

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, August 1, 2005 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Walker
Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Jennifer Derley
Stan Zuber

STAFF: Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office, and is available for review during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007) - Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Clyde was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 20, 2005 (1-0009) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the minutes. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0013) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0015) - Carson High School Science Department Chair John Valley advised of an advanced placement biology project in which chicken embryos are grown and raised each year. He has suggested to the AP biology teacher the possibility of using chukar and quail eggs which can be obtained from a supplier in Gardnerville. He discussed the possibility of releasing the birds on C-Hill to reduce the cheat grass. He advised that NDOW personnel have expressed support for the project. He inquired as to the next step, and Chairperson Walker advised that the proposal could be agendized for the September Board meeting.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0087) - None.

6. PRESENTATION BY OPEN SPACE MANAGER JUAN GUZMAN REGARDING THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (1-0089) - Mr. Guzman provided an overview of a displayed map entitled "Open Space Opportunities in Carson City." At Chairperson Walker's request, he provided an explanation of conservation easements. He reviewed open space properties acquired to date and, in response to a question, explained the mission of the Open Space Program to preserve view sheds, to protect ecology, wildlife, and the watershed, and to provide for passive recreation. He reviewed funding sources available for open space purchases.

He pointed out rehabilitation areas in the Waterfall Fire burn area, and acknowledged that the City has completed its portion of the timber salvage operation. He advised that Ash Canyon Road is open to bicyclists and pedestrians; however, the gate will remain closed until the Sheriff's Office completes its arson investigation. Discussion took place regarding other burned area rehabilitation efforts. Mr. Guzman responded to questions regarding possible open space acquisitions, and the mechanism of conservation easements in Nevada.

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Mr. Guzman reviewed potential and actual open space acquisitions on the east side of town. In response to a question, he pointed out the proposed V&T right-of-way. He responded to additional questions regarding the Brunswick reservoir, access issues, the mechanics of the Open Space Program, the portion of Question #18 annually allocated to the Open Space Program, and open space programs in other counties and states. Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Guzman, and recessed the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

7. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE JUNE 24, 2005 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1009) - Chairperson Walker reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Member Derley advised of lots of discussion, at the Wildlife Commission meeting, regarding upland game seasons. Chairperson Walker discussed his preference for setting the seasons and not changing them from year to year. He suggested “working backwards” to establish opening dates.

(1-1077) Mr. Valley advised of having hunted water fowl in Northern Nevada for over 15 years. He discussed last year’s season, which was difficult due to the weather conditions, and the impact of weather on waterfowl seasons.

Discussion took place regarding the recommended seasons, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested determining the positions of organizations such as Ducks Unlimited. He further suggested beginning to discuss, with pertinent organizations, NDOW biologists, the Wildlife Commissioners, etc., the possibility of opening waterfowl and upland game seasons later in order to be prepared to present a proposal at the appropriate time. Discussion took place regarding the youth seasons, and Chairperson Walker requested Vice Chairperson Yanuck to contact Commissioner MacKenzie regarding the season recommendations.

Member Derley reviewed changes in personnel at NDOW, as follows: Doug Hunt has been promoted to the position of Deputy Director; Laura Richards has been promoted to the position of Chief of Diversity. Member Derley further advised that Bob Abbey is retiring from the Bureau of Land Management. She advised of having thanked Wildlife Commissioners Bill Bradley and Eric Olsen for their service. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that Bevin Lister and Jack Robb had been appointed to the Wildlife Commission to replace Mr. Bradley and Mr. Olsen. Member Derley further advised that a Motion to Dismiss the *Tomlin* case had been filed, and discussion ensued. Chairperson Walker thanked Member Derley for her report.

8. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the August 5, 2005 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 (1-1575) **Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

8-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 05-20 - CRAIG MORTIMORE. The Commission will establish hunting season dates and bag limits for waterfowl, snipe, falconry seasons for migratory game birds, and special youth waterfowl hunt days for the 2005-06 hunting season.

8-B. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS - LAURA RICHARDS. In conformance with NRS 502.322, the Department is requesting that the Commission approve the use of duck stamp funds for wetlands enhancement. The request is for \$93,722 in duck stamp funds.

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8-C. ACTION REGARDING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 - CHAIRMAN FORD. The Commission will hear a report from its Wildlife Damage Management Committee and take action on the committee's draft plan recommendations that identify predator management projects for the coming year.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 5, 2005 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 (1-1590)

9-A. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH

9-B. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE

9-C. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING RANGE - COMMISSIONER LURIE

9-D. ELK SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS REVIEW - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN

9-E. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY

9-F. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN

9-G. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER MacKENZIE

9-H. BUDGETS AND REVENUE REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH

9-I. WHITE PINE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER - ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION

9-J. OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

9-K. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - DON SEFTON

9-L. 2005 BIG GAME TAG DRAWING REPORT - DON SEFTON (1-1601) - Discussion took place regarding the subject report, copies of which were included in the Commission agenda materials. Chairperson Walker commended Systems Consultants on the report.

9-M. MINING ASSESSMENT FUNDING PROJECTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

9-N. 2005 WILD FIRES - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

9-O. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE COSTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT

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9-P. WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

10. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-1773) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the next meeting was scheduled for August 18th. He is working with the BLM and Bently on a project to clear brush from 2,000 acres in Mill Canyon. Bently will supply equipment and labor and has requested to receive wood from the project. The BLM will provide an estimate on the archaeological study. Vice Chairperson Yanuck will meet with NDOW Chief of Diversity Laura Richards to request Question #1 funding for the project. He anticipates project planning will begin in September, and that the project will be completed next year. Vice Chairperson Yanuck acknowledged a continued interest in the Sage Grouse Conservation Team, and Chairperson Walker expressed appreciation for his investment of time and energy over the years.

11. BUDGET REPORT - GIL YANUCK (1-1890) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the Board's budget should have been augmented in July. He acknowledged that the City Finance Department will provide balances.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-1900) - Chairperson Walker read an e-mail from Member Clyde into the record. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of another member attending the Commission meeting in Ely, and consensus of the Board was that no one else was available.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for September 23 and 24, 2005 in Reno (1-1966) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, September 19th.

14. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1980) - None.

15. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1985) - Chairperson Walker invited Mr. Valley to return on September 19th to discuss the proposal he outlined under public comment.

16. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-2002) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the August 1, 2005 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 19th day of September, 2005.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair