

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2006 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Walker
Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Wes Clyde
Jennifer Derley

STAFF: Kathleen King, 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, on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. These materials are available for review during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0009) - Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Zuber was absent.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 6, 2006 (1-0013) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to accept the minutes, as submitted. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0017) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0021) - C.K. Baily advised that trout from Fritsch Elementary School will be deposited tomorrow, as part of the Trout in the Classroom program. In response to a question, he advised this year's program has been very successful. The strain was from Eagle Lake in Montana and there was an approximately 95% survival rate. Mr. Baily further advised that the Fuji Park pond project is moving along. He has been invited to an upcoming Ormsby Sportsmen's Association ("OSA") meeting to provide a status report. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that, at their last meeting, the Wildlife Commissioners commended all those who participated in the Trout in the Classroom program. In response to a question, Mr. Baily advised that the trout would be deposited at the Ambrose-Carson River Natural Area on Tuesday, March 28th.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0092) - Member Clyde advised that the OSA requested a status report on the Fuji Park pond project. Mr. Baily is scheduled to make the presentation on Tuesday, April 18th. In response to a question, he discussed the OSA's interest in the project.

6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 2006 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0111) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised this was a long meeting. He referred to the draft minutes included in the commission agenda materials. He reviewed discussion which took place regarding the difference in on-line application fees for residents and non-residents, and allocation of left-over non-resident tags. Discussion took place regarding the method for

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returning drawn tags due to hardships. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed discussion regarding Commission Policy 24, various petitions, standardized season openings, and legislative issues.

7. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 31 and April 1, 2006 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting (1-0425) - Chairperson Walker suggested opening items 7-D, 7-E, 7-F, 7-G, 7-H, and 7-I. **Vice Chairperson Yanuck so moved. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** (1-2114) Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to accept the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7-A. ACTION REGARDING LICENSE AGENT APPEAL - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON. Dick's Sporting Goods of Henderson is requesting an appeal of cancellation of license agent authority.

7-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #1, GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSION - COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS. The Commission will have the second reading of amendments to existing policy for guidelines in the transaction of business and official duties and be asked to take action to adopt revised commission policy.

7-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #10, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AND VENDORS - DOUG HUNT. The Commission will conduct a second reading for revisions to auction tag processes and be asked to take action to approve minor amendments to the existing policy.

7-D. ACTION REGARDING WHITE PINE COUNTY TRAILS - KAREN BOEGER. The Commission will hear a report regarding recreational trails in pending Congressional legislation and be asked to establish and distribute a policy position (1-0441) - Discussion took place regarding OHV use, the cost of enforcement and enforcement responsibilities associated with registration of OHVs. Chairperson Walker related details of Montana's registration policies and suggested that research should be conducted into other states' regulations prior to enacting legislation in Nevada. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on the interest of ATV vendors.

7-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 05-15, AMENDMENT #4 - RUSS MASON. The Commission will consider and take action on the 2006 statewide quota for the Youth Deer Hunt #1107 to be distributed among unit groups at the May quota setting meeting (1-0550) - Chairperson Walker expressed support for the practice of augmenting the youth tag allocation, and discussion took place with regard to the same. Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed a proposal for outfitters and guides to conduct youth hunts.

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7-F. ACTION REGARDING PETITION FOR INCREASED NONRESIDENT HUNT OPPORTUNITY - JOEL PAT LATHAM. The Commission will consider a public petition and may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition. (1-0636) - Chairperson Walker read a portion of the petition into the record. Member Clyde noted that federal land is equally accessible to any U.S. citizen; game is managed by the State. Chairperson Walker agreed and expressed the opinion the commission should have arrived at the same conclusion. He expressed understanding for the intent of the petition, but suggested the petitioner should have attended the commission meeting to present the petition.

7-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #24 "HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AMONG WEAPONS AND USER GROUPS" - RUSS MASON. The Commission will continue a review of its policy and may provide direction for amended language to be considered at a subsequent meeting (1-0685) - Chairperson Walker provided background information on this item, and on the interest of the Coalition for Nevada Wildlife. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the discussion which took place at the February 10 and 11 Commission meeting. Extensive discussion took place in review of the agenda materials, and Chairperson Walker discussed problems associated with hunters not sending in big game questionnaires. He related Alaska's policy for non-compliance, and discussion took place regarding the importance of making harvest information available to the public.

7-H. ACTION REGARDING STANDARD HUNTING SEASON OPENINGS - RUSS MASON. The Commission will consider developing a policy to establish standard opening dates for future big game, upland game, waterfowl, and furbearer seasons. The Commission may take action to provide direction for policy language for consideration at a subsequent meeting (1-1270) - Chairperson Walker provided background information on this item, and discussion followed. Consensus of the board members was to continue following this issue.

7-I. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION - CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE. The Commission will continue discussions regarding potential proposals for consideration by the 2007 Nevada Legislature and may take action to support or oppose proposals. The Commission will also evaluate the development of a Nevada Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. (1-1574) - With regard to the proposal to increase salaries for law enforcement personnel, Chairperson Walker suggested funding NDOW administrative staff salaries from the State general fund and, in turn, allocating the savings to law enforcement and biologist staff salaries. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on the proposal. He acknowledged that grant funding is available to the Department. Discussion took place regarding Terry Crawforth's impending retirement and ways to communicate qualification preferences for the new director.

Chairperson Walker referred to previous discussion regarding the OHV proposal, and advised that Senator Rhodes' committee is considering regulations. He referred to the license fee structure proposal, and expressed concern over loss of interest in hunting and fishing due to increased fees. Discussion took place regarding the marketing proposal, and Chairperson Walker reviewed the remaining legislative proposals listed.

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7-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY 50 - KELLY CLARK. The Commission will conduct a first reading of proposed policy amendments regarding trout stamp art and may take action for consideration at a subsequent meeting (1-2139) - Mr. Baily expressed an interest in this item, and requested the Board's representative to report the commission's action at the next meeting.

7-K. ACTION REGARDING AVIAN INFLUENZA - COMMISSIONER LISTER. The Commission will hear a report on the status of this disease and be asked to approve a letter of support for planning and implementation of wildlife health surveillance programs.

7-L. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE. The Commission will finalize meeting dates and locations for the remainder of 2006 and will review potential agenda items for the next scheduled meeting. The Chairman may adjust committee assignments or create new committees.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1, 2006 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. A report and additional detail on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting (1-2127) - Neither the Board members nor the citizen present had any comment on these items.

8-A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON. The Attorney General's Office will provide information and training regarding the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act.

8-B. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES - DIRECTOR TERRY CRAWFORTH

8-C. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIAN STOCKTON

8-D. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY

8-E. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN

8-F. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER MacKENZIE

8-G. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER FORD

8-H. PURCHASE OF A MOUNTAIN LION TAG ONLINE - DOUG HUNT

8-I. HUNTERS AND PRIVATE LAND - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN

8-J. QUESTION #1 BOND UPDATE - LAURA RICHARDS

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8-K. E-MAIL ADDRESS OWNERSHIP / ADDED INFORMATION OPT IN / OPT OUT - KELLY CLARK

8-L. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM - DOUG HUNT

8-M. BUDGET STATUS - DIRECTOR TERRY CRAWFORTH

9. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-2152) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of the reports included in the agenda materials, and reported on the Sage Grouse Symposium. He discussed the importance of ensuring adequate funding is included in projects to monitor their progress into the future.

10. ACTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2006-07 BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED BY VICE CHAIR / SECRETARY GIL YANUCK TO THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE (1-2225) - Chairperson Walker commended Vice Chairperson Yanuck on the budget request. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of the same and of the annual budget process. He offered copies of the budget request to the board members. Chairperson Walker thanked Vice Chairperson Yanuck for submitting the request, and entertained a motion. **Member Derley moved to approve the budget request. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11. BUDGET REPORT - GIL YANUCK (1-2270) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained questions. He anticipates the board's budget will be augmented on July 1st. County advisory board budget requests will be agendized for review and approval at the May 12 and 13, 2006 Wildlife Commission meeting.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE BOARD MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A QUESTION #1 PROGRAM PRIORITY WORK GROUP COMPRISED OF CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF (1-2307) - Ms. King referred to the staff report, authored by Park Planner Vern Krahn, included in the agenda materials. She advised that Vice Chairperson Yanuck had participated in a previous workgroup. She discussed the purpose of the work group, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck volunteered to participate once a date is established. In response to a question, Ms. King offered to request Mr. Krahn to provide a status report on the Fuji Park fishing pond.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-2456) - Member Clyde acknowledged having made a commitment to attend the March 31 and April 1 commission meeting to be held in Boulder City. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised the next two following commission meetings are scheduled in Reno.

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14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for May 12 and 13, 2006. The next CCABMW meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2006 (1-2521) - Consensus of the Board was to go forward with the May 8th meeting date.

15. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-2535) - Ms. King reported that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended to the Board of Supervisors approval of the comprehensive master plan, the parks and recreation master plan element, and the unified pathways master plan element.

16. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-2560) - Previously covered.

17. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-2613) - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairperson Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the March 27, 2006 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 8th day of May, 2006.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair