

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2001 in the Carson City Fire Department Conference Room, 777 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Chris MacKenzie
Vice Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Larry Blank
Greg Davis
Steve Walker

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(ABMW 06/11/01)

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 (1-0025) - Chairperson MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 23, 2001 (1-0030) - Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the minutes as written. Member Walker seconded the motion. Discussion took place regarding the correction requested by Member Davis to item 6(i) of the March 19, 2001 minutes. Chairperson MacKenzie called for a vote on the pending motion; motion carried 5-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0167) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0170) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0178) - Chairperson MacKenzie advised of a telephone call from Don Quilici regarding a recent event which took place at the Ross Gold Pond.

6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM MAY 4 AND 5, 2001 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0192) - Chairperson MacKenzie commended Member Blank on his presentation regarding the budget and on getting additional funds approved. Member Blank provided a summary of his presentation and the Commission's response. After hearing from several county advisory boards, the Commission suspended discussion until the end of the meeting in order to provide the advisory board representatives an opportunity to discuss their budgets with the Nevada Division of Wildlife ("NDOW") staff person responsible for generating the budget estimates. Member Blank advised that Carson City's budget will be significantly augmented from what was originally recommended. At the request of Vice Chairperson Pedersen, Member Blank provided information on the Board's budget for the benefit of the citizens present. He responded to questions regarding this year's budget allocation, the amount spent last year, and the Commission's response to the lack of attendance at the May 4th meeting. He discussed steps taken by the Board members during the last fiscal year to conserve funding and to provide input to the Wildlife Commission when a Board representative could not attend a meeting.

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Chairperson MacKenzie discussed the quota setting process, and Member Davis advised the citizens present that they are welcome to attend Wildlife Commission meetings.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR JUNE 15 AND 16, 2001 NEVADA WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING

A. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM (1-0691) - Chairperson MacKenzie provided an overview of this item and noted there was no information included in the Commission agenda materials. He anticipates the Commissioners will review the plan at the Commission meeting.

B. 2001 APPLICATION HUNT STATUS REPORT (1-0710) - Chairperson MacKenzie advised that an update will be provided on the last application process. He noted there was no information included in the Commission agenda materials with regard to this matter.

C. COMMISSION REGULATIONS 02-01 THROUGH 02-12, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAG REGULATIONS AND SELECTION OF VENDORS FOR SAME (1-0720) - Chairperson MacKenzie reviewed the heritage tag process. Vice Chairperson Pedersen referred to the applications included in the Commission agenda materials and noted they appear to be from the same individuals who apply each year.

D. COMMISSION POLICIES (1-0765) - The Board members and citizens viewed a video tape provided by NDOW. (1-0865) Tom Cavin expressed the opinion that having every hunt every season will take away flexibility from the county advisory boards. Discussion took place regarding the information provided on the video as to quotas, allocated archery and youth tags, the demand/success formula, and consideration of the hunter's first choice. (1-1190) Ken Cavin disagreed with a comment from the video regarding the need to "create big game hunters." He suggested limiting youth tags in highly impacted areas and providing more in areas 6, 7, and 10. He further suggested that there are other available options than providing deer tags to youth hunters. He disagreed with the success statistics provided. He expressed the opinion that add-on hunts should be included in the post-season buck ratio. Member Davis remarked that the youth should have every opportunity to hunt in any area and to draw the same tags. Extensive discussion took place regarding proposed changes to quota allocations and the demand/success formula. (2-0220) Chairperson MacKenzie thanked the Cavins for their attendance and participation. He recessed the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

(2-1865) **Member Blank moved to support the policy as it has been described. Vice Chairperson Pedersen seconded the motion.** Member Davis commented, "It's a move in the right direction and it's about time that things were allocated by the demand aspect." He expressed agreement with the proposal of reallocating unused tags. He commented that the process will adjust itself over the next two to three years and be a good reflection of the hunters' desires. He expressed support for the policy. Member Walker commented on the poor audio quality of the video tape. He remarked on the problem of misinformation due to low public attendance at advisory board and Commission meetings. He discussed the need for clear, comprehensible information. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested that the Commission will need the support of those advisory boards which have thought through the process and understand it. Chairperson MacKenzie agreed that the policy is "a step in the right direction"; that add-on tags cannot be

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ignored without affecting the biological analysis before the hunting season. He expressed the hope that NDOW will conduct a PR campaign to provide simplified information if the policy is passed. He called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 5-0**. Vice Chairperson Pedersen requested that the Board representative to the Caliente meeting address the poor quality of the video tape. Member Blank offered to test the video tape at home and get a better copy if necessary.

8. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR TWO POSITIONS ON THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (2-0245) - Vice Chairperson Pedersen and Member Davis left the meeting room. A quorum was still present.

(2-0280) Gilbert Yanuck provided information on his interest in serving on the Board, his participation with various community organizations in California and Nevada, and his experience as a hunter. He is available to attend Board meetings and Commission meetings as he is currently semi-retired. He discussed ideas for encouraging youth hunting and sportsmanship. He requested the opportunity to participate, provide assistance to the Board, and perhaps influence the Commission. Member Blank expressed appreciation for Mr. Yanuck's participation in many of the Board meetings. Mr. Yanuck acknowledged he has been a resident of Carson City for approximately three years. He advised he has applied for hunting tags but has yet to be successful. He has visited the pheasant farm near Topaz. In response to a question, he indicated he hasn't done much fishing since his children are grown. Member Walker expressed appreciation for Mr. Yanuck's attendance and participation in the Board meetings. In response to a question, Mr. Yanuck commented that the existing Board is made up of progressive individuals. He discussed his skills as an organizer, his experience with large corporations in the area of executive administration, and his ability to represent the Board adequately and responsibly. Chairperson MacKenzie thanked Mr. Yanuck for his comments and interest.

(2-0925) Member Davis indicated he recently freed up some of his time by resigning his position with the Youth Sports Association. He informed the Board he is currently working six 10-hour days as superintendent of a replacement project at Lake Tahoe. The assignment will be completed October 30, 2001 but until then his Saturdays will not be free. In response to a question, Member Davis indicated that if a person continues to be an asset to the Board and is consistent in attendance and participation, the number of terms should not be limited. Member Blank expressed appreciation for Member Davis' service and input. Member Davis advised of his degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Nevada-Reno and expressed appreciation for being able to use it in conjunction with the Board. Chairperson MacKenzie expressed appreciation for Member Davis' insights. Discussion took place regarding Member Davis' initial appointment to the Board.

(2-1130) Vice Chairperson Pedersen acknowledged he is still interested in serving on the Board. He referred to his April 26, 2001 letter to Personnel Manager Judie Fisher, included in the agenda materials, and noted that he has only missed one meeting in three years. He discussed his participation in activities such as the annual Ash Canyon fish planting, and commented he enjoys serving on the Board. He indicated that if his situation ever changes and he is no longer able to serve responsibly, he will step down. Discussion took place regarding the staggered terms and, in response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pedersen expressed a preference for serving the three-year term. Chairperson MacKenzie expressed appreciation for Vice Chairperson Pedersen's service to the Board.

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9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (2-1465) - Member Blank moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors reappointment of both Greg Davis and Norman Pedersen. Chairperson MacKenzie seconded the motion. Member Walker commented on Mr. Yanuck's qualifications, but expressed reservation over his short residence in Carson City. Chairperson MacKenzie pointed out that the existing Board members are just beginning to understand the various NDOW and Commission processes, and commented that no one has stopped contributing to the Board. He expressed a preference for continuing "through the learning curve together", and called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.** Chairperson MacKenzie invited the applicants back into the meeting room and advised of the action taken. He advised that the Board of Supervisors will take action on the recommendation. Member Blank pointed out that the applicants are offered an opportunity to speak at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DESIGNATION OF CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE JUNE 15 AND 16, 2001 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN CALIENTE (2-1705) - Member Blank displayed the flight schedule and advised that there are a number of available flights. Chairperson MacKenzie advised that a block of rooms has been reserved at a local motel for the Commission meeting. (2-2178) Following a brief discussion, Member Blank volunteered to attend the Commission meeting. Chairperson MacKenzie provided the motel information to Member Blank.

11. STATUS REPORT ON ROSS GOLD PARK URBAN FISHING POND (2-2278) - Chairperson MacKenzie advised of a telephone call from Don Quilici, who attended a recent fishing derby put on by a high school senior for the benefit of handicapped citizens. Mr. Quilici informed Chairperson MacKenzie that no one at the derby caught a fish and that fish were floating on the surface of the pond. Chairperson MacKenzie commended the student on the project and commented on the unfortunate outcome. Discussion took place regarding NDOW's participation, an alternative location for the urban fishing pond, and reasons for the dead fish.

12. BUDGET UPDATE (2-2492) - Member Blank will contact the appropriate NDOW staff member to inquire as to the exact budget allocation.

13. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (2-2561) - Following discussion, consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, July 23, 2001. In response to a question, Chairperson MacKenzie reviewed the Commission meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. He acknowledged that the Commission has authorized two Board members to attend the September workshop. He advised that a presentation by a NDOW representative will be scheduled regarding the upland game fur bearer bag limit recommendations for the 2001/2002 hunting and trapping seasons.

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (2-2783) Chairperson MacKenzie advised that the Ash Canyon fish planting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21st at 5:30 p.m. The meeting place is the K-Mart parking lot. Member Walker advised that the Carson City Fly Fishing Club has scheduled a fish out for 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13th at Hobart. Anyone interested should contact C.K. Baily. Vice Chairperson Pedersen advised he would be at the Ash Canyon plant.

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15. ADJOURNMENT (2-3015) - Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the June 11, 2001 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of July, 2001.

CHRISTOPHER MacKENZIE, Chairperson