

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, June 21, 2021 • 4:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Board Members

Chair – Gene Green	Vice Chair – Daniel Thompson
Member – Corbett Fleming	Member – Robert Boehmer
Member – Kirk Stewart	

Staff

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:36:55) – Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Gene Green, Chair	Present	
Daniel Thompson, Vice Chair	Present	
Corbett Fleming	Present	
Robert Boehmer	Absent	
Kirk Stewart	Present	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:37:53) – Led by Vice Chairperson Thompson.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:38:21) – Kevin “CK” Baily introduced himself and thanked the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department staff as well as the Board for repairing and resetting the floating Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) fishing platform at Baily Fishing Pond. He also wished to thank Paramount Iron and Handrail, Inc., Newt Concrete Construction, and Connolly Crane Service as well as Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Director Jennifer Budge, Carson City Parks Superintendent Dave Navarro, Jr., Carson City Parks Operations Manager Dan Kastens, Carson City Park Maintenance Worker Bill Anderson,

Carson City Parks Operations Coordinator John Doran, and Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Biologist Chris Burkhard.

(4:41:47) – Chairperson Green commented that “what we had to do as a board over the past year has been a disaster.” He stated that he would not have kept the public “out” of the meetings if he could do something different, as the Members did not know when members of the public were on the conference phone line unless they made it known, and, according to the mandate, the Board only had to take public comment at the beginning and the end of the meetings. He believed the mandate excluded the public and noted that a WAB meeting was canceled due to the inability to get the conference phone line open for public comments. He added that virtual meetings can come with multiple problems.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 3, 2021.

(4:44:47) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(4:44:56) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to approve the May 3, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 4-0-0.

5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

None.

6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE MAY 7 AND 8, 2021 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(4:45:26) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and reported on the May 7 and 8, 2021 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting, which was held remotely via Zoom.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

The items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. A member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, but the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether to pull an item from the consent agenda. (For additional information on the items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/ under agenda and corresponding support material).

(4:59:01) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained requests to pull items from the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairperson Thompson wished to pull items 7-A and 7-F. There were no other requests.

(5:01:14) – Member Fleming moved to accept the Consent Agenda recommendations with the exception of items 7-A and 7-F. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

7-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO OFFER COMMENT TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LITIGATION REPORT. *At its June 25, 2021 meeting, a Deputy Attorney General will present to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners a report on litigation, as an informational item. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the litigation.*

(5:01:43) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Thompson informed the Board that the Carson Lake area was transferred over from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the State to be managed by NDOW, and he requested that the Board comment in support of the continuation of litigation to fight for the water rights “to get enough water into the [Carson Sink] to maintain its current status as a major migratory spot for various waterfowl and migratory birds.” Chairperson Green agreed with Vice Chairperson Thompson’s statement.

(5:05:31) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to approve a comment by Chairperson Green on behalf of the WAB regarding the concern about the continuation of the waterflow into the Carson Sink area to keep that viable hunting area. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 4-0-0.

7-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO OFFER COMMENT TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE REPORT. *At its June 25, 2021 meeting, a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the final Legislative Committee Meeting and Legislative session update. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the Legislative Report.*

7-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING RECOVERING AMERICA’S WILDLIFE ACT. *At its June 25, 2021 meeting an update will be provided on Recovering America’s Wildlife Act, H.R. 2773, a bipartisan act that, if passed, would provide up to \$1.3 Billion in funding to fully conserve Species of Greatest Conservation need and fully implement state Wildlife Action Plans.*

7-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 20-12, AMENDMENT #1, 2021-2022 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS. *At its June 26, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2021-2022 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2021 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2022.*

7-E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 21-07 AMENDMENT #1, 2022 HERITAGE TAG VENDORS. *At its June 26, 2021*

meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for 2022 and may act on the proposals.

7-F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 21-13 AMENDMENT #1, 2021-2022 SEASONS, BAG LIMITS AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS. *At its June 26, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider amending the Overton WMA dove application portion of the Commission Regulation to allow for application to be submitted electronically and for the draw to be conducted by the Department licensing vendor, Kalkomey, for the 2021 season.*

(5:06:09) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Thompson wished to request that the Commission reconsider the opening of the dates to be towards the end of October 2021 or the first of November 2021. Member Stewart was in favor of making the start date November 2021.

(5:12:25) – Member Fleming moved to request that the Commission reconsider opening the dates to November 1, 2021 with no break in the season for the whole 120 days. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

***** **END OF CONSENT AGENDA** *****

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING HUMBOLDT COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN COT MEMBER APPROVAL *At its June 25, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve replacement members to fill vacancies on the Humboldt County Elk Sub-Plan Coordination and Oversight Team. Replacement members have been recommended by the appropriate organizations represented by the vacant positions to be approved by the Nevada Wildlife Commission as per language in the Humboldt County Elk Plan.*

(5:13:39) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member discussion; however, none was forthcoming. No formal action was taken on this item.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. *At its June 25, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.*

(5:15:02) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:15:35) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to support agenda item #9. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. At its June 25, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- 2021-2022 *Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant, Test, Remove, Monitoring, and Research Programs* (\$161,950)
- *Wildlife Related Restoration and Seed Purchase* (\$150,000)
- *Wildlife Water Development – Emergency Water Haul* (\$50,000)
- *Izzenhood WMA Mule Deer Winter Habitat Restoration Project* (\$71,850)
- *Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement* (\$75,000)
- *Pole Canyon Conservation Easement* (\$200,000)
- *Nelson Creek Mule Deer Improvement* (\$57,750)
- *Smith Valley Habitat Restoration* (\$75,000)
- *Whistler Mountain Pinyon/Juniper Hand Thinning* (\$40,000)
- *Argenta Rim Mule Deer Enhancement Project* (\$75,000)
- *Optimizing management towards maximizing brood habitat for Greater Sage-Grouse* (\$50,000)
- *Mule Deer radio-collaring study in Northwest Nevada* (\$324,099.24)
- *Area 6 Elk Mortality Investigation* (\$85,000)
- *Moose Monitoring* (\$20,000)
- *Common Raven Monitoring* (\$30,000)
- *Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada* (\$30,000)

Proposals Submitted by Others

- *Milk Ranch Spring and Habitat Enhancement* (\$90,000)
- *Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon Juniper Removal* (\$50,000)
- *Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Guzzlers* (\$41,000)
- *Restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (phase 2)* (\$69,521)
- *Quantifying the influence of feral horses on Greater Sage-Grouse populations in Nevada* (\$5,900)

(5:15:57) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:18:40) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to support agenda item #10. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 4-0-0.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2022 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. At its June 25, 2021 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear a report on the Committee's recent meeting, and the Commission may approve an estimated amount of

\$36,526, to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards, as requested, to Manage Wildlife budgets for Fiscal Year 2022.

(5:19:54) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:22:48) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to support agenda item #11. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING WILDLIFE CONTESTS. *At its June 25, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may discuss Wildlife Contests. The Commission may provide direction to the Department regarding Wildlife Contests for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting.*

(5:23:03) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:24:17) – Member Fleming moved to support agenda item #12. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST. *At its June 26, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve up to \$118,600 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Duck Stamp Account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:*

- *Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvement (\$40,000)*
- *Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support FY22 (\$10,000)*
- *Eastern Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)*
- *Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)*
- *Mason Walley WANA Prescribed Burn (\$20,000)*
- *Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Water Conveyance Improvement Projects (\$20,000)*
- *Washoe Dam Repairs (\$16,000)*

(5:24:34) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:26:33) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to support agenda item #13. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST. *At its June 26, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve up to \$341,081 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:*

- *Bi-State Sage-Grouse Coordinator (\$45,000)*
- *Bi-State Sage-Grouse Monitoring within the Mount Grant and Desert Creek Population Management Unit (\$22,500)*
- *Desert Creek Weed Treatment (\$2,500)*
- *Estimating Greater Sage-Grouse Vital Rates (\$22,500)*
- *Greater Sage-Grouse monitoring (\$44,440)*
- *Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)*
- *Monitoring Greater Sage-Grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$22,500)*
- *Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-Grouse in the Desatoya Mountains of Central Nevada (\$22,500)*
- *Montana-Humboldt SGI Spring Protection (\$15,000)*
- *Native Seed Acquisition for Private Landowner Transition to Native Seed Production (\$14,000)*
- *Nine-Mile Unit Riparian Monitoring (\$19,400)*
- *Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$19,400)*
- *Virginia Mountains Greenstrip 2021 (\$22,500)*
- *Mormon Mountains Post-Fire Restoration (\$20,000)*
- *Assessing Impacts to Sage-Grouse from Anthropogenic Noise in Nevada (\$50,000)*
- *Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement (\$18,750)*

(5:27:52) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:29:45) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to support agenda item #14. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 4-0-0.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023. *At its June 26, 2021 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.*

(5:29:58) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained Member comments and discussion.

(5:31:18) – Vice Chairperson Thompson moved to support agenda item #15. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE JUNE 25 AND 26, 2021 MEETING IN WINNEMUCCA AND AUGUST 13 AND 14, 2021 MEETING IN TONOPAH.

(5:31:30) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and noted that he would attend the June 25 ad 26, 2021 meeting as well as the August 13 and 14, 2021 meeting.

17. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:37:04) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained suggestions for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:37:11) – Chairperson Green entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

19. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(5:37:42) – Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

The minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 2nd day of August 2021.