

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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A meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2000 in the Carson City Fire Department Conference Room, 777 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Christopher MacKenzie
Larry Blank
Norman Pedersen

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(ABMW 05/01/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson MacKenzie. 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 (1-0010) - Chairperson MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Members Davis and Mason were absent.

2. ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2000 MEETING (1-0024) - Member Pedersen moved to approve the minutes as written. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. ELKO COUNTY REQUEST FOR HERITAGE FUND ASSISTANCE FOR DEER MIGRATION SIGNS IN PEQUOP MOUNTAINS (1-0038) - Chairperson MacKenzie advised of receiving an e-mail from the Elko County Commissioners requesting support for this item. He provided a brief overview of the request for assistance and discussion ensued with regard to the costs and locations for the signs. Member Pedersen moved to support the initiative. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. ROGER HEATH AND GEORGE GROTH APPRECIATION (1-0160) - Chairperson MacKenzie discussed the possibility of appreciation gifts for the services of Mr. Heath and Mr. Groth. Discussion regarding cost took place, and Member Pedersen moved to select appropriate items of recognition for Roger Heath and George Groth not to exceed \$30. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Member Pedersen agreed to look for the gifts.

5. FEDERAL ACTION AT STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (1-0750) - Chairperson MacKenzie advised that the federal government is proposing a change in use parameters. Four proposals have been developed, one with two subparts, to restrict hunting in the wetlands area. A public comment period has been designated and Churchill County is providing input. He requested input from the Board members. Member Pedersen inquired as to possible trends and whether or not other federal areas will be affected. Discussion ensued with regard to the authority of the State Wildlife Commission to intervene. Member Blank suggested that the Board monitor the matter for informational purposes and, if the State is developing positions on this issue or other federal land use issues, provide input or formal

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support when there is an opportunity to do so. Member Pedersen concurred. Chairperson MacKenzie suggested defining the role of the Board in overall issues affecting hunters, fishermen, wildlife, etc. No formal action was taken.

6. CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES (1-0248) - Chairperson MacKenzie referred to agenda item 12 of the May 5th meeting of the State Wildlife Commission and suggested reviewing the responsibilities of the Board members. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the Chairperson should vote, and Member Pedersen moved that the Board conduct business activities consistent with the State Wildlife Commission, and that the Chairperson submit a regular vote unless there is some conflict. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Member Blank suggested developing responsibility descriptions for the Board officers, a summary of the Board's responsibilities, and a packet of information regarding primary contacts within City government. He offered to assist with this project. Chairperson MacKenzie volunteered to prepare a draft, and discussion ensued regarding the budget. Member Blank suggested forming a subcommittee comprised of Chairperson MacKenzie and Member Mason to develop a first draft which could be agendized for discussion and possible revisions at the next meeting. Chairperson MacKenzie suggested including a budget report in each month's agenda materials. Discussion followed regarding the increased number of Wildlife Commission meetings and treasurer responsibilities. No further action was taken.

7. CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET FOR 07/01/00 TO 06/30/01 (1-1031) - Chairperson MacKenzie advised that the budget packet was mailed to Member Mason, and that he was unable to reach him regarding the budget which was submitted for FY00/01. Member Pedersen offered to call the City Finance Department to determine the current balance in the budget.

Discussion took place regarding the statutory deadline for budget requests and consideration of a supplemental budget request. Member Blank advised of the authority of the State Wildlife Commission to examine the county budget, in conjunction with the administrator or his designee, and increase, decrease, alter, or amend the budget. Member Pedersen volunteered to address the matter at the May 5th Wildlife Commission meeting. Discussion followed regarding the FY99/00 budget, the FY00/01 budget request, differences between the Carson City and Clark County budgets, the remaining balance in the FY99/00 budget, costs of attending State Wildlife Commission meetings, and the overall budget covering the 17 Nevada counties.

Member Blank commented on the practice of the Board to send one member to each of the State meetings, and the primary purpose of the budget to cover expenses for those trips. He suggested that, if this practice is to continue and the number of meetings have been increased from six to nine, the Board should recommend a pro rata increase consistent with the increase in meetings. Discussion regarding trip expenses followed. Chairperson MacKenzie advised he would call Member Mason to discuss the budget he submitted. Member Blank suggested deferring action on this item until the May 3rd meeting.

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8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESCHEDULE REGULAR MEETING DATE (1-1785) - Member Blank discussed the corresponding State Wildlife Commission meetings and the need to schedule the Board meetings accordingly. Discussion took place regarding the dates on which the agenda packets were received, the next State Wildlife Commission meeting, the June Board meeting, other county Board meetings, and the possibility of picking up the agenda packets from the Nevada Division of Wildlife rather than waiting for them to be mailed. Board consensus was to defer action on this item until the May 3rd meeting. Discussion regarding the meeting location took place, and the Board members indicated their willingness to change the meeting location based on the availability of the City Hall Capitol Conference Room.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-2670) - None.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (1-2685) - Member Pedersen suggested posting meeting notices at sporting goods stores, and discussion followed regarding other locations. Chairperson MacKenzie requested input regarding the new tag application process and a brief discussion followed with regard to the same.

11. ADJOURNMENT (1-3355) - Member Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minutes of the May 1, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of June, 2000.

CHRISTOPHER MacKENZIE, Chairperson