

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, June 21, 2004 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
Stan Zuber

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 (1-0008) - Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 10, 2004 (1-0010) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the minutes, as submitted. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0014) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0016) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0018) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of having attended the Wildlife Commission's Legislative Committee meeting earlier in the day. He will be working as a NDOW lobbyist during the 2005 Legislative Session.

6. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR TWO ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE POSITIONS (1-0028) - Chairperson Walker reviewed the Board's process for interviewing applicants. Ms. King reviewed the staff report.

(1-0065) Chairperson Walker introduced himself to John Valley. In response to a question, Mr. Valley advised that he had learned of the opening in the newspaper. He provided background information on his experience as a NDOW volunteer, as a teacher at Carson High School, and on his residence in Carson City. He acknowledged having current hunting and fishing licenses. In response to a further question, he advised of never having attended a Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting. Chairperson Walker provided background information on the number of annual Advisory Board meetings and the responsibility of the Board to bring NDOW and Wildlife Commission issues to the public and, in turn, provide feedback. He discussed the Board members' rotating attendance at Wildlife Commission meetings. Mr. Valley responded to questions regarding his areas of interest in conjunction with NDOW and the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, his position on off-highway vehicle use, and his position on predator management. In

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response to a further question, Mr. Valley advised that he would be willing to attend future Advisory Board meetings even if not appointed. Chairperson Walker emphasized the importance of each citizen's input at Advisory Board meetings, and encouraged Mr. Valley to attend the Wildlife Commission meetings as well. He thanked Mr. Valley for applying.

(1-027) Chairperson Walker introduced himself to Terry Tussey, who provided background information on his firearms expertise. Mr. Tussey responded to questions regarding his residence in Carson City, and acknowledged that he has current hunting and fishing licenses. He responded to additional questions regarding his availability to attend Advisory Board and Wildlife Commission meetings. In response to a further question, he advised he had no experience with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. He discussed his interests in preserving wildlife and habitat, and in hunting and fishing. He responded to additional questions regarding his opinions on predator management and the use of off-highway vehicles. He advised of having learned of the opening through the newspaper, and that he had no prior knowledge of the Advisory Board. He acknowledged a willingness to attend future Advisory Board meetings even if not appointed. Chairperson Walker discussed the importance of each citizen's participation in Advisory Board meetings. He thanked Mr. Tussey for his attendance and application.

(1-0441) Vice Chairperson Yanuck acknowledged that he had submitted a written request to be reappointed to the Board. He advised that he is looking forward to another term of "education and entertainment." He responded to questions regarding issues to address with NDOW and the Wildlife Commission in the future, his positions on off-highway vehicle use and on predator management. In response to an additional question, he advised that participating in development of the Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan was "a great experience." He looks forward to continued involvement in implementation and monitoring of the plan.

(1-0633) Member Derley acknowledged having submitted a written request to be reappointed to the Board. In response to a question, she discussed her experience thus far. She responded to additional questions regarding possible methods by which to generate additional public interest. She acknowledged her willingness to continue attending out of town Commission meetings. In response to a further question, she advised that her interest will remain with the county advisory board in the near future. She responded to additional questions regarding her positions on off-highway vehicle use and predator management. She acknowledged a willingness to attend Advisory Board meetings as often as possible if not selected for reappointment.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FILL TWO ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE POSITIONS (1-0745) - Discussion took place regarding the qualifications and experience of the applicants. **Member Zuber moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of Gil Yanuck and Jennifer Derley. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Chairperson Walker invited the applicants to return to the meeting room and thanked them for their participation in the interview process. He advised of the Board's action and of the applicants' opportunity

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to appear before the Board of Supervisors to contest the Board's recommendation. He invited Mr. Valley and Mr. Tussey to the next Board meeting.

[Chairperson Walker recessed the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened at 7:01 p.m.]

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE A JOINT MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2004 TO REVIEW THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CLEAR CREEK / KINGS CANYON LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY (1-1019) - Ms. King reviewed the staff report and, following discussion, consensus of the Board was to schedule the joint meeting for Tuesday, July 20th.

9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 14 AND 15, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1109) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the detail contained in the draft minutes of the Wildlife Commission meeting was a sufficient representation of what took place. He noted that the quota recommendations were the primary focus of the meeting, and advised that the Commissioners spent a good deal of time explaining their decisions regarding the Wildlife Heritage tag allocations. He provided an overview of the discussion which took place regarding the mule deer plan, and discussion ensued with regard to the same. Chairperson Walker suggested having Commissioner MacKenzie provide a presentation to the Board on the mule deer plan at a future meeting.

Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the county advisory board budgets were approved by the Commission. The augmentation of this Board's budget will depend upon the remaining balance. The budget request of \$4,028 was approved.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 25 and 26, 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 (1-1312) - **Member Zuber moved to address item 10-H separate from the consent agenda. Vice Chairperson Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (1-2283) Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried 5-0.**

10-A. ACTION REGARDING LICENSE APPEAL HEARING - ROB BUONAMICI. Appeal by Mr. Brad Turner of license privileges.

10-B. ACTION REGARDING LICENSE APPEAL HEARING - ROB BUONAMICI. Appeal by Mr. Ronny E. Cox of license privileges.

10-C. ACTION REGARDING ELK DAMAGE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - GREGG TANNER. NAC 504.421 limits compensation for elk damage at one site to \$10,000 unless the Commission determines that a claimant may be paid more and there is adequate money in the damage compensation fund to pay the claimant. A recently submitted claim by Mr.

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Lee Pearson puts the total amount claimed for elk damage on his property in excess of \$10,000.

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- 10-D. ACTION REGARDING CENTRAL NEVADA ELK PLAN COORDINATION AND OVERSIGHT TEAM (COT) APPOINTMENTS.** The Central Nevada Elk Plan provides for an oversight team to monitor various aspects of elk management in central Nevada. The COT shall sit at the discretion of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners and be comprised of 10 individuals, five of which will be appointed by the Commission.
- 10-E. ACTION REGARDING CHUKAR PARTRIDGE TRANSPLANT - COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE.** The Colorado Division of Wildlife has requested 100 to 150 chukar from Nevada in 2004.
- 10-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 321 (LCB FILE NO. R054-04) - ROB BUONAMICI.** Amends guide regulations as they pertain to master and subguide license requirements, and federal permit requirements. Amends contract requirements and licensing period. *Agendized as a workshop item prior to the Commission taking action on Saturday, June 26th.*
- 10-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 325 (LCB FILE NO. R080-04) - ROB BUONAMICI.** Amends shooting preserve requirements to conform with recent regulation change. *Agendized as a workshop item prior to the Commission taking action on Saturday, June 26th.*
- 10-H. ACTION REGARDING OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES - ROB BUONAMICI.** **The Commission will hear a report on off-highway vehicle (OHV) regulations and programs in neighboring states and may vote to establish a committee to review OHV issues in Nevada (1-1347)** - Member Zuber advised of a meeting held in Tonopah last weekend sponsored by the Off Highway Vehicle Dealers and Users Association, which is noted for facilitating such meetings all over the country. He advised that the BLM, the USFS, and the NDOW were represented. The general consensus of BLM staff is that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources should be more involved in this issue rather than allowing NDOW to take the heat.

Member Zuber referred to discussions of this issue at past Board meetings which indicates the consensus of the Board members and the public that hunters are not the problem. He reviewed a statistic presented at the Tonopah meeting that Nevada has had a 184% increase in off-highway vehicle sales. He noted the increased use of off-highway vehicles at Sand Mountain by Nevada residents and out-of-state residents. He advised that OHVs can do extensive damage in a short amount of time, and that it is the most expensive damage to repair. He advised that the Off Highway Vehicles Dealers and Users Association is working on draft bills to present during the next Legislature. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of being informed during the Commission's Legislative Committee meeting that there are more people coming from California into Nevada on the weekends than there are off-highway vehicles sold in Nevada.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the need to be diligent over obtaining information on this issue, whether or not education would be effective, the need to develop an acceptable proposal, the method by

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which California off-highway vehicle registration fees are allocated, and the need for NDOW to develop a subcommittee as soon as possible. Member Derley offered to bring back any written information available from the upcoming Commission meeting. Additional discussion took place regarding the need to impose fees and regulations fairly rather than targeting only hunters, the need to empower NDOW game wardens with the authority to enforce the regulations, and the need to address enforcement on federal lands.

10-I. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY. The Commission will hear a report on the agency and Commission proposed legislation and may take a position in support or opposition.

10-J. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP FUNDS - LAURA RICHARDS. In conformance with NRS 502.322, the Department is requesting that the Commission approve the use of \$29,308 from duck stamp funds for wetlands enhancement on WMAs to control noxious weeds.

10-K. ACTION REGARDING NEVADA ELK PLANNING - NEVADA WILDLIFE FEDERATION. The Commission will review a proposal and signature petition to amend elk planning processes.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 25 AND 26, 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.

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

11-B. LITIGATION - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SUSAN GRAY

11-C. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH

11-D. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER CLINT BENTLEY

11-E. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER MIKE RIORDAN

11-F. WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT - TERRY CRAWFORTH (1-2295) - Member Zuber advised that the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada has received approval to reprogram existing funding towards wild horse management. With regard to Carson City, the reprogramming will fund one more gather this summer and two more in the winter which will decrease the Carson City Field Office HMAs to appropriate levels. Member Zuber responded to questions regarding the effectiveness of the gathers and subsequent adoptions, the Nevada State Prison's estray horse program, and allocation of sale proceeds. In response to a further question, he advised that although Nevada's Congressional representatives were neutral on the issue, Congress approved the reprogramming. Chairperson Walker requested Member Derley to discuss this matter with Commissioner Moran.

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11-G. OVERTON WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE CENTER - DOUG HUNT

11-H. WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT PROCESS - COMMISSIONERS OLSEN AND McNINCH

11-I. WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER

11-J. SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION STATUS REPORT - GREGG TANNER (1-2513) - Chairperson Walker expressed an interest in this status report, and discussion took place regarding possible reasons for recent bighorn sheep deaths.

11-K. SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER IMPORTATION PROJECT - COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH

11-L. MULE DEER POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER MacKENZIE (1-2538) - Chairperson Walker expressed an interest in the anticipated plan publication date.

12. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-2550) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the final plan, consisting of 650 pages, was submitted to Governor Guinn on June 10th. It is available on the website, and CDs may also be made available. Member Derley suggested making copies of the plan available through county libraries. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the plan will be submitted for public comment. He provided an overview of the appendices, and discussion took place regarding costs to develop the plan. He discussed the significance of plan implementation. Chairperson Walker and the Board members thanked Vice Chairperson Yanuck for his dedication to this project.

13. REPORT REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-2665) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the FY2003/2004 budget will close at the end of June. He anticipates the balance will be just under \$2,000 at that time. In response to a comment, he suggested a policy that requests for reimbursement be submitted within thirty days of attending Wildlife Commission meetings. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed hotel and meal per diem rates. Discussion took place regarding the occasional need to stay an extra night when attending out-of-town Commission meetings.

14. REPORT REGARDING THE FY 2004/2005 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-3002) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that he had submitted the Board's budget request in accordance with NDOW procedures. Chairperson Walker thanked him for overseeing this responsibility.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-3022) - Chairperson Walker referred to the assignments listed in the staff report. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the November and December 2004 Wildlife Commission meeting schedule. Chairperson Walker tentatively

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volunteered to attend the December Commission meeting in Overton. Member Zuber volunteered to attend the November Commission meeting in Reno.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2004 in Hawthorne (1-3130) - Consensus of the Board was to scheduled the next meeting for Monday, August 2nd.

17. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-3144) - Ms. King reviewed the staff report which provided an overview of the Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees Audit. Discussion took place regarding the scope of the audit, and Ms. King advised she would keep the Board apprised of the progress.

18. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-3462) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested staff to agendize a report by Don Sefton of SCI to explain the tag draw system mechanism. In response to a question, Mr. McCulloch advised that Mr. Sefton made two presentations to the Ormsby Sportsmen's Association, and that each satisfied the questions of those in attendance. Chairperson Walker suggested that the Board members discuss the possibility of a presentation by Mr. Sefton among their peers and colleagues between now and the next meeting, and that a decision to schedule a presentation could be made at that time. Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested reagendizing discussion of the OHV issue. Member Zuber advised that the draft Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment is anticipated to be available for public review in September.

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-0030) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the June 21, 2004 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 4th day of November, 2004.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair