap visitation and trespassing demerits.

(7:48:57) – Mr. Blakeslee explained that the regulation changes were a result of several personal issues between an individual and law enforcement, and provided historical information.

(7:54:02) – Mr. Baily expressed his displeasure over the regulation changes and cited several examples of unmarked areas that would be considered trespassed property unbeknownst to hunters or fishermen.

(7:58:58) – MOTION: I move that the Carson City Advisory Board [to Manage Wildlife] oppose the proposed regulation.

There were no additional public comments.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVE:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell, Valley

9. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS OF THE AUGUST 15 AND 16, 2014 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(8:02:25) – Previously discussed.

10. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

(8:02:31) – Chairperson Martin stated that he would attend the upcoming August meeting in Fallon, Member Yanuck would attend the September meeting in Las Vegas, and Vice Chairperson Zuber would attend the November meeting in Reno.

11. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING. *The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for September 12 and 13, 2014 in Las Vegas. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is, therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014.*

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(8:04:03) – Member Yanuck suggested Inviting the new City Manager, and noted that he had already invited him verbally.

(8:05:04) – Vice Chairperson Zuber requested inviting BLM regarding their resource management plan.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(8:05:54) – Mr. Blakeslee thanked the Board for their time and stated that all the Advisory Boards he had been in contact with had recorded similar votes regarding trapping.

(8:06:50) – Mr. Baily was informed that members of the public could attend the Commission meetings. Mr. Blakeslee clarified that the workshops would take place on Friday and the discussions would take place on Saturday.

14. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (8:10:52) – Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Yanuck. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 8th day of September, 2014.

DOUG MARTIN, Chairman