

# CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

## Minutes of the June 21, 2010 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**Present:** Chairman Gil Yanuck  
Member Doug Martin  
Member John Valley

**Staff:** Tamar Warren, 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. These materials are on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and available for review during regular business hours.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (60)** - Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairman Zuber was absent.
- 2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (84)** – Member Valley moved to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting as presented, with the corrected name spelling of Eric Scheetz. Member Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (88)** – None
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (91)** – Mr. Kevin (CK) Baily reported that the pond at Fuji Park would open to the public in September, and stated that this would be a major historical event in Carson City. Member Valley inquired about the number of fish being put in the pond and Mr. Baily responded that it would be up to this board to make that decision, and that he would like to create a consortium of individuals and businesses to work on supplementing the fish quantity.
- 5. DISCLOSURES (189)** – Chairman Yanuck mentioned that he was quoted in the May 24, 2010 issue of the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, in an article about predator control. He had responded to a call by reporter Martin Griffith, and opined as a private citizen, but was quoted as the Chairman of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Later he had received a copy of a column published on June 16, 2010 by the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, from Chairman Lent, in which he was also quoted about predator control. Both articles are incorporated into the record. Chairman Yanuck also responded to an earlier inquiry raised by Member Martin about the wetlands along Highway 395 and suggested that he follow up with Robb Fellows, Chief Storm Water Engineer at Carson City Public Works, and report back at the next meeting.
- 6. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP (210)** - Two applicants, Mr. Jim Davis and Mr. Mike Fletcher, applied for the vacant position on the CABMW. Mr. Fletcher was present and was interviewed by the board. Member Martin inquired about Mr. Fletcher's hunter safety instruction classes, the reason for his interest in serving on the board, and his views on the responsibilities of the board. Mr. Fletcher replied that he is an avid outdoorsman who wants to give back to the community. In response to some of the

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significant current issues regarding wildlife, Mr. Fletcher thought that predator control and management were significant. He also believed that giving youngsters the opportunity to fish, via the pond at Fuji Park, was a great idea. Member Valley asked how Mr. Fletcher felt about the role of wildlife biologists. Mr. Fletcher responded that they were crucial to assessing and setting quotas. In response to Chairman Yanuck's question about predator control, Mr. Fletcher explained that he had been asked to do predator control on ranches in Genoa. Chairman Yanuck added that he appreciated Mr. Fletcher's interest; however, he was concerned that Mr. Fletcher had not attended any of the board meetings prior to applying for the appointment. He stated that the board represents the fishermen and hunters and that they would like to receive feedback from them. Mr. Fletcher responded that he had not been aware of the board until he read about the vacancy in the newspaper. In a response to Member Martin's question on fish and game violations, Mr. Fletcher said that he had received a fine in 1994, in Mason Valley, for a ¼ inch undersized trout. He also stated that his last hunting trip was with his 13-year-old daughter, on her first junior hunt. Chairman Yanuck also reminded Mr. Fletcher that the position would require attending nine, three-hour meetings per year, in addition to reading the meeting packets, and possible travel to Ely and Elko. Mr. Fletcher thanked the board for their time and reiterated that had he known about the meetings, he would have loved to attend and would have given his opinion on issues.

Mr. Davis was not in attendance. However, Member Martin stated that he was a friend of Mr. Davis' and he could present information on his behalf. He said that Mr. Davis is a past member of the board, attended CABMW meetings, and is a lifetime hunter and fisherman, a Carson City resident, a charter member, founder, past president and current treasurer of Clear Creek Bowmen. He also stated that Mr. Davis is a lifetime member and current board member of the Ormsby Sportsmen's Association, and is a lifetime member of the NRA. He described Mr. Davis as an avid archer, with his main concern being the overlap of archery and rifle seasons, where archers' safety would be an issue as they are dressed in camouflage. Chairman Yanuck stated that he did not know Mr. Davis as well, however, he appreciated the fact that he took his time to come to the board meetings. Chairman Yanuck suggested that the board make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Baily wondered whether the public and the applicants needed to vacate the room in order for the board to vote on a recommendation. Chairman Yanuck reminded Mr. Baily of the open meeting law and stated that all discussion would take place during the meeting, in the presence of everyone.

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1161) - Member Martin moved to recommend Jim Davis to be ratified by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the CABMW. Member Valley seconded the motion, and thanked Mr. Fletcher for his interest.** In discussion, Chairman Yanuck thanked Mr. Fletcher and stated that he would like to see him return to board meetings, as there may be other vacancies in 2012, with the expiration of terms. He also commented that the advisory board would greatly benefit from Mr. Davis' experience. The public comment from Mr. Baily was that he was surprised and shocked that the board had lost a valuable member like Mr. Clyde. He wished Mr. Davis had been present to answer questions from the public, but believed in a diverse board which deals with some "very heavy issues." He also raised the question on whether Mr. Davis could be able to travel and attend any of the Wildlife Commission meetings. Chairman Yanuck stated that in his past experience on the board, Mr.

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Davis must have had to encounter that issue. Chairman Yanuck concluded by inviting Mr. Fletcher to bring his daughter to the Board meetings so that her opinions are also heard. **The motion carried 3-0.**

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP (1192)** - The Group did not meet last month, however, the Group's recommendation was to schedule a meeting as soon as possible. The Group also wanted to remind the CABMW to take the recommendations passed at their last meeting, to Saturday's Wildlife Commission meeting. This pertained to a specific Commission meeting agenda item regarding what the county game boards wanted for projects. Chairman Yanuck said he would take the request to the next Commission meeting.

**9. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 14 AND 15, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1228)** – Chairman Yanuck reported that the items that received the most discussion, comments and press were the particular projects selected by the Heritage Committee. He stated that the same three projects were recommended by over 90% of the county advisory boards, yet there was a feeling that commission members were not listening to these advisory boards. He also mentioned that the approved projects had not received unanimous votes. Member Martin reflected that in the past CABMW meeting, a commissioner was present, and had engaged in a meaningful dialogue with the Board. However, per Chairman Yanuck, that commissioner was not on the Heritage Committee, so he could not vote on the recommendations. Member Valley wanted to know how the board could be proactive next time. Chairman Yanuck, stated that an impressive case had been built for predator control, however that should not have been the only issue. Mr. Baily thanked the chairman for his report and stressed that habitat is “all,” and without the habitat there will not be predators.

**10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA (1525)** - Member Martin and Chairman Yanuck requested the removal of items 10-F and 10-I, respectively, from the consent agenda for discussion. Mr. Baily requested that Chairman Yanuck “keep an ear open” for item 11-E, due to his interest in Bassett, Cave, and Comins Lake updates from the chief of fisheries. **Member Martin moved to accept all the consent agenda items with the exception of items 10-F and 10-I. Member Valley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.**

**10-A. ACTION ON APPEAL OF MR. ROBERT G. WALLIN**

**10-B. ACTION ON APPEAL OF MR. MARK PAUL**

**10-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 383, LCB FILE NO. R005-10 - WILDLIFE HIGHWAY CROSSING - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI**

**10-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 389, LCB FILE NO. R083-10 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI**

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**10-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07, AMENDMENT #6 - UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST SHAWN ESPINOSA**

**10-F. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM (1585)** - Member Martin stated that there is a recommendation to spend around \$141,000 on projects generated from duck stamp funds. He wanted to know the total available amount in the fund, and the selection process, from which this spending will be allocated. **Member Martin moved that the board adopt and support the projects generated from duck stamp funds with the requested explanation. Member Valley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.**

**10-G. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM**

**10-H. ACTION REGARDING GOOSE CREEK PORTION OF THE WELLS ELK SUBPLAN - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON**

**10-I. ACTION REGARDING PETITION OF THE NEVADA OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES ASSOCIATION (1655)** – Chairman Yanuck stated that the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association had petitioned the Commission to “return to the original wording of NAC 502.4237 that allowed applicants who were unsuccessful or rejected to apply in the main draw for deer.” He requested clarification on this item and Member Valley explained that the issue was about giving some a second opportunity. Chairman Yanuck also asked whether any non-resident tags were left over. **Member Martin moved to take no action on this item, but to ask the Nevada Department of Wildlife whether there were unallocated tags. Member Valley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.**

**10-J. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS - CHAIRMAN LENT**

**10-K. ACTION REGARDING LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET REQUEST - DEPUTY DIRECTOR RICH HASKINS**

**10-L. ACTION REGARDING 2011 AND 2012 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER**

**11. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 25 AND 26, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING**

**11-A. CABMW REPORTS ON MULE DEER OVERVIEW EFFORTS WITHIN EACH COUNTY - CABMW MEMBERS**

**11-B. BIGHORN SHEEP DISEASE UPDATE - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON**

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**11-C. BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT UPDATE - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON**

**11-D. WOLVES MANAGEMENT UPDATE - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON AND CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI**

**11-E. BASSETT, CAVE, AND COMINS LAKE UPDATES - CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN**

**11-F. REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2011 HERITAGE CONTRACTS STATUS - SECRETARY MAYER**

**11-G. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK, CLARK CABMW FEE UPDATES - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON**

**11-H. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON**

**11-I. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER**

**12. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM (1788)** – Chairman Yanuck informed the board that he had sent a copy of his most recent report to Mayor Crowell. He informed the board of a meeting several weeks ago at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices in Reno. Representatives of many agencies such as the Nevada Department of Forestry, Nevada Department of Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, etc. had been present. Also represented were the Bureau of Land Management, from both California and Nevada, and Fish and Game representatives from California. The discussion was about Sage Grouse in general, and the issues in the bi-state area, Mono County and the bordering areas of Nevada, in particular. The discussion revolved around conservation agreements, with assurances which protect the land owner and grandfathers the current regulations. Models from Idaho and Montana, and available tools were discussed. He also stated that more information will be available on this issue later, and that the species is two steps away from being listed as endangered. Although, he said, the impact would also affect grazing lands, and could pose an economic disaster for some. Chairman Yanuck felt that the monitoring of the project is as important as funding it.

**13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1982)** – Chairman Yanuck mentioned that as a result of his comments about the budgeting methodology, he was drafted to train advisory boards on how to do budgets. He said that changes would be coming but, for now, the board had received an augmentation of \$2,800.

**14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (2019)** – Chairman

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Yanuck announced that he will attend the Wildlife Commission meeting in Ely. However, he might not be able to attend some committee pre-meetings.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING (2043) –** Chairman Yanuck reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for August 13 and 14, 2010 in Fallon. Therefore, the next meeting of the CABMW would be scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2010. Members Martin and Valley mentioned that they could not attend the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. In order to ensure quorum on August 9<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Yanuck requested staff to expedite the board's recommendation to appoint Mr. Davis.

**16. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF –** None.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –** None.

**18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2160) - Member Valley moved to adjourn and Member Martin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

The minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

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**GIL YANUCK, Chairman**