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 18, 2007 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck

Wes Clyde John Valley

STAFF: Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record, on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. These materials are available for review during regular business hours.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007) Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker and Member Zuber were absent.
- **2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 7, 2007** (1-0010) Member Clyde moved to accept the minutes, as submitted. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- **3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** (1-0018) None.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** (1-0020) C.K. Baily discussed a recent experience fishing at Spooner Lake.
- **5. DISCLOSURES** (1-0047) Member Valley advised of having recently heard, from a concerned citizen, regarding diminished access to train his dog. A brief discussion followed, and Mr. Krahn suggested referring the citizen to Parks and Recreation Director of Operations Scott Fahrenbruch.
- 6. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF STATUS REPORT ON THE URBAN FISHING POND PROJECT AT THE CARSON CITY FAIRGROUNDS PARK PLANNER VERN KRAHN

(1-0120) - Mr. Krahn provided background information on this item, and an overview of the rebid strategy. He advised that contractors have been recently hired on "a small, per-project basis." He reviewed details of the project which have been completed thus far. He reviewed details of the Fairgrounds improvement project which coincide with the fishing pond project. He discussed a potential donation to the urban fishing pond project from Trout Unlimited. He acknowledged the intent for the pond to remain at one acre in size. In response to a further question, he advised that a floating pier rather than a stationary pier will be part of the rebid package. He acknowledged that a floating pier will be ADA compliant. He advised of the possibility of an additional Question #1 allocation from NDOW in light of the Trout Unlimited donation. In response to a question, he advised that the additional funding from Trout Unlimited will allow the project to move forward. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of additional funding, and Mr. Krahn discussed the current bidding climate. He advised that the City will be contracting to have a well drilled in the center of the pond. He offered to keep the board informed of the progress.

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- 7. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 11 AND 12, 2007 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0480) Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted that the commission agenda materials contained draft minutes from the last two commission meetings. He provided an overview of discussion which took place regarding quota setting. He advised of a concern on the part of the commissioners regarding sufficient public notice of the change in season opening days. He further advised that the petition by the trail group had been withdrawn until such time as they can meet with the trappers association. He further advised that the Wayne E. Kirsch Award had been conferred upon C.K. Baily at the commission meeting. He commended Mr. Baily on the award, and expressed appreciation for his dedication to the urban fishing pond project and to the advisory board meetings over the past several years.
- 8. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 22 and 23, 2007 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 (1-0583) Vice Chairperson Yanuck opened the consent agenda, and entertained requests from the board members or the public to pull any of the items. Member Valley requested to pull item 8-A. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained additional requests and, when none were forthcoming, Member Valley moved to accept the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
 - 8-A. ACTION REGARDING A PETITION FOR RESIDENTS OF NEVADA THAT HAVE CHILDREN, 12 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE WHO DO NOT LIVE IN NEVADA, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE AND APPLY AS A RESIDENT JUNIOR HUNTER FOR DEER ONLY (1-0613) Member Valley commended and expressed understanding for the intent of the petition, but concern over the potential effect on the draw process. Vice Chairperson Yanuck expressed concern over giving precedence to any one group. Discussion took place regarding youth hunting regulations in other states, and Member Valley suggested that the father consider hunting with his children in the state of their residence. In response to a question, Members Clyde and Valley provided background information on the petition. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the petition, and expressed concern over re-opening the non-resident tag allocation issue. NDOW Biologist Carl Lackey suggested the father would have a better chance of drawing a tag in another state than his children would in Nevada. Discussion took place with regard to possible solutions. Member Clyde moved to recommend the commission decline the petition. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
 - 8-B. ACTION REGARDING A PETITION TO ESTABLISH A REGULATION TO PROHIBIT TRAPPING, WITH STEEL TRAPS AND SNARES, WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING TRAILS: HUNTER CREEK TRAIL, BROWN'S CREEK TRAIL, THOMAS CREEK TRAIL, OPHIR CREEK TRAIL, WHITE'S CREEK TRAIL, JONES CREEK TRAIL, TAHOE RIM TRAIL, GALENA CREEK TRAIL, WASHOE COUNTY NEVADA TRAPPER'S ASSOCIATION AND TRAIL SAFE

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- **8-C. ACTION REGARDING 2008 HERITAGE TAG VENDORS COMMISSION REGULATION 07-04 COMMISSIONER BENTLEY.** The commission's Wildlife Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the commission for approval of heritage tag auction vendors for the 2008 mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, antelope, and turkey wildlife heritage tags.
- **8-D. ACTION REGARDING ELK DAMAGE COMPENSATION PAYMENT CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON.** The commission will review and may approve a \$10,000 payment to Atlanta Farms in Lincoln County for elk damage to alfalfa and potatoes.
- **8-E.** ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME AND WATERFOWL BIENNIAL RELEASE PLAN GAME BIOLOGIST SHAWN ESPINOSA. The commission will review and may approve a biennial release plan for upland game and waterfowl.
- **8-F.** ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 GAME BIOLOGISTS SHAWN ESPINOSA AND KEVIN LANSFORD. The commission will review and approve hunting seasons for upland game, rabbit, dove, and crow, and trapping seasons for furbearing mammals.
- **8-G.** ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The commission will review and be asked to approve 21 projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. The projects total \$129,269 plus \$10,000 in associated salary.
- **8-H.** ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The commission will review and be asked to approve eight projects and two equipment requests submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The projects total \$135,253 plus \$130,000 in associated salary.
- 9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 22 AND 23, 2007 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. A report 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.
 - 9-A. POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN BEAVER GAME BIOLOGIST KEVIN LANSFORD
 - **9-B. POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN BLACK BEAR GAME BIOLOGIST KEVIN LANSFORD** (1-0860) Mr. Lackey acknowledged the general public is becoming more aware of black bear issues in the area. In response to a further question, he advised that the Carson front is considered bear habitat and that a bear entering a resident's property does not constitute an eminent threat. He provided background information on the written policy included in the agenda materials. In response to a comment, he advised that NDOW had recently mailed 20,000 brochures to area residents. He acknowledged that some campgrounds impose fines for improper food storage. In response to an additional comment, he advised that county government representatives have been reluctant to enact ordinances requiring bear-proof trash containers. Discussion took place regarding the availability of bear-proof containers.

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- 9-C. POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF NEVADA'S UPLAND GAME GAME BIOLOGIST SHAWN ESPINOSA
- 9-D. LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT OR BULL TROUT RECOVERY PLANS CHIEF OF FISHERIES RICH HASKINS AND FISHERIES BIOLOGIST JOHN ELLIOT (1-0820) Mr. Baily requested a report from the commission meeting on this item.
- 9-E. SHED ANTLERS CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI
- 9-F. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BOB HAUGHIAN
- **9-G. COMMISSION TOUR.** The commission will meet to view several sites in Elko County to assess fire damage and range rehabilitation efforts. The group will depart from the Hilton Garden Inn parking lot at 1:00 p.m. Short informational presentations will be made at several sites but no action will be taken by the commission. The public is invited to participate but may be required to provide their own transportation. The tour is planned to conclude in Elko at 5:00 p.m. with a non-hosted dinner at 6:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.
- 9-H. DEPARTMENT BUDGET DIRECTOR KEN E. MAYER
- 9-I. AUDIT COMPLIANCE UPDATE DIRECTOR KEN E. MAYER
- 9-J. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT DIRECTOR KEN E. MAYER
- 9-K. LITIGATION REPORT DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN
- 9-L. 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CHAIRMAN CHRIS MacKENZIE
- 9-M. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK COMMISSIONER LURIE
- **9-N. TAG ALLOCATION APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS** (1-1058) Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to the pertinent agenda materials, and provided an overview of discussion which took place at the last commission meeting. He expressed concern with regard to reaching consensus. Member Valley noted the items prioritized by the committee, and suggested these will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. He expressed concern over the proposal to carry youth points forward, and discussion followed. He suggested some of the proposals could influence the method by which quotas are established.
- **10. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP** (1-1280) Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item. In response to a question, Ms. King advised that the position was advertised for over a month and that Member Clyde was the only applicant. Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted that Member Clyde had been interviewed approximately two months ago. He offered Member Clyde the opportunity to present supplemental information; however, he declined.

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- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-1301) Based on Member Clyde's most recent interview and past experience with the advisory board, Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion to recommend his reappointment to the Board of Supervisors. Member Valley so moved. Vice Chairperson Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ms. King advised that the recommendation would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors at their July 5th meeting.
- 12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE Previously covered.
- **13. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM GIL YANUCK** (1-1340) Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to the pertinent agenda materials, and noted that Governor Gibbons is serving as co-chair of the sage grouse committee. He discussed plans to involve Governor Gibbons in an upcoming field trip.
- **14. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET REPORT GIL YANUCK** (1-1387) Vice Chairperson Yanuck offered to e-mail the travel expense forms to Member Valley for the upcoming commission meeting.
- **15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS** (1-1395) Vice Chairperson Yanuck expressed appreciation for Member Valley's willingness to attend the June 22 and 23 commission meeting in Elko.
- 16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for August 10 and 11, 2007 in Ely. The next meeting of the CCABMW is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2007 (1-1405) Consensus of the board members was to schedule the meeting for Monday, August 6, 2007. Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested the board members to consider attending the August commission meeting in Ely. Member Valley advised he would be absent from the August 6th advisory board meeting.
- 17. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1425) Ms. King referred to the letter, included in the agenda materials, from Wildlife Commission Chairman Chris MacKenzie advising of his resignation.
- **18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (1-1440) Member Valley expressed an interest in a report on the west side fuels management project.
- **19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (1-1533) Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minutes of the June 18, 2007 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 17th day of September, 2007.

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