

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WAB)
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 • 5:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Board Members

Chair – Corbett Fleming	Vice Chair – Tim Wilson
Member – Daniel Thompson	Member – Robert Boehmer
Member – Kirk Stewart	

Staff

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(5:35:44) – Chairperson Fleming called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Corbett Fleming, Chair	Present	
Tim Wilson, Vice Chair	Present	
Daniel Thompson	Present	
Robert Boehmer	Absent	
Kirk Stewart	Present	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5:36:34) – Led by Member Thompson.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:36:59) – Chairperson Fleming entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 2, 2023

(5:37:10) – Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(5:37:16) – Member Steward moved to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Thompson and carried 4-0-0.

5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

(5:37:27) – Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and indicated that, because Member Boehmer was absent at this time, the Board may return to the item.

(6:04:30) – Chairperson Fleming reintroduced the item and reported having seen a snake during each of his hikes around Carson City.

6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON MAY 5 AND 6, 2023 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

(5:37:53) – Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. Gene Green and Member Thompson reported on the March 5 and 6, 2023 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meeting.

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: REPORTS – INFORMATIONAL

(5:52:30) – Chairperson Fleming introduced items 7-A through 7-I and entertained Member input on each of the reports.

7-A. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

7-B. LITIGATION REPORT - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, a Deputy Attorney General will present a litigation report to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the litigation.*

7-C. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, a report will be presented at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the committee's recent meetings and the results of the 2023 Legislative Session. The Commission may still choose to review bills of interest and any associated amendments, consider Legislative Committee recommendations, and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

(5:53:11) – Vice Chairperson Wilson informed the Board about a bill that would have affected the ability to use a semi-automatic shotgun for hunters under the age of 21 years; however, the bill was vetoed by Governor Joe Lombardo. Vice Chairperson Wilson mentioned that Governor Lombardo had vetoed a record number 75 bills during the State's recent Legislative Session.

7-D. RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT LANDOWNER WILD TURKEY HUNTS - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners*

describing the Resident and Nonresident Landowner Wild Turkey program, seasons, quotas, and success rates. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.

7-E. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT MANUAL - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear a report on the Committee's recent meeting. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

7-F FISCAL YEAR 2024 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, as requested, for Fiscal Year 2024. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

(5:55:25) – Mr. Green commented that the reported cash balance for the Carson City County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCCABMW) was the lowest in the State, which he stated was partially because no CCCABMW trips were charged for during the COVID-19 pandemic, since most of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings were held remotely. He indicated that the reported cash balance would be somewhat of a misrepresentation of the next couple of years' cash balance. Discussion ensued on the matter among the Members and Mr. Green.

7-G WILDLIFE HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT PLAN - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the recent Wildlife Heritage Committee meeting. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

7-H NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROJECT UPDATES - *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide additional detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Activity Report and are intended to educate the Commission and public as to the Department's ongoing duties and responsibilities. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

7-I TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE (TAAHC) REPORT - *At its June 24, 2023 meeting, a report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

The items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. A member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, but the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether to pull an item from the consent agenda. (For additional information on the items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/ under agenda and corresponding support material).

(6:03:03) – Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. He entertained requests to pull Consent Agenda items and, when none were forthcoming, he entertained a motion.

(6:04:11) – Member Thompson moved to accept Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Wilson and carried 4-0-0.

8-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS. *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years.*

8-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.*

8-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. *At its June 23, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,540,135.58 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.*

- *FY24 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Restoration and Management (\$110,000)*
- *FY24 Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)*
- *Parrado Partners Community Park and Ponds Land Acquisition (\$100,000)*
- *Gilbert Creek Fencing and Habitat Restoration (\$50,000)*
- *Waking Spring Habitat Restoration (\$65,000)*
- *FY24 Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$100,000)*
- *Bald Mountain PJ Thinning (\$100,000)*
- *FY24 Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Phase II (\$60,000)*
- *FY24 Wildcat Fire Mule Deer Migration Corridor Bitterbrush Planting (\$82,000)*
- *FY24 Lake Tahoe Fish Management Structure Phase 1 (\$80,000)*
- *FY24 Nevada Water Developments (\$50,000)*
- *Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement (\$31,000)*

- Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area Water Enhancements (\$117,277.58)
- FY24 Izzenhood Mountains Habitat Improvement (\$64,000)
- FY24 Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification (\$70,000)
- Pole Canyon Fence (\$100,000) • Success Ward Habitat Improvements (\$50,000)
- FY24 MA13 Mule Deer Collaring (30,000)
- FY24 Warmwater Fisheries Enhancement (\$130,858)

8-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (CABMW) MEMBER ITEMS. At its June 24, 2023 meeting, CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The CCCABMW may desire to present an item.

8-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE BIENNIAL SMALL GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025. At its June 24, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

8-F FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DUCK STAMP REQUEST. At its June 24, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve up to \$100,000 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

- Ducks Unlimited Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000)
- Carson Valley Conservation District-Carson River Bank Stabilization (\$20,000)
- Fernley WMA Dam Repair and Wetland Habitat Design Plan (\$35,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Wildlife Seed (\$10,000)

8-G FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST. At its June 24, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve up to \$330,680 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement North (\$17,250)
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement South (\$25,000)

- *Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification (\$25,000)*
- *Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement (\$15,000)*
- *Argenta WMA Improvements (\$35,000)*
- *Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$4,500)*
- *Greater Sage Grouse Monitoring (\$46,330)*
- *Bi-State Sage Grouse Coordinator (\$10,000)*
- *Bi-State Sage Grouse Monitoring (\$30,000)*
- *Mineral Development Effects on Greater Sage Grouse (\$30,000)*
- *Mason & Smith Valley CD Walker River Region Noxious Weed and PJ Restoration Treatments (\$20,000)*
- *Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$62,600)*
- *Mosquito Valley Range Improvements (\$10,000)*

8-H FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 22-12 AMENDMENT #1, 2022-2023 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS. *At its June 24, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the spring wild turkey seasons for 2024.*

8-1 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 23-10, AMENDMENT #1, 2024 HERITAGE TAG VENDORS. *At its June 24, 2023 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2024 and may take action on the proposals.*

***** **END OF CONSENT AGENDA** *****

9. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE AUGUST 11 AND 12, 2023 MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23, 2023 MEETING.

(6:05:20) – Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. Mr. Green indicated that he could attend the August 11 and 12, 2023 meeting as well as to the June 23 and 24, 2023 meeting taking place in Ely. Member Thompson indicated that he may be able to attend the September 22 and 23, 2023 meeting.

10. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(6:08:35) – Chairperson Fleming entertained suggestions for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08:39) – Chairperson Fleming entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(6:08:46) – Chairperson Fleming adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

The minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 8th day of August 2023.