

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, September 18, 2006 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Stan Zuber
John Valley

STAFF: Vern Krahn, 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 (1-0007) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker and Member Derley were absent.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 31, 2006 (1-0011) - Member Zuber moved to approve the minutes. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0021) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0023) - C.K. Baily advised of having participated in an NDOW-sponsored transfer of brook trout from Hobart Reservoir to "other waters."

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0046) - None.

6. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A REVISED PRIORITIZED LIST OF QUESTION #1 STATE OF NEVADA CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS - PARK PLANNER VERN KRAHN (1-0051) - Mr. Krahn referred to the maps included in the agenda materials, and provided background information on Question #1 and development of the originally prioritized list of projects. Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed the role of the Question #1 subcommittee in reviewing the list of Question #1 projects. Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report and the attachments, and provided a detailed overview of the projects listed in the staff report. Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed funding opportunities for the various projects, and called for public comment.

(1-0497) Mr. Baily advised that the Carson Fly Fishing Club was represented at some of the meetings at which the Question #1 priorities were presented. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn provided a status report on the urban fishing pond, and background information on phase 2, the urban fishing pond amenity improvements.

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In response to a question, Mr. Krahn discussed maintenance requirements for Question #1 funded projects. He advised that maintenance is provided for projects constructed with Question #18 funding. Vice Chairperson Yanuck called for additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Member Zuber moved to accept the list, as presented. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.** Mr. Krahn thanked Vice Chairperson Yanuck for his participation in the Question #1 subcommittee.

7. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE URBAN FISHING POND PROJECT LOCATED AT THE CARSON CITY FAIRGROUNDS - PARK PLANNER VERN KRAHN (1-0635) - Mr. Krahn provided background information on this item, and reviewed the staff report. In response to a question, he reviewed amenities to be added. Mr. Baily commended the design, and Mr. Krahn reviewed the construction time table. Mr. Krahn responded to questions regarding the possibility of citizens soliciting private donations for the project. Discussion took place regarding the benefit of the fishing pond to the area. [Vice Chairperson Yanuck recessed the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.]

8. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 4 AND 5, 2006 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1250) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that Chairperson Walker had attended the commission meeting. He referred to the draft commission minutes included in the agenda materials, and provided an overview of the same. Commissioner Robb provided an overview of a presentation made by a Wildlife Services representative regarding the effects of the Elko wild fires. He advised that funding had been allocated for proactive predator management in the Elko area. He further advised that NDOW had released additional antelope tags in area 6. He anticipates a similar release of additional tags for mule deer. In response to a question, he advised that NDOW funding and outside funding sources will be used for a mule deer transplant.

9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the September 22 and 23, 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 (1-1465) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck pulled item 9-E from the agenda. He referred to supplemental information, distributed to the board members prior to the start of the meeting, regarding NDOW's budget. (1-2372) **Member Zuber moved to accept the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

9-A. ACTION REGARDING 2007 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - ACTING SECRETARY DOUG HUNT. In accordance with NRS 501.177 and Commission Policy #1, the Commission will be asked to approve a schedule of meetings and locations for 2007. The Chairman may adjust committee assignments and committee charters or create new committees.

9-B. ACTION REGARDING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY. The Commission will consider approval of funds to support and enhance Game Bureau cooperation and coordination with USDA Wildlife Services in implementation of approved predation management projects. Support materials for this item were distributed in preparation for the August Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

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9-C. ACTION REGARDING MULE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN - CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE. The Commission will consider adoption of the Mule Deer Management Plan developed by the Mule Deer Species Policy Plan Committee.

9-D. ACTION REGARDING BIENNIAL BUDGET. The draft Department budget for fiscal years 2008 / 2009 will be presented to the Commission for review and recommendation in accordance with NRS 501.337(6).

9-E. ACTION REGARDING MULTIPLE BIG GAME TAGS - COMMISSIONER ROBB. The Commission will continue discussions regarding applicants drawing more than one tag in a hunt year and may provide direction for regulatory change (1-1528) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on this item. Commissioner Jack Robb distributed to the board members, staff, and the citizens present a written proposal and interim results for the big game draw in 2006. He provided background information on his proposal and reviewed the distributed materials. Discussion followed, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck thanked Commissioner Robb for his presentation. Commissioner Robb responded to questions regarding the committee being formed to address the proposal. In response to a question, he explained the process associated with applying for a partnership in wildlife tag.

9-F. ACTION REGARDING DIRECTOR/SECRETARY - COMMISSIONER McNINCH. The Commission will hear a report and recommendation from the Search Committee.

9-G. ACTION REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR WILDFIRE REHABILITATION - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN. The Commission will hear a report on the effect of wildfire in Elko County and may support a proposal to seek congressional funding to rehabilitate burned range lands.

9-H. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING - ACTING DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for November 17 and 18, 2006 in Las Vegas. The Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23, 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.

10-A. CORRESPONDENCE - ACTING SECRETARY DOUG HUNT. The Commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting.

10-B. LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM ("LIP") - CONNIE LEE

10-C. WILD FIRE UPDATE - DAVE PULLIAM

10-D. ELK INCENTIVE TAG APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS - RUSS MASON

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10-E. OPEN GATES INITIATIVE - RUSS MASON

10-F. LAKE MEAD HATCHERY - RICH HASKINS (1-2382) - In response to a question, Commissioner Robb advised that the wildlife commission toured the hatchery last November. He described the hatchery as "state-of-the-art." He advised that the commission is looking into an increase in operational costs associated with the hatchery. Discussion followed.

10-G. WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT UPDATE - DAVE PULLIAM

10-H. SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY WATER TRANSFER PROJECT EIS UPDATE - DAVE PULLIAM

10-I. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES - ACTING DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

10-J. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON

10-K. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - ACTING DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

10-L. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER LURIE

10-M. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE

10-N. SAGE GROUSE - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

11. DISCUSSION TO DEVELOP A LIST OF ATTRIBUTES AND/OR WORK EXPERIENCES RELATED TO SELECTION OF THE NEW NDOW DIRECTOR; POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORWARD THE LIST TO THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING (1-2617) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on this item, and noted the commission meeting scheduled for December 7 and 8, 2006 for the purpose of conducting interviews. He reviewed the commission agenda materials pertinent to this item. He noted that NDOW apparently does not promote from within nor would relocation expenses be paid for a qualified candidate. He indicated an intent to attend the December 7 and 8 meetings to at least listen to the interview process, and to provide input given the opportunity. He solicited input from the board members and citizens present with regard to qualifications and experience. Comments included the importance of progressive experience with wildlife, sportsmen and non-sportsmen, and administration; extensive public interaction; experience with funding issues and special interest groups; and credibility. Discussion took place with regard to the appointment process in conjunction with election of a new governor. Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted the importance of people skills, and Member Valley discussed the importance of a candidate which "fits the needs of Nevada." He suggested recommending to the search committee to encourage current NDOW employees to apply.

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12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY COMMISSIONER JIM JEFFRESS (1-3398) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the pertinent agenda materials. In response to a question, Member Zuber discussed his law enforcement responsibilities in conjunction with Commissioner Jeffress' law enforcement proposal. He discussed the function and responsibilities of law enforcement personnel in the State of Oregon. Discussion took place regarding Commissioner Jeffress' other proposals, copies of which were included in the agenda materials.

13. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (2-0319) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the status reports included in the agenda materials. He advised of a sage grouse conservation team meeting scheduled for September 21st in Winnemucca.

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET REPORT - GIL YANUCK (2-0357) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted that funding would be allocated to reimburse the board member attending the upcoming commission meeting in Eureka.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (2-0363) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that he would be attending the upcoming Wildlife Commission meeting in Eureka in Member Derley's place. He requested the board members to consider attending the November 17 and 18 commission meeting in Las Vegas, and advised that discussion would take place at the next meeting. In light of the purpose for the December 7 and 8 commission meeting, Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised there may be no need for a corresponding advisory board meeting.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for November 17 and 18, 2006 in Las Vegas. The next CCABMW meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2006 (2-0435) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting for Monday, November 13th.

17. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (2-0455) - None.

18. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-0456) - None.

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-0633) - Member Valley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 13th day of November, 2006.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair