

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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A meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2003 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Vice Chairperson Steve Walker
Gilbert Yanuck
Stanley 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 and inspection during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0008) - Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 27, 2003 (1-0016) - Member Yanuck moved to approve the minutes, as submitted. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0035) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0044) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0055) - None.

6. PRESENTATION BY TOM CRAWFORD, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PINE NUT LAND USE PLAN TEAM LEADER (1-0058) - Mr. Crawford provided background information on his experience with the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") in Nevada. He introduced Claudia Funari, BLM Wildlife Biologist, and provided background information on her education, experience, and role in the plan amendment process. He narrated a slide presentation on the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment, copies of which were provided to the Board members, staff, and the citizens present. He responded to questions regarding recreational use of the Pine Nuts. He reviewed the Board of Supervisors' recommendations on the plan amendment, which included input from the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee, Carson River Advisory Committee, and Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission. He invited comments and input from the Board members and citizens present at the meeting.

Mr. Crawford responded to questions regarding participation of Tribal representatives in the plan amendment process, and discussed the broad spectrum of comments and input received with regard to uses allowed in the Pine Nuts. Member Yanuck discussed development of the Sage Grouse Conservation Plan in relation to the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment. Member Zuber provided to Mr. Crawford contact information for the 16 other county advisory boards to manage wildlife and local sportsmen's organizations. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Mr. Crawford and Ms. Funari for their presentation.

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7. PRESENTATION REGARDING FUTURE ROLE OF THE NEVADA DIVISION OF STATE LANDS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTION #1 - PAM WILCOX, DIVISION OF STATE LANDS ADMINISTRATOR (1-0899) - Ms. King advised that Ms. Wilcox would not be present at the meeting.

8. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS TO FILL ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE VACANCY (1-0912) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the applications included in the agenda materials, and noted that Mr. Gardner was not present. Ms. King advised that the City's Human Resources Department advertised the position for a period of thirty days, from February 3 to March 3, 2003. She further advised that the applicants were notified of the meeting date and time by telephone and in writing. (1-1000) Mr. Beckerdite responded to questions regarding his length of residence in Carson City, and acknowledged that he has current hunting and fishing licenses. He further acknowledged this was his first ABMW meeting and commented on his recent review of the Board's agenda. He responded to questions regarding potential contributions to the Board and his interest in ensuring hunting opportunities for future generations. He acknowledged that he would continue to attend Board meetings whether or not he was appointed to the Board. Chairperson Pedersen discussed the Board's purview and responsibilities. Mr. Beckerdite responded to additional questions regarding his availability to travel to Commission meetings, his interest in serving on the Board, and past wildlife volunteer work.

(1-1370) Wes Clyde responded to questions regarding the number of times he has applied for a position on the Board, his availability to travel to Commission meetings, his opinion on the urban fishery proposed for Fuji Park, current hunting and fishing licenses, his current position with the Ormsby Sportsmen's Association ("OSA"), and whether his affiliation with the OSA would pose a conflict. Member Yanuck discussed the time commitment involved in serving as a Board member. Mr. Clyde responded to additional questions regarding his outdoor interests, his participation in NDOW volunteer projects, and his interest in serving as a Board member. Vice Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Clyde for his tenacity in continuing to apply for a position on the Board.

Chairperson Pedersen thanked both applicants for their participation in the interview process. Vice Chairperson Walker explained that the appointment will fill an unexpired term which expires in July 2003. Chairperson Pedersen advised the applicants of their opportunity to provide testimony before the Board of Supervisors at the time the Advisory Board's recommendation is agendized for their action.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER TO THE ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF BILL ALLYN (1-1718) - The Board members discussed the qualifications and experience of each of the applicants.

(1-1961) In response to an earlier comment, Bob McCulloch advised that he served as a member of the OSA and the ABMW for approximately 15 years. He expressed the opinion that Mr. Clyde would be more inclined to construe his recommendations in favor of the general public and keep the OSA informed of the Board's activities. He suggested that involving sportsmen's associations on the Board may be one way to generate interest in the Board's activities. He reiterated the opinion that Mr. Clyde's OSA affiliation would not be a conflict.

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(1-2013) Norm Budden, President of the OSA, commented that Mr. Clyde is capable of serving as a Board member and expressed the opinion that he would be open-minded.

(1-2048) C.K. Baily commented that the Board is a “unique organization,” in that if a member doesn’t fit, they seem to “go away.” He expressed respect for the work of the Board, and expressed the opinion that either applicant would be a good Board member.

Vice Chairperson Walker moved to recommend Wes Clyde to the Board of Supervisors. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Vice Chairperson Walker amended his motion to indicate that Rick Beckerdite be appointed in the case that Mr. Clyde cannot accept the appointment. Member Yanuck continued his second. Motion carried 4-0. Chairperson Pedersen advised the applicants of the Board’s recommendation and of their opportunity to appear and provide testimony at the time the Board of Supervisors takes action. He reiterated that three positions will become available in July 2003, and thanked both gentlemen for their applications. [Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.]

10. PRESENTATION BY C.K. BAILY REGARDING THE FUJI PARK URBAN FISHERY; DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW (1-2312) - Mr. Baily displayed the Carson City Fairgrounds/Fuji Park Draft Conceptual Plan and provided background information on its development. He pointed out and described the characteristics of three potential pond sites, and the location of the best site which will be made feasible by diverting water from Clear Creek to the pond and then to an irrigation ditch. He responded to questions and discussion took place regarding details of the project, many of which had yet to be determined. In response to an additional question, Mr. Baily advised that the City Parks and Recreation Department will manage the property; NDOW will manage the fishery. In response to a further question, he advised that signage will be installed to limit the City’s liability. He advised that the City’s Parks and Recreation Department staff is very supportive of the urban fishery. Discussion took place regarding the proposed depth of the pond, pond management, the lack of Tribal participation in the Fairgrounds Users Coalition, and NDOW staff’s recommendations for the pond. Mr. Baily advised that a walking path and an ADA compliant fishing pier will be constructed at the pond, and that he would be present at the March 14 and 15, 2003 Commission meeting to request funding for the project. He responded to questions regarding project costs and funding sources, and discussed the pond’s dual purpose as a detention basin.

Discussion took place regarding the prioritization of improvements at the Fairgrounds, the amount of proceeds remaining from the sale of property to Costco, and the City’s development requirements. Mr. Baily acknowledged that the pond will be constructed on a pay-as-you-go basis, and circulated a draft letter requesting Question #1 funding. Additional discussion took place regarding the success of other urban fisheries in Nevada, the proposed size of the pond, and agendaizing an item at the next Board meeting to support development of the pond. Mr. Baily clarified that his purpose for appearing at the upcoming Commission meeting is to provide public comment regarding the pond. He responded to questions regarding the meetings NDOW has scheduled to receive public input on proposed projects, and fish stocking sources and issues. In response to a further question, he expressed the hope that the fishery will be year-round. The Board members thanked Mr. Baily for his presentation, and discussion took place regarding agendaizing the item for the May meeting.

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11. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 7 AND 8, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (2-0124) - Vice Chairperson Walker provided an overview of discussion which took place and the comments he made at the Commission meeting regarding the doe hunt in area 19, the \$10,000 depredation refund, the season setting process, and reptiles. Vice Chairperson Walker discussed the presentation on the Hoover Dam bypass, the growth rate in Las Vegas, and the status of the fish hatcheries project. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Vice Chairperson Walker for representing the Board at the Commission meeting and for his report. In response to a comment, Vice Chairperson Walker provided advice on the most efficient way to get through airport security procedures in Las Vegas. He discussed his visit to Commissioner Tommy Ford's home, and advised the other Board members to accept the invitation if it's ever extended.

12. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 14 and 15, 2003 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 (2-0380) - **Member Zuber moved to pull items 12-F(2) and 12-G. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (2-1009) Member Yanuck moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

12-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION (TEMPORARY) 312 - GREGG TANNER. Amends NAC 502.4239 to require the questionnaire issued as part of the restricted nonresident deer tag to be received by the Division or its contractor no later than 15 days following the close of the season for which the tag was issued. *Agendized as a workshop/informational item during the Commission's March 14th meeting and as an action item during the March 15th meeting.* **NDOW NOTE: See agenda item #1 for support material for this item.**

12-B. ACTION REGARDING HERITAGE ACCOUNT INTEREST - GABE PINCOLINI. The Division will report the amount of interest available for distribution to Heritage Projects in fiscal year 2004. The Commission will also discuss the Heritage Program and the possible assignment of unallocated funds to range rehabilitation projects. *Agendized as an informational item during the Commission's March 14th meeting.*

12-C. ACTION REGARDING QUESTION 1 BOND INITIATIVE - LAURA RICHARDS. The Commission will receive an update on the status of the Question 1 Bond Initiative which provides \$27.5 million for wildlife habitat and facilities acquisition, refurbishment, and enhancement. This will also be the final meeting in the Division of Wildlife's schedule of public scoping sessions for focus areas and project identification. *Agendized as an informational item during the Commission's March 15th meeting.*

12-D. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY. The Commission will discuss the status of proposed legislation regarding wildlife and boating and may take a position on any of those proposals.

12-E. ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL TO REINSTATE BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION BONUS POINTS - COURTNEY WILLS.

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12-F. ACTION REGARDING PETITIONS. The Commission will review the requests for a regulation change and either accept the petition and initiate regulation making action or deny the petition.

12-F(1) BIG GAME MEAT SALVAGE - JOHN S. EDWARDS

12-F(2) BIG GAME APPLICATION FOR MIXED PARTIES OF RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS - CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (2-0430)
- Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item, and expressed appreciation to Member Yanuck for preparing the petition. Vice Chairperson Walker advised that he had discussed the petition with a few Commissioners, a few advisory board chairmen, and NDOW staff. He discussed the concerns of one ABMW chairman regarding a possible increase in non-resident tags. He advised of receiving general support for the petition, and discussion took place regarding the opportunity to answer questions and support the petition at the upcoming Commission meeting. Member Yanuck discussed the purpose of the petition. (2-0979) **Member Yanuck moved to support item 12-F(2). Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

12-F(3) GUIDES AND RESTRICTIONS - GEORGE TAULMAN

12-G. ACTION REGARDING OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES - TOM ATKINSON. The Commission will hear a report on off-highway vehicle rules in other states and discuss and review a draft regulation to establish regulatory authority for off-highway vehicle use except on established roads and for use in the retrieval of game (2-0595) - Chairperson Pedersen expressed a concern regarding NDOW or any regulatory agency becoming involved with off road vehicles. He discussed a proposal by a State legislator to register off road vehicles as a means to collect revenue, and discussed existing regulations for off-road vehicles. He suggested monitoring this situation. Vice Chairperson Walker advised that this issue is discussed at almost every Commission meeting. He expressed opposition to the possibility of imposing a regulation for off-road vehicles, especially in light of the existing shortage of game wardens. Member Yanuck pointed out that a regulation would provide an avenue for reporting violations but noted the proposed regulations seem somewhat overbearing. Extensive discussion took place regarding the benefits of off-road vehicles for hunting, and problems inherent in imposing regulations. In response to a question, Member Zuber discussed his experience with off-road vehicles on federal lands. He suggested there may be a benefit if the revenues generated from registration of off-road vehicles could be allocated to NDOW, a land management agency, or for enforcement. He expressed opposition to the proposal for revenues to be allocated to the State's general fund when NDOW only receives 3% for its budget. Chairperson Pedersen suggested that existing regulations should be enforced before imposing additional regulations. (2-0993) **Member Yanuck moved to not support item 12-G at the upcoming Commission meeting. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

12-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #20 - MIKE COX. The Commission will hear a proposed revision to Policy 20, "Big Game Quota Allocation" that would establish a minimum quota of two tags for antlerless mule deer hunts, and establish a nonresident mountain goat quota, proposed not to exceed 5% of the total statewide quota. Additionally, the Commission will hear a status report on litigation regarding big game tag quotas for nonresidents and review of Nevada big game tag application statistics and may adjust nonresident tag quota allocation percentages as stated in Policy #20.

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12-I. ACTION REGARDING BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN - MIKE COX. The Commission will hold the first hearing on the Division's proposed plan for fiscal years 2004-2005. *Agendized as an informational item during the Commission's March 15th meeting.*

12-J. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME AND MIGRATORY BIRD RELEASE PLAN - CRAIG MORTIMORE. The Commission will hold the first hearing on the Division's proposed plan for fiscal years 2004-2005. *Agendized as an informational item during the Commission's March 15th meeting.*

12-K. ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION HUNTS - COMMISSIONERS BRADLEY AND QUILICI. The Commission will discuss various proposals to adjust application hunt rules, including allowing a Heritage mountain goat tag, removal of the lifetime restriction for receiving a mountain goat tag, and a tiered bonus point drawing for some species. *Agendized as an informational item during the Commission's March 15th meeting.*

13. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 14 AND 15, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. A report and additional detail on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Division of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner.

13-A. STATUS OF THE HOOVER DAM BYPASS AND BOULDER CITY CORRIDOR PROJECTS - DOUG HUNT

13-B. CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITATS AND THEIR RELATION TO WILDFIRE - DAVE PULLIAM

13-C. WILDERNESS AREAS - DOUG HUNT

13-D. LITIGATION - RONDA MOORE

13-E. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER OLSEN

13-F. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

13-G. PRONGHORN ANTELOPE PLAN COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER FORD

13-H. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER FORD

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

13-J. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOE DOUCETTE

13-K. STATUS OF OREGON SHEEP TRANSPLANT FROM NEVADA - DON WHITTAKER

13-L. INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTS - TOM ATKINSON

13-M. CITATIONS AND CIVIL PENALTIES - TOM ATKINSON

13-N. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH

14. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (2-1030) - Member Yanuck referred to the meeting minutes included in the agenda materials, advised of upcoming meetings of the Pine Nut PMU and the Governor's Team, and advised that the second revision to the draft conservation plan will be issued in early April. Vice Chairperson Walker thanked Member Yanuck for his dedication to this process.

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15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (2-1049) - Member Yanuck referred to the correspondence and budget included in the agenda materials, distributed a copy of the spreadsheet, and provided an overview of the same. **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to approve the budget request, as submitted by Member Yanuck, through June 30, 2004. Member Zuber seconded the motion.** Chairperson Pedersen thanked Member Yanuck for preparing the Board's budget. He noted for the record that Member Yanuck's budget preparation materials are used by NDOW to train other county boards. Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE MARCH 14 AND 15, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (2-1220) - Member Yanuck volunteered to attend the Saturday meeting. Vice Chairperson Walker volunteered to attend the Friday meeting, and offered to drive. He advised he would not be attending the field tour. Chairperson Pedersen offered to serve as the Board's alternate representative. Vice Chairperson Walker suggested implementing a procedure for the Board's representative to telephone Chairperson Pedersen in the event they become unable to attend the Commission meeting.

17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2003 in Reno (2-1268) - Consensus of the Board to was schedule the next meeting for Monday, May 5th. Chairperson Pedersen requested Vice Chairperson Walker to chair the meeting.

18. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-1289) - Chairperson Pedersen distributed a Commission Resolution regarding Wilderness Designations to the Board members and staff, and provided an overview of the same. He requested staff to agendize this item for discussion at the next meeting. Member Zuber requested staff to reagendize a presentation on Question #1, and Ms. King provided an overview of the presentations made by Ms. Wilcox at other City advisory committee meetings.

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-1460) - Member Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the March 10, 2003 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 5th day of May, 2003.

NORMAN W. PEDERSEN, Chair