

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, August 4, 2003 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Walker
Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Wes Clyde
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)** - Vice Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 23, 2003 (1-0010)** - Member Yanuck moved to approve the minutes, as submitted. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0017)** - Vice Chairperson Walker advised that a presentation would be made, under public comment, to former Chairperson Norm Pedersen.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0023)** - C.K. Baily advised that Carson City has contracted with Lumos & Associates to begin developing the scope of work for the urban fishery at Fuji Park.

Vice Chairperson Walker presented an engraved plaque to former Chairperson Norm Pedersen expressing appreciation for his service to the Advisory Board. Former Chairperson Pedersen thanked the Advisory Board. [Vice Chairperson Walker recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 p.m.]

- 5. DISCLOSURES (1-0089)** - None.

- 6. PRESENTATION BY MIKE DOBEL, NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE WESTERN REGION SUPERVISING BIOLOGIST, REGARDING UPLAND GAME, FURBEARER, AND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASON AND BAG RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2003/2004 AND 2004/2005 HUNTING SEASONS; DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION (1-0098)** - Nevada Division of Wildlife Biologist Carl Lackey reviewed the season and bag recommendations as set forth in the handbooks provided to the Board members. [Member Clyde arrived at 6:14 p.m.] Mr. Lackey responded to questions regarding incorporation of federal regulations into the season setting recommendations. Member Yanuck discussed recommendations proposed by the Nevada Waterfowl Association to modify the youth hunt season date recommendations. Discussion took place regarding falconer recommendations and Mr. Lackey offered to check with Wildlife Staff Specialist San Stiver with regard to the same. **Member Yanuck moved to accept NDOW's recommendations for upland game, furbearer, and migratory game birds for the 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 hunting and trapping seasons.** Mr. Lackey acknowledged that the

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federal recommendations may be further modified for the 2004/2005 hunting seasons. **Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Vice Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Lackey for his presentation.

In response to a question, Mr. Lackey provided an overview of his responsibility over furbearers and predators for the western region of Nevada. In response to a further question, he advised that NDOW Administrator Crawforth has requested development of a black bear management plan. All management issues will be explored, including the possibility of establishing a bear hunting season. The black bear population in Nevada has been estimated at 200-300 and Mr. Lackey indicated that approximately ten tags could be issued. He clarified that a bear season will not solve the nuisance problem, which is strictly related to food resources in urban areas in the form of garbage. He advised that hunting areas would most likely be established in the Pine Nut Mountains, the Sweetwaters, and Wellington Hills. He discussed comparisons between recent and past research done in conjunction with UNR staff. In response to a question, he discussed bearproofing techniques to solve the nuisance problem. Vice Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Lackey.

7. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS TO FILL ONE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE POSITION (1-0775) - Ms. King reviewed the staff report and provided an overview of the attachments. She introduced Jennifer Derley, who responded to questions regarding her availability to attend Board and Commission meetings, and her background and experience in hunting and fishing. Ms. Derley acknowledged that she has a current hunting license, and responded to additional questions regarding her familiarity with the Board and its activities and her interest in serving as a Board member. In response to a further question, she discussed her background and experience working for the Bureau of Land Management in the areas of range wildlife and development of management plans in conjunction with NDOW. Ms. Derley acknowledged that she is a native Nevadan and responded to questions regarding her ranching background and her opinions on predatory control. Member Zuber explained the Board's purview to represent the citizens of Carson City before the State Wildlife Commission. He clarified that a majority of the issues addressed by county advisory boards have a statewide effect. Ms. Derley acknowledged an understanding of statewide issues based on her experience hunting and ranching in Nevada. She clarified she is not as familiar with southern Nevada issues. Member Yanuck discussed the Board, NDOW, and Commission materials which must be reviewed prior to each Board meeting and the emphasis placed on advisory board participation by the Wildlife Commission. Ms. Derley stated she would be honored to represent sportsmen in Carson City. She acknowledged the volume of materials to be reviewed but expressed the opinion that her experience with the BLM would stand her in good stead. She assured the Board that she would be responsible for her "fair share" of travel to Wildlife Commission meetings.

(1-1147) Mr. Baily acknowledged the amount of time invested by the Board members and expressed his "undying gratitude" for anyone willing to serve.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED MEMBERSHIP TERM (1-1163) - Ms. Derley left the meeting room and the Board members discussed her qualifications and experience.

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(1-1351) Mr. Baily commented that Board members whose “hearts are not in it” will eventually leave the Board. He suggested giving Ms. Derley a shot to “see if she sticks.”

Mr. Zuber advised of having suggested to Ms. Derley that she submit an application based on a discussion with Member Yanuck regarding the benefit of having a Board member which could represent ranching interests. He discussed a previous knowledge of Ms. Derley through her work with the BLM and a family friendship, wherein he learned of her extended family’s background in Nevada. He discussed the potential benefits of Ms. Derley’s knowledge and experience in ranching issues.

(1-1422) Matt Bernard, Chairman of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, expressed surprise that the Board hadn’t received more applications. He commented that the Board will be “lucky to have” Ms. Derley serve as a Board member.

Member Clyde moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Jennifer Derley to the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Norm Pedersen. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Board invited Ms. Derley to return to the meeting room and Vice Chairperson Walker advised her of the Board’s recommendation. He informed Ms. Derley that she would be filling an unexpired term which ends in July 2004 at which time she will have the opportunity to reapply.

9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE JUNE 27 AND 28, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1509) - Member Yanuck advised that he and Member Zuber attended the meeting. Member Yanuck and Member Zuber provided an overview of discussion, as reflected in the draft Commission minutes, which included heritage tags, the Elko Elk Subplan, and the Central Nevada Elk Subplan. Member Yanuck advised that Tommy Ford was elected as Commission Chairman and Chris MacKenzie as Commission Vice Chairman. He discussed Commissioner MacKenzie’s participation in a number of subcommittees. In response to a question, Member Yanuck provided an overview of the Nevada Wildlife Federation representative’s comments regarding elk populations. He discussed the workshops conducted during the Saturday meeting, specifically the budget workshop which provided more insight into NDOW’s budget allocations and limitations. He provided an overview of the legislative updates, as follows: the division has reverted to a department; NDOW will be allowed to increase fees; and it is now a felony to intentionally take game, which requires a tag, out of season. Member Zuber commented on the complexities of NDOW’s budget allocations.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the August 8 and 9, 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 (1-2048) - **Member Zuber moved to address items 10-F and 10-G separate from the consent agenda. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** (1-2393) **Member Clyde moved to address item 10-D separate from the consent agenda on behalf of Mr. Baily. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** (1-2493) **Member Yanuck moved to approve the balance of the consent agenda. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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10-A. ACTION REGARDING LICENSE DENIAL OF GENE ST. DENIS - WAYNE HOWLE. The Commission will conduct a hearing to consider the denial of Mr. St. Denis' guide license.

10-B. ACTION REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE - CHAIRMAN FORD. In accordance with Assembly Bill No. 41 and NRS 501.333, the Commission is to provide nominations to the Governor for the position of Director.

10-C. ACTION REGARDING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN FORD. The Commission will be asked to approve the 10-year review of Chapters 501 through 505 and 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

10-D. ACTION REGARDING WAYNE E. KIRCH ANNUAL AWARD COMMISSION POLICY #51 - COMMISSIONER MacKENZIE. **Second reading and adoption of a new policy and procedure to adjust current procedures for the Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award (1-2400)** - In response to a question, Member Clyde provided written information to Mr. Baily with regard to the new policy and procedures. Mr. Baily advised that he had offered his personal assistance to Commissioner MacKenzie and inquired as to whether the Board would wish to make a similar offer. Member Yanuck provided background information on amendments to the procedure for soliciting award nominations.

10-E. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP FUNDS - DOUG HUNT. In conformance with NRS 502.322, the Department is requesting that the Commission approve the use of duck stamp funds for wetland enhancement on Wildlife Management Areas. Funds are also being requested to conduct a topographic survey of the Humboldt Wildlife Management Area in preparation for a wetlands development project in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited. The request is for \$41,243 in duck stamp funds.

10-F. ACTION REGARDING PETITION - HUMBOLDT COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE. **The Commission will consider a petition to establish an antlerless depredation deer season on private lands in Humboldt County. The Commission will vote to either initiate rule making action or deny the petition (1-2088)** - Member Clyde inquired as to the discussion surrounding this item at the June 27th Wildlife Commission meeting during which this item was brought up under public comment. Member Yanuck advised that the Humboldt County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife representative was simply advising the Commission of the intent to submit the petition. Member Clyde referred to the petition included in the Commission agenda materials, and discussion ensued regarding its intent. Vice Chairperson Walker suggested that Member Clyde could contact Gregg Tanner directly to inquire regarding additional details of the petition. Additional discussion took place regarding the Commission's procedure for addressing petitions.

10-G. ACTION REGARDING PETITION - WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE. **The Commission will consider a petition to establish additional hunter opportunities to harvest a mountain lion. The Commission will vote to either initiate rule making action or deny the petition (1-2320)** - Member Clyde referred to the petition included in the Commission agenda materials and inquired as to its purpose. He noted that sportsmen are offered the opportunity to purchase a lion tag at the time a hunting license is purchased or at any

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other time. Vice Chairperson Walker discussed problems associated with the minimal amount of support material received in the Board members' Commission agenda packets. He encouraged Member Clyde to contact a NDOW representative to discuss the details of the petition. He noted that the support material received is usually not sufficient to foster an in-depth discussion of an issue unless it pertains to Carson City. Member Clyde requested the Board representative to the upcoming Commission meeting to return with any additional information and advised that he would contact Mr. Tanner and provide feedback to the Board representative.

10-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-15 - CRAIG MORTIMORE, RUSSELL WOOLSTENHULME, AND LAURA RICHARDS. The Commission will establish seasons, bag and possession limits, and special regulations for upland game, migratory birds, and furbearing mammals, and public hunting regulations for Wildlife Management Areas for 2003-2005.

10-I. ACTION REGARDING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 - COMMISSIONER QUILICI. The Commission will hear a report on committee activities and approve funding of predator management projects for fiscal year 2004.

10-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION WILDERNESS RESOLUTION AND WILDERNESS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UPDATE - DOUG HUNT. The Commission will receive an update on the rewrite of the Commission Wilderness Resolution and the progress on the Memorandum of Understanding with federal agencies to facilitate wildlife management activities in wilderness designated under H.R. 5200.

10-K. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENE WELLER. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 26 and 27, 2003 in Ely, and the Commission will review potential agenda items and may adjust the dates of the remaining meetings in 2003 and review a proposed schedule of meetings for 2004. The Commission Chairman may adjust committee assignments and create new committees.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 8 AND 9, 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 (1-2503)
- The Board members had no comment on these items.

11-A. WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

11-B. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH

11-C. LITIGATION - SUSAN GRAY, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

11-D. OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - COMMISSIONER MORAN

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11-E. GUIDES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY

11-F. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY

11-G. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER OLSEN

11-H. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

11-I. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN - VICE CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE

11-J. FUTURE LEGISLATION - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY

11-K. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER

11-L. BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVES - LARRY NEEL

11-M. PROWL - KIM TOULOUSE

11-N. 2003 APPLICATION HUNT RESULTS - DON SEFTON

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS (1-2526) - Ms. King provided a brief overview of the staff report. Vice Chairperson Walker opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. Member Yanuck nominated Vice Chairperson Walker as chairperson. Member Zuber seconded the nomination. Vice Chairperson Walker nominated Member Yanuck as vice chairperson/secretary. Member Clyde seconded the nomination. Vice Chairperson Walker solicited additional nominations and, when none were forthcoming, Member Zuber moved to close nominations. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Member Clyde moved to appoint Mr. Walker as chair, Mr. Yanuck as vice chair/secretary. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

13. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-2616) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of the reports included in the agenda materials. He advised that the next conservation plan draft is due the second week in September. He has attended three field trips in the last couple months to acquire necessary data. He reported that 25 sage grouse were spotted during the last Pine Nut Mountains field trip. The habitat is sufficient in most areas and the planning team has designated areas for habitat improvement. He invited the Board members and the public to attend the Bi-State meetings. In response to a question, he discussed the process for designating private property for habitat improvement. He commented on the voluntary participation of ranchers, discussed the problem of urbanization and the need for conservation education, and advised that the BLM has developed an aggressive conservation program. He anticipates that the final plan will be submitted to Governor Guinn in April 2004, after which it will be submitted to a public comment process, and then to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Board members thanked Vice Chairperson Yanuck for his diligent commitment to this process. Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed the dwindling participation, but anticipates that it will pick up again after the summer. He advised of his offer to present information on the draft conservation plan to interested City advisory committees.

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14. REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE JULY 23, 2003 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TO DEVELOP A PROJECT LIST AND PRIORITY RANKING MATRIX FOR CARSON CITY'S STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTION #1 PROJECTS (1-2954) - Ms. King reviewed the staff report and provided an overview of the attachments. Discussion took place regarding the projects listed in the matrix, match funding requirements, the minor revisions requested during the subcommittee meeting, and the possibility of modified priorities based on future opportunities. **Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the plan, as submitted, with possible minor modifications to clear up issues which became apparent at the joint meeting and that no additional presentation to the CCABMW is necessary. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

(1-3651) In response to an earlier comment, Mr. Baily discussed the opportunities made available by Question #1. Discussion took place regarding Carson City's enhanced ability to apply for the grant funding because of Question #1 and the City's master plan elements which are already in place.

15. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-3734) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the Board's budget has been funded sufficiently to support necessary expenditures for attending Commission meetings and conducting the Board's business. In response to a question, he estimated the current budget at approximately \$4,000. Member Zuber discussed the budget preparation workshop conducted on behalf of the advisory boards during the last Commission meeting.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE AUGUST 8 AND 9, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (2-0019) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck volunteered to represent the Board at the upcoming meeting. Member Clyde volunteered to serve as the alternate and to represent the Board at the September Commission meeting in Ely.

17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for September 26 and 27, 2003 in Ely (2-0030) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting for Monday, September 22nd.

18. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (2-0052) - Ms. King reviewed the staff report included in the agenda materials.

19. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-0067) - Member Zuber suggested reviewing the draft Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment if it is available. Member Zuber requested staff to agendize discussion regarding the urban fishery.

20. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-0092) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the August 4, 2003 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 22nd day of September, 2003.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair