

## **CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

### **Minutes of the June 19, 2006 Meeting**

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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, June 19, 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:** Vern Krahm, Park Planner  
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 (1-0012)** - 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 - May 8, 2006 (1-0014)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the minutes, as submitted. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0019)** - None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0020)** - None.

**5. DISCLOSURES (1-0022)** - None.

**6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 12 AND 13, 2006 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0024)** - Chairperson Walker provided an overview of discussion which took place regarding mountain lions and the demerit point system. Extensive discussion took place regarding a petition submitted by a hunter, who purchased an elk incentive tag from a rancher, but due to a mistake on the part of NDOW staff, was never issued the tag. Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested this matter should be presented to the Wildlife Commission's legislative committee for consideration. Chairperson Walker read pertinent portions of the draft commission minutes into the record. He and Vice Chairperson Yanuck will discuss the matter further with commissioners and NDOW staff at the upcoming meeting. Chairperson Walker advised that the Governor had been present at the meeting to wish Director Crawforth and Commissioner Ford farewell.

**7. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 23 and 24, 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 (1-0530) - **Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to accept items 7-A through 7-N. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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#### **7-A. ACTION REGARDING DIRECTOR/SECRETARY - COMMISSIONER McNINCH.**

The Commission will hear a report and recommendations from the search committee and will develop a process for recruitment of a new department director / commission secretary in accordance with Chapter 241 and Section 501.333 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

#### **7-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN.**

The Commission will review Assembly Concurrent Resolution 24, adopted by the 1999 Legislative session, and may propose a resolution for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

#### **7-C. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP ART - KELLY CLARK.** The Commission will review proposals submitted by conservation organizations and select a contest sponsor for the Duck Stamp Contests for 2007-2008.

#### **7-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION / WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAG VENDORS - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY.** The Commission's Wildlife Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the Commission for approval of game tag auction vendors for the 2007 hunt year.

- Commission Regulation 06-01, Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-02, Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-03, Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-04, Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-05, Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-06, Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-07, Wildlife Heritage Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-08, Wildlife Heritage Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-09, Wildlife Heritage California Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-10, Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-11, Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-12, Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-13, Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag
- Commission Regulation 06-14, Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag

#### **7-E. ACTION REGARDING WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MUZZLELOADER ANTELOPE SEASON PETITION.** The Commission will consider a request to establish resident and nonresident hunts in 2007. The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

#### **7-F. 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 regarding the youth deer hunt and designation of quality or opportunity hunt areas / units to be considered at a subsequent meeting.

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**7-G. ACTION REGARDING ELK COMPENSATION AND ELK INCENTIVE TAG ARBITRATION PANEL MEMBERSHIP - RUSS MASON.** Current elk compensation and elk incentive tag arbitration panels have been seated since 2003. NAC 504.430 requires that panel memberships be renewed every two years.

**7-H. ACTION REGARDING BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN - RUSS MASON.** The Commission will be asked to amend the current plan to add the Virgin and Delamar Mountains as desert bighorn sheep augmentation sites for fiscal year 2007.

**7-I. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 05-19, AMENDMENT 2, RUSS MASON.** Increases the possession limit for partridge and adjusts the times for some bobcat hide sealing dates.

**7-J. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE RESTORATION - RUSS MASON.** The Commission will consider requests for source stocks for reintroduction and enhancement.

- **SAGE GROUSE - YAKAMA NATION**
- **SAGE GROUSE - CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME**
- **DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP - UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

**7-K. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST - DAVE PULLIAM.** The Commission will be asked to approve 18 projects for a total fund expenditure of \$104,555 in fiscal year 2007.

**7-L. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME - DAVE PULLIAM.** The Commission will be asked to approve seven upland game projects for a total fund expenditure of \$249,054 in fiscal year 2007.

**7-M. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION - CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE.** The Commission will hear a report from the commission's legislative committee and may vote to support or oppose proposals for the 2007 session of the Nevada Legislature.

**7-N. ACTION REGARDING SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION STRATEGY - COMMISSIONER McNINCH.** The Commission will consider a letter to Governor Guinn and a resolution in support of funding for implementation of actions described in comprehensive conservation strategies.

**8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 23 AND 24, 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 (1-0552) - Neither the Board members nor the citizens present had any comment on these items.

**8-A. CORRESPONDENCE - SECRETARY TERRY CRAWFORTH**

**8-B. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES - DIRECTOR CRAWFORTH**

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**8-C. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN**

**8-D. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN**

**8-E. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE**

**8-F. BIGHORN SHEEP MANAGEMENT PLAN TEAM MEETING - COMMISSIONER FORD**

**8-G. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE**

**8-H. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER LURIE**

**8-I. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM - BOB HAUGHIAN**

**8-J. HABITAT PROGRAM REVIEW - DAVE PULLIAM**

**8-K. MERCURY SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAM - RICH HASKINS**

**8-L. BUDGET - DIRECTOR CRAWFORTH.** The Commission will hear a budget status report for the fiscal year 2006-07 and 2008-09 biennials.

**9. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE CARSON CITY URBAN FISHING POND PROJECT, A QUESTION #1 STATE OF NEVADA CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDED PROJECT (1-0561) - C.K. Baily advised he would be attending the June 20<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss the status of the pond project. He advised that City staff is awaiting a cost estimate from Sierra Pacific Power Company to underground utilities. He further advised of the possibility that Sierra Pacific Power Company will grant funding for the project. He advised of having attended the most recent Carson River Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the possibility of an additional Question #1 funding allocation for the pond. In response to a question, Mr. Baily advised there is only funding sufficient to complete the pond with no additional amenities. Discussion took place regarding the project time line and the Bodine's project.**

(1-1433) Chairperson Walker welcomed Mr. Krahn. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that Mr. Baily had provided information with regard to this item. Mr. Krahn responded to questions and discussed the status of the Bodine's project in conjunction with a possible partnership between the property owner and the City to provide improvements to Fuji Park and the Fairgrounds. He explained the interest of the Sierra Pacific Power Company Foundation to provide funding to the pond project. He responded to additional questions regarding the project time table.

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**10. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH APPLICATIONS TO THE QUESTION #1, STATE OF NEVADA CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM (1-0712)** - Ms. King provided an overview of the agenda materials provided by Open Space / Property Manager Juan Guzman, and the Board members reviewed and discussed the same. (1-1827) Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report included in the agenda materials. He responded to questions regarding the possibility of additional Question #1 funding for the urban fishing pond.

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE MOST RECENT DRAFT OF THE CARSON RIVER AQUATIC TRAIL PLAN WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE UNIFIED PATHWAYS MASTER PLAN (1-0846)** - Ms. King provided an overview of the agenda materials provided by Park Planner Vern Krahn, and the Board members reviewed and discussed the same. Vice Chairperson Yanuck distributed written comments to the Board members and staff, and reviewed the same. He expressed support for the plan, but concern over "who is going to pay for it." Discussion ensued, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck expressed additional concern over operation and maintenance costs. Chairperson Walker referred to the letter in opposition from the attorneys representing Mark and Sandy Gregory, who are property owners in the Mexican Dam area.

(1-2085) Mr. Krahn provided an overview of this item, and requested input of the Board members. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided a copy of his written comments to Mr. Krahn. [Chairperson Walker recessed and reconvened the meeting.] Mr. Krahn reviewed and provided answers to the questions outlined in Vice Chairperson Yanuck's letter. Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed the importance of prioritizing projects according to available funding and ensuring ongoing funding sources. Mr. Krahn reviewed potential funding sources for the project. He responded to questions regarding the possible involvement of Lyon County in the project. He reviewed a tentative project time table, and discussion took place regarding private property owner concerns. Mr. Krahn advised he would provide the written comments to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the consultant. Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Krahn for his presentation.

**12. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP (1-1139)** - The Board members interviewed Vice Chairperson Yanuck and Chairperson Walker. In response to a question, Member Clyde advised that his decision to resign was based on family priorities. Ms. King acknowledged the vacancy would continue to be advertised and that interviews would be agendized for the next Board meeting.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-1210)** - Member Clyde moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of Steve Walker and Gil Yanuck to the board. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**14. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-1218)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of a meeting of the Governor's Conservation Team in May at which funding was discussed. He advised of having attended a meeting in Long Valley, and discussed a field trip to visit leks. He advised there was nothing new to report regarding the possibility of the distinct

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sage grouse species in the area of Mono County being emergency listed. He responded to questions regarding concerns over moving a unique genetic subspecies of sage grouse to a different state. Chairperson Walker thanked Vice Chairperson Yanuck for his report.

**15. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET REPORT - GIL YANUCK** (1-3071) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the Board's budget had been augmented by approximately \$1,500. He reviewed the status of the Board's budget at the time the budget request was submitted. He anticipates providing a presentation at an upcoming commission meeting with regard to developing a board budget.

**16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS** (1-3153) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck acknowledged he would be attending the August Commission meeting in Winnemucca. Chairperson Walker advised that he would most likely also attend.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for August 4 and 5, 2006 in Winnemucca. The next CCABMW meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2006 (1-3203) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**18. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF** (1-3230) - None.

**19. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (1-3233) - Chairperson Walker requested staff to agendize discussion and possible action regarding the need for a department policy to address mistakes made during hunting season. Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested staff to agendize a presentation regarding a survey conducted by the UNR Cooperative Extension regarding sage grouse.

**20. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (1-3301) - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Vice Chairperson Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the June 19, 2006 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2006.

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STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair