

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 8, 2004 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Acting Chairperson Stan Zuber
Wes Clyde
Jennifer Derley

STAFF: 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) - Acting Chairperson Zuber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker and Vice Chairperson Yanuck were absent due to their attendance at a leadership training class.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 2, 2004 (1-0011) - Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0016) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0020) - C.K. Baily advised of having attended the March 2, 2004 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, at which the Fuji Park Urban Fishing Pond was agendized. He reported on the discussion which took place regarding concerns over the City being ultimately responsible for covering project cost overages.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0170) - Acting Chairperson Zuber read into the record a written disclosure by Vice Chairperson Yanuck. Member Derley advised of having discussed with a member of the Las Vegas Bird Dog Club the proposed regulation concerning hunting and ATVs. She commented that the interest seemed to stem from curiosity regarding the issue rather than stating a position.

6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0215) - Member Clyde acknowledged having attended the Commission meetings. He advised that the Friday meeting opened with heated discussion generated by Commissioner Bradley's motion to remove the item regarding ATVs from the meeting agenda. Member Clyde explained that Commissioner Bradley's action stemmed from threats of violence against Commissioners with regard to the ATV issue. He advised that the motion to remove the item passed, although not unanimously. He further advised that the motion was open to public comment, but that the item was removed from the agenda.

Member Clyde reported that the Commission considered Jared Bybee's petition with regard to extending the pronghorn antelope muzzleloader season, but took action to deny the petition. An additional petition by Mr. Bybee, to return the draw system to the "old way" due to concerns that archers do not have equal opportunity to receive tags, was also denied by the Commission. Member Clyde advised that the Friday meeting lasted until approximately 2:00 p.m. and the Saturday meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

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Commissioner Bradley advised all those in attendance at the Saturday meeting of the action taken by the Commission to remove the ATV issue from the meeting agenda. Public comment indicated appreciation that the Commission had expressed an interest in tabling the issue until meetings can be held with federal agency representatives. The Saturday meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. In response to a question, Member Clyde advised that the ATV item will most likely be tabled until the Commission has the opportunity to meet with federal agency representatives.

7. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 12, 2004 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 (1-0338) - **Member Derley moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

7-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 324 LCB FILE NO. R006-04 - FRED MESSMAN. Amends NAC 488.470 pursuant to a request from the City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Department to allow special events under permit by the Department of Wildlife. *This item is agendized both as a workshop and later on as an action item during the March 12th Commission meeting.*

7-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-16, AMENDMENT #1, FISHING SEASON AND BAG LIMITS - RICH HASKINS. The Commission will hear a proposal to establish a season and bag limit for Mesquite Urban Pond in Clark County. The regulation proposed for this pond is the same for other urban ponds in Clark County.

7-C. ACTION REGARDING 2004 YOUTH DEER HUNT #1107 - MIKE COX. The Commission will consider and take action on the 2004 statewide quota to be distributed among unit groups at the May quota setting meeting.

7-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMERCIAL FISHERY AT LAHONTAN RESERVOIR - RICH HASKINS. The Commission will hear a report of the reservoir fisheries status and mercury contamination and may vote to recommend a moratorium on future permit applications (1-0466) - The Board members responded to questions regarding this item, and discussion took place regarding the commercially harvested black fish, sale of the black fish in Asian markets in areas such as San Francisco, past discussions of this issue by the Commissioners and the Board, mercury levels in Lahontan, and the two permit applications denied by the Commission.

7-E. ACTION REGARDING PETITION OF MR. BRENT E. HAFEN. The Commission will consider a petition to establish an elk hunt in Area 24. The Commission will vote to either initiate rule-making action or deny the petition.

7-F. ACTION REGARDING THE CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUB-PLAN - CHAIRMAN CHARLIE CECCHINI, NYE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE. The Commission will be asked to approve the Central Nevada Elk Subplan.

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7-G. ACTION REGARDING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN - RUSSELL WOOLSTENHULME. The Commission will consider approval of an additional fiscal year 2004 proposal to conduct predator management in Elko County to support an ongoing research project focusing on sage grouse nest predation.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 12, 2004 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.

8-A. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY TERRY CRAWFORTH

8-B. LITIGATION - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL BRYAN STOCKTON

8-C. HERITAGE ACCOUNT INTEREST - GABE PINCOLINI

8-D. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH

8-E. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER CLINT BENTLEY

8-F. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER MIKE RIORDAN

8-G. OUTFITTERS, GUIDES REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BILL BRADLEY

8-H. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BILL BRADLEY

8-I. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER

8-J. ANTELOPE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - GREGG TANNER

8-K. GAME TAG DEMAND/SUCCESS POLICY STATISTICS - DON SEFTON

8-L. BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTER INDOCTRINATIONS - GREGG TANNER

8-M. WATER DEVELOPMENT MAINTENANCE - DOUG HUNT

8-N. WILD HORSE AND BURRO LITIGATION - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE

8-O. VEHICLE/BIG GAME COLLISIONS - MIKE COX

9. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-0377) - Acting Chairperson Zuber read into the record an e-mail message from Vice Chairperson Yanuck, and referred the Board members to the reports included in the agenda materials.

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10. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-0389) - Acting Chairperson Zuber read into the record an e-mail message regarding this item from Vice Chairperson Yanuck.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE MARCH 12, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0403) - Acting Chairperson Zuber volunteered to attend the Commission meeting. He advised he would be out of town from April 4 to May 8, 2004.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for April 9 and 10, 2004 in Boulder City (1-0448) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, April 5th.

13. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-0090) - Ms. King provided an overview of the item presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their March 2nd meeting to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and a Contract between the City and the Nevada Department of Wildlife. (1-0458) Ms. King had nothing further to report.

14. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-0700) - Acting Chairperson Zuber advised that the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment is not yet ready for public review.

15. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-0720) - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minutes of the March 8, 2004 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 5th day of April, 2004.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair