

# CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

## Minutes of the June 23, 2003 Meeting

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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 23, 2003 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Norm Pedersen  
Vice Chairperson Steve Walker  
Wes Clyde  
Gil Yanuck  
Stan 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 during regular business hours.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007)** - Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Vice Chairperson Walker for chairing the last meeting. He expressed appreciation for the staff reports included in the agenda materials, and provided an overview of the same.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 5, 2003 (1-0041)** - Vice Chairperson Walker moved to approve the minutes. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0052)** - None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0056)** - Matt Bernard, Chairman of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, introduced himself and discussed his interest in attending the meeting. He commended Member Yanuck on his dedication to the Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Planning process.

**5. DISCLOSURES (1-0113)** - Chairperson Pedersen disclosed conversations with Vice Chairperson Walker regarding the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Member Yanuck disclosed that he and Vice Chairperson Walker attended the May 20<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and provided comment on the proposed Fuji Park Urban Fishery. Member Yanuck advised that he appeared before the State Finance Committee to testify in support of SB441 on May 21<sup>st</sup>. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, he appeared before a joint committee of the Assembly and the Senate to testify in support of SB420, which included the proposed amendment to NRS 501.376.

**6. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THREE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE POSITIONS (1-0172)** - Ms. King reviewed the staff report included in the agenda materials.

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**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THREE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-0265)** - Discussion took place regarding the appropriate action, and **Member Yanuck moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to reappoint the three incumbent members of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SUBMIT WILDLIFE COMMISSION NOMINATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO NRS 501.171(1) (1-0308)** - Chairperson Pedersen read the staff report into the record. The Board members discussed the qualifications of the three incumbent commissioners: John Moran, Tommy Ford, and David McNinch. **Member Yanuck moved to send a letter to Keith Monro, General Counsel for the Governor's Office, recommending the reappointment of the following members to the Wildlife Commission: John T. Moran, Tommy Ford, and David McNinch. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion.** Member Yanuck advised that he had drafted a letter in anticipation of the Board's nominations which Chairperson Pedersen read into the record. Chairperson Pedersen called for discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MARCH 14 AND 15, 2003 AND THE MAY 8, 9, AND 10, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-0417)** - Vice Chairperson Walker advised of having attended the May 8 and 9 morning sessions of the Wildlife Commission meeting. He referred to the draft minutes, included in the Commission agenda materials, and provided an overview of discussions regarding the permit denial appeal of Gone Fishin', Inc. and recent nominations under the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Walker discussed general attendance at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Member Clyde reviewed discussions which took place during the May 9<sup>th</sup> afternoon session, including the Petition for Regulation Change by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, the ESPN Games, a report on Question #1 projects by Laura Richards, comments by a representative of the Nevada Wildlife Federation, the status of the Table Mountain Wind Power Generation project, the report on wild horses in Nevada, and the report on wilderness areas. Chairperson Pedersen advised of having attended the Saturday morning session, most of which was spent reviewing budgets. He commended Member Yanuck on his timely submittal of the Advisory Board's budget. He noted that the forms developed by Member Yanuck have, in the past, been used as samples for the annual county advisory board workshop.

**10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the June 27 and 28, 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 (1-0812) - **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Chairperson Pedersen and Ms. King explained the consent agenda process for the benefit of Mr. Bernard.

**10-A. ACTION REGARDING LICENSE SUSPENSION APPEALS - ROB BUONAMICI.** The Commission will review the actions of the Division of Wildlife in notification of license and permit suspension for accumulation of 12 demerit points for conviction of wildlife law/regulations for the following individuals: David L. Murdock

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**10-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION #03-08, AMENDMENT #1, WILDLIFE HERITAGE CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP TAG - GREGG TANNER.** The Commission will consider amending hunting season dates for this Heritage tag issued for 2003.

**10-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #21 - GREGG TANNER.** The Commission will consider amending its policy regarding the number, timing, and selection of Heritage tags.

**10-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-01 THROUGH 04-14 AUCTION TAG VENDORS - GREGG TANNER.** The Commission will establish the limit, sex/age class, hunting areas, season dates, legal weapon and auction/sealed bid regulations and select vendors for 14 Wildlife Heritage tags including two mule deer, two pronghorn antelope, two Rocky Mountain elk, two desert (Nelson) bighorn sheep, one California bighorn sheep, and five wild turkey.

**10-E. ACTION REGARDING BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN - GREGG TANNER.** The Commission will consider final action on the Division's proposed plan for fiscal years 2004-2005.

**10-F. ACTION REGARDING QUESTION 5 FUNDS - DOUG HUNT.** The Division is requesting concurrence from the Commission to expend additional Question 5 funds on a previously approved project (Humboldt River Water) based on a recent real property appraisal.

**10-G. ACTION REGARDING WESTERN ELKO COUNTY ELK MANAGEMENT SUBPLAN - CHARLIE MYERS.** The Commission will be asked to take action on the Western Elko County Elk Management Subplan.

**10-H. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 8 and 9, 2003 in Las Vegas and the Commission will review potential agenda items.

**10-I. ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS - CHAIRMAN MORAN.** The Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman for fiscal year 2004.

**11. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 27 AND 28, 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 at the upcoming Commission meetings.

**11-A. LITIGATION - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE**

**11-B. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER QUILICI**

**11-C. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY**

**11-D. WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SELECTION - COMMISSIONERS McNINCH AND OLSEN**

**11-E. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER OLSEN**

**11-F. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER McNINCH**

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**11-G. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER**

**11-H. BLACK ROCK NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA - DOUG HUNT**

**11-I. OUTFITTERS, GUIDES REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY**

**11-J. ELK PLANNING - NEVADA WILDLIFE FEDERATION**

**11-K. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FIRE SUPPRESSION - DOUG HUNT/KEVIN HULL.** The Commission has requested a report on the 2003 fire season and proposed suppression actions.

**12. COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WORKSHOP.** The county advisory boards and the Wildlife Commission will meet in a facilitated session on Saturday, June 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in the Silver State Room of the Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 West Winnemucca Boulevard, in Winnemucca, Nevada. Brief presentations and discussions of the following topics will take place. Note: The Commission will not take action on any workshop item. The purpose of the workshop is to achieve a common understanding of county advisory board and Commission processes. The public is encouraged to attend.

- **COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD PARTICIPATION - CHAIRMAN MORAN**
- **LEGISLATION - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY**
- **PRESENTATION OF THE DIVISION BUDGET - DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR GENE WELLER**
- **COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET PREPARATION - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH**
- **FEDERAL AID AND IN-KIND MATCH - DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WELLER**
- **AUDITS: FEDERAL AID AND INTERNAL - DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WELLER**
- **REGULATION PETITION PROCESS - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE**
- **ELK MANAGEMENT - COMMISSIONER OLSEN**
- **DEER MANAGEMENT - COMMISSIONER FORD**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** Persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should complete a speaker's card and present it to the recording secretary. The Commission may not take action. Any item requiring further action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

**13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION ON WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS IN NEVADA (1-0943) - Chairperson Pedersen** reviewed the purpose and benefits of the resolution, copies of which were included in the agenda materials, and suggested that the Board express formal support for the same. Following discussion of the elements of the resolution, **Member Yanuck moved to go on record in support of the position taken by the Commissioners on the issue of wilderness areas. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Consensus of the Board was to draft a letter, and Chairperson Pedersen offered to do so.

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**14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE BOARD LIAISONS TO CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES (1-1165)** - Ms. King reviewed the staff report. Member Yanuck commented on the benefit of receiving agendas from other advisory committees in advance of an Advisory Board meeting in order that pertinent items could be agendized accordingly. He advised that community access television is not available in the area of his and Vice Chairperson Walker's residences. Discussion took place regarding the role of the liaison(s) and the process by which to provide pertinent agendas to the Board members. Following additional discussion, consensus of the Board was to agendize a staff report on the activities of other City advisory committees and outside agency committees which would be relative to the Board.

**15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT TWO CCABMW REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON A SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PROJECT LIST AND PRIORITY RANKING MATRIX FOR CARSON CITY'S STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTION #1 PROJECTS (1-1523)** - Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the subcommittee meeting, and Vice Chairperson Walker and Member Zuber volunteered to represent the Board. Chairperson Pedersen encouraged the entire Board to attend the meeting.

**16. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-1805)** - Chairperson Pedersen commended Member Yanuck's commitment to the planning process as evidenced by the report letters included in the agenda materials. Member Yanuck referred to the reports and advised that the second draft of the Sage Grouse Conservation Plan for the Bi-State Planning Area was submitted last month. He discussed public and agency representative participation in the planning process, and circulated a copy of the draft plan. He discussed recent field trips to gather necessary information for completion of the Pine Nut planning group's portion of the plan, the ongoing responsibility to update the plan, and wild horse management and impact on sage grouse habitat. Member Yanuck advised of a Governor's Team meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in Reno, and provided an overview of the agenda. Member Zuber responded to questions regarding wild horse adoption regulations and the stray horse program at the Nevada State Prison.

**17. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-2220)** - Member Yanuck advised that the Board's budget proposal was approved. He discussed the budget preparation process. [Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting at 7:46 and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.]

**18. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE JUNE 27 AND 28, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-2340)** - Chairperson Pedersen discussed the purpose of the scheduled workshops and requested two Board members to attend. Members Yanuck and Zuber volunteered.

**19. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for August 8 and 9, 2003 in Las Vegas (1-2415) - Chairperson Pedersen advised that NDOW staff had requested to schedule a presentation on the Upland Game, Furbearing, and Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag Recommendations for 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 hunting seasons. Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Pedersen will contact Western Region Supervising Game Biologist Mike Dobel regarding the meeting date.

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**20. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-2572)** - Chairperson Pedersen advised that he would be resigning his position due to an upcoming relocation of his family to the State of Washington. He discussed his tenure with the Board, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve since 1998. He suggested agendaing election of new officers for the next meeting. He requested staff to provide a report on pertinent items of other committees, as previously discussed. Due to Chairperson Pedersen's resignation, Member Yanuck suggested agendaing applicant interviews.

**21. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-2716)** - Member Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the June 23, 2003 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

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STEVEN R. WALKER, Vice Chair