

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday June 19, 2017 ● 4:00 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Robert Boehmer
Member – Gene Green
Member – Stan Zuber

Vice Chair – Doug Martin
Member – Gil Yanuck

Staff

Dan Yu, Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:03:14) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Robert Boehmer	Present	
Doug Martin	Present	
Gene Green	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	
Stan Zuber	Absent	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:04:08) – Led by Chairperson Boehmer.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:04:35) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. CK Baily requested that the Board discuss items 8C, 8D and 12, and wished to hear the Board’s opinions on the items. Chairperson Boehmer advised that Mr. Baily also follow the reports posted on the Commission’s website.

4. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2017 and May 8, 2017.

(4:09:33) – MOTION: I move to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2017 and May 8, 2017 meetings.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

5. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(4:10:30) – **MOTION: I move to discuss item 11 immediately after item 7, and item 9 immediately after item 11.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

6. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES

(4:12:26) – There were no disclosures by Board members.

7. Informational Item: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

(4:13:02) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Vice Chair Martin noted that he did not have any new information, adding that the City has continued to post updates regarding urban wildlife on its website. Chairperson Boehmer reported that he had received two calls from Riverview Park area residents that two dogs were attacked by coyotes in the last month and had recovered from their injuries. Vice Chair Martin advised informing Open Space Administrator Ann Bollinger of the incidents and suggesting she communicate the hazards of walking pets in wildlife area. Chairperson Boehmer reminded the public of keeping dogs on a leash for their safety. Member Yanuck informed the Board that in the past the City had received assistance from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW).

8. For Possible Action: CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

(For additional information on the action items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/). *The items agendized hereafter, as 8-A through 8-D, 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.*

(4:58:29) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Vice Chair Martin requested to pull item 8-D from the consent agenda.

8-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 466, PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE DRAWING, CHANGES TO NONRESIDENT RESTRICTED DEER TAG, AND CHANGES TO BIG GAME RETURN CARD QUESTIONNAIRE DEADLINE, LCB FILE NO. R140-16 - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation defines the term “main drawing;” revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, Partnership in Wildlife drawing, and main drawings for tags are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the Partnership in Wildlife drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. *A workshop was held in Las Vegas on March 25, 2017. The commission directed the Department to hold a second workshop due to questions the commission had; i.e., (1) What are the effects on the applicant and the party if the applicant is drawn for the Partnership in Wildlife tag?; (2) Why are the predator and / or other fees not collected when applying for Partnership in Wildlife tags? The nonresident process for applying for Partnership in Wildlife tags was also discussed. A second workshop was held for this regulation on May 13, 2017. The commission did not have any recommended changes and all questions were answered adequately. The commission asked to proceed with an adoption hearing.*

8-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 17-06, AMENDMENT #1, 2018 HERITAGE TAG ORGANIZATION / VENDOR SELECTION AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS - MANAGEMENT ANALYST MAUREEN HULLINGER. *The commission will consider selection of the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors / organization recommendations.*

8-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION CR 16-13, AMENDMENT #1 - UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2017 - 18. *The commission will consider amendments to this regulation for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2017 - 18.*

8-D. For Possible Action: DRAFT NEVADA AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN - FISHERIES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR JON SJÖBERG AND WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KAREN VARGAS. *The commission will hear a report on Nevada’s Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, which is intended to provide guidance to aquatic invasive species control and prevention programs in the State of Nevada and enhance coordination and effectiveness of aquatic invasive species control efforts in Nevada and regionally, through establishment of an interagency Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group. The commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the draft for the August meeting.*

(4:59:55) – Chairperson Boehmer gave background on the item. Vice Chair Martin relayed his discussion with Wildlife Staff Specialist Karen Vargas and had been informed that they were not coordinating with the Aquatic Invasive Species Program in the Lake Tahoe Basin. He also cited the invasive species now present in Nevada waters and recommended trying “to make a statement regarding what are the barriers to having a reciprocity program and are those barriers insurmountable or surmountable?” Chairperson Boehmer updated the Board on his conversations with Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg and his receipt of similar information. Member Yanuck explained that he had responded to a complaint about carrying “a spare drain plug” to drain the water out of the boat after each use, and had informed the individual that it was for the long term protection of the water. Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:13:31) – Mr. Baily gave examples of how other states such as Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Wyoming perform their inspections, and believed “Nevada is also doing its chore”. He wished to have a similar process for Lake Tahoe.

(5:17:39) – Fred Voltz suggested addressing the issue with the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority (TRPA), since two-thirds of the lake resided in California. There were no additional public comments; therefore, Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:18:53) – MOTION: I move that the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board notify the Commission that we support the Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan and their efforts in Aquatic Invasive Species. In addition, we ask them to consider adding to the plan a description of the process and the potential of creating a reciprocity program with the Tahoe Regional Planning [Agency’s] inspection program.

(5:20:11) – Member Yanuck inquired about enforcement and Vice Chair Martin explained that the Tahoe Basin’s Aquatic Invasive Species Program is run by the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, which falls under the purview of TRPA, and reviewed the “complex” process.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Green
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

(5:24:50) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda above.

(5:24:55) – MOTION: I move that this Board support the remaining Consent Agenda items [8-A, 8-B, 8-C], as written.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

9. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF BUD OGAN’S REQUEST FOR THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT OPENING DAY FOR UPLAND GAME SEASON.

(4:43:30) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and explained that Bud Ogan had reached out to the Commission and to many CAB members for support of his request to establish a set opening day for Upland

Game Season. He also stated that he had advised Mr. Ogan to petition the Clark County CAB and attend the Commission meeting. Vice Chair Martin interpreted the request to coincide with the opening day of Mule Deer Season or the first Saturday in October. Chairperson Boehmer referenced a conversation with and an email he had received from Mr. Ogan which specified his request for a set opening day for the Upland Game Season. Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the request. Member Yanuck suggested hearing the responses of other CABs. Chairperson Boehmer stated that he could not personally support the request without data from NDOW and its biologists. Vice Chair Martin believed that combining both opening days would create noise and impede the deer hunt. Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments.

(4:55:31) – Mr. Flowers noted that the item had not been heard at the Washoe County CAB meeting; however, he agreed that the Big Game Hunt should be separated from the Upland Game Hunt, adding that seasons are set “every couple of years” for the latter. There were no additional public comments. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(4:56:57) – MOTION: I move that this Board not support this request, and that we have a good process currently in place specifying when the season is and that the season opens in a manner to reduce crowding rather than [increasing] it.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

10. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS AS PART OF THE JUNE 23 AND 24, 2017 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. *Other than those items listed under the CCABMW consent agenda (item 8 above), the remaining items on the attached June 23 and 24, 2017 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda typically require no action of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Occasionally, one or more advisory board members may have a desire to discuss these items and such discussion may result in action in the form of advice or a recommendation by this advisory board to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. There will be no public comment unless action will be taken on an item.*

(5:26:10) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Vice Chair Martin reported that under the Wildlife Commission agenda item 12-A, the fee simplification bill had passed as a last-minute item. Chairperson Boehmer noted that he had monitored the bill closely and believed that it was designed to be “as revenue-neutral as we possibly can get”, even creating savings for some. He also entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNOR SANDOVAL REGARDING FUTURE APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF NRS 501.171.

(4:17:6) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and acknowledged the presence of Rex Flowers in the Audience. Vice Chair Martin noted that this agenda item was requested by him and believed that the County Advisory Boards should “fulfill their statutory duty” in recommending appointees who have demonstrated their knowledge of wildlife and issues to the Governor. He noted that he had known former Washoe County Advisory

Board Member Mr. flowers, who had expressed interest in the appointment, for “a decade” and wished to recommend him for an appointment. Member Yanuck stated that he had personally written a letter of recommendation to the Governor regarding the appointment of Mr. Flowers, and was pleased to see him present at this meeting “so that we can show our support”. Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:21:05) – Mr. Flowers introduced himself and noted that he had submitted the appropriate paperwork to apply for the appointment by the Governor. He also gave background on his qualifications, indicating that he was a native Nevadan who had held hunting, fishing and, at times, trapping licenses since 1961. Mr. Flowers noted that he had served on the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and had chaired it for three years. Among other qualifications, Mr. Flowers stated that he was a current director of the Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife, and believed he would receive support from several Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and from individuals throughout the State. He also informed Chairperson Boehmer that he was retired and resided in Reno. Vice Chairperson Martin inquired about the role of County Advisory Boards (CABs) in the Commission’s decisions. Mr. Flowers indicated that “the first duty of a Commissioner was to the wildlife and to the CABs. He believed that some of the current Commissioners were familiar with issues, especially in their CABs, and wished to see more CAB participation and more frequent quota-setting meetings. Member Green stated that he did not know Mr. Flowers; however, he agreed about “how little participation there is from some of the CABs”. Vice Chair Martin suggested having “an attendance report card”. Discussion ensued regarding attendance and participation of CAB members and Mr. Flowers gave the example of rural counties such as Nye County where Pahrump was two hours away from the County Seat in Tonopah, which he believed was an issue.

(4:32:12) – Fred Voltz recommended interviewing all potential candidates prior to endorsing one’s appointment, and believed recommending one candidate “does not seem to be appropriate for this Board”. Member Yanuck thought Mr. Voltz had “a good comment”; however, he was not aware of who was being considered for such appointments and noted that he was only aware of applicants upon receiving emails from other individuals or organizations. Member Green believed that applicants should come to organizations and seek endorsements.

(4:36:01) – MOTION: I move that this Board support the appointment of Mr. (Rex) Flowers to the Wildlife Commission and that this Board transmit such a letter to the Governor’s Office.

(4:36:29) – Chairperson Boehmer invited Deputy District Attorney Yu to “provide an opinion on NRS 501.171”. Mr. Yu noted that “based on my interpretation of that provision, it’s pretty clear cut...and it’s within the purview and jurisdiction of this CAB to make that recommendation for the nomination.” Chairperson Boehmer reiterated Vice Chair Martin’s comments that this CAB “does not have any authority in the appointment process”. He also received confirmation from Mr. Yu that it was up to the Chair to entertain additional public comment.

(4:40:12) – Mr. Baily stated that he “would be thrilled to have Mr. Flowers on the Commission”.

(4:40:38) – Mr. Voltz inquired whether other potential appointees were aware “that this CAB or any others were going to be endorsing candidates”. He also believed that the obvious candidates to start with would be incumbents who would be looking to be reappointed.

(4:41:23) – Bobbie McCullom noted that a more appropriate way to notice the item would have been to name Mr. Flowers as the candidate since he was the only attendee.

(4:41:55) – Mr. Flowers explained that he had heard third hand that two Commissioners had been given extensions in order to give the Governor’s Office the opportunity to appoint three individuals instead of five, this year and two incumbents had submitted letters for reappointment.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

12. Informational Item: REPORT FROM NDOW STAFF AND DISCUSSION REGARDING FISHERIES REESTABLISHMENT ON BASSETT AND COMINS LAKES.

(5:29:10) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and stated that he had reached out to NDOW to invite a representative to address the item and had been informed that they might not be able to attend this meeting. He recommended postponing the item. Chairperson Boehmer reported that he had received an inquiry from a member of the public regarding the two lakes from a member of the public as well.

13. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE JUNE 23 AND 24, 2017 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LAS VEGAS AND THE AUGUST 11 AND 12, 2017 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN MINDEN.

(5:31:20) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and explained that Member Yanuck would not be able to fly to Las Vegas as a result of surgery. Vice Chair Martin and Member Green indicated they had conflicts at that time; therefore, Chairperson Boehmer noted that he might be able to attend for one day on Friday, adding that no videoconference locations were available in the Northern Nevada area.

(5:34:00) – Chairperson Boehmer offered to attend the August 11 and 12, 2017 meeting. Vice Chair Martin stated that due to the proximity of the meeting location in Minden, multiple members may attend.

14. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING.

(5:34:38) – Chairperson Boehmer announced that since the August meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for August 11 and 12, 2017, the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will be tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2017.

15. Informational Item: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:36:05) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comment on the item. Mr. Voltz referenced agenda item 7 and suggested a discussion on the Carson City leash law with the Board of Supervisors and recommended an ordinance change. He also cited several bear incidents in certain areas near Carson Tahoe Health due to unsecured garbage cans, and requested that Member Yanuck, who is a hospital board member, follow up on the actions to be taken by the hospital. Mr. Voltz also suggested that the other commercial areas such as Western Nevada College and the nearby senior care center also secure their trash dumpsters. Member Green stated that his grandchildren walk to school in the area and that they had seen bears there as a result of the trash cans.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:40:31) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Mr. Baily announced that Baily Pond at Fuji Park was open for fishing; however, he suggested using caution due to flooding in the area. He also noted that dogs were prohibited in the pond area but were allowed in the dog park on the west side of Fuji Park.

17. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(5:42:07) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion. Member Yanuck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Martin. Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

The minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 7th day of August, 2017.

ROB BOEHMER, Chair