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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, June 18, 2012, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Jim Davis
Member Doug Martin
Member John Valley

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:30:34) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:31:37) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Kevin (CK) Baily announced that three shade structures at Baily Pond had been completed, and were immediately occupied. He also updated the Board on a successful Kids' Fishing Day, sponsored by the Elks Club.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – There were no minutes to approve.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:34:12) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to adopt the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by member Valley. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES. (5:34:51) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and announced a vacancy on the Washoe County Advisory Board.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION BY CARSON CITY ANIMAL CONTROL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION STAFF AND DISCUSSION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A NUISANCE BEAR / NO FEEDING WILDLIFE ORDINANCE IN CARSON CITY. (5:35:23) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item, and distributed a compilation of comments, incorporated into the record, regarding bear nuisance issues and the feeding of wild animals, as a result of a conversation with Game Warden Jake Kreamer, on June 5, 2012. Chairman Yanuck explained that the intent was to avoid "anyone getting hurt", and wished to see Carson City become proactive and make residents aware of potential problems. Shadow Kelly, representing Carson City Animal Control, noted that an officer is on call at all times to respond to nuisance calls. She confirmed for Chairman Yanuck that the calls can be made anonymously. Chairman Yanuck suggested that a first offense lead to education, but subsequent offenses to result in citations. He also suggested expanding the current practices to include the suggested consequences. Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, suggested having a meeting to establish a statute and determine penalties for feeding bears, and requested information on whether the nuisance bear complaints had increased over the past four years. He also received confirmation from Ms. Kelly that bear-proof containers were needed as a form of prevention. Member Martin suggested requiring the containers only in neighborhoods that were frequented by bears, and Ms. Kelly noted that currently containers are required only when a complaint is received; however, none had been required yet. Ms. Kelly noted that she received fewer than ten bear complaints per year. Chairman Yanuck explained that he had been informed by Officer Kreamer that Carson City and Douglas County law enforcement officers had recently received a three-hour training class on how to respond and handle calls on dangerous wildlife. Chairman Yanuck thanked Ms. Kelly and offered assistance in authoring any ordinances. Chairperson Yanuck entertained public comments. Mr. Baily observed that in all the years he had attended this Board's meetings, it was the first time a Carson City Animal Services officer had made an appearance.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARSON CITY DISTRICT PROJECT MANAGER COLLEEN SIEVERS AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE

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LATEST VERSION OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) CARSON CITY DISTRICT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN. (6:19:04) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Colleen Sievers, BLM Project Manager for the Resource Management Plan Resource Process, introduces herself and John Wilson, Wildlife Biologist. Ms. Sievers outlined the project timeline which had begun with a 60-day public scoping, generating approximately 4,200 comments, with over 400 distinct comments, as they had many form letters. In the fall, according to Ms. Sievers, they would start the “alternatives development”. She planned for a decision to be made by November 2015, and explained that all the scoping material and maps were available online. In response to Member Martin’s questions, she stated that the planning area comprised 9.5 million acres, 5.5 million of which were managed by BLM. Member Martin applauded the BLM for their partnership programs, and suggested “looking at additional partners”, beyond the Carson City Board of Supervisors. She also noted that BLM was reaching out to recreational groups that could help with their GPS Data. Discussion ensued regarding the current and future wild horses, and Ms. Sievers offered to take the feedback to her department. In response to Member Valley’s questions, Mr. Wilson explained that the horse gathering decision was made along with NDOW and other agencies. Member Martin suggested receiving public input on when horse gathering should occur, noting that hunters would find the deer displaced, immediately after horse gatherings. Ms. Sievers confirmed that the plan would also incorporate an energy portion, adding that even though the public comment period had ended, they were continuing to take comments. Member Martin noted that other County Advisory Boards would be very interested to have this type of dialogue with the BLM. Chairman Yanuck thanked Ms. Sievers and Mr. Wilson for their time, calling it “a great communication”. Ms. Sievers offered to return, should the Board have additional questions.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP. (7:17:26) – Chairperson Yanuck stated that he had received confirmation from Staff that the interview process was not necessary, since all the applicants were incumbents and that no additional candidates had applied.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (7:18:26) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item. **Member Martin moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of the three incumbent members, Yanuck, Martin, and Valley, to the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 5-0.**

10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND CANDIDATES FOR THE OPEN POSITIONS OF SPORTSMEN AND GENERAL PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS. (7:20:25) – Chairperson Yanuck noted that there were two vacancies on the Wildlife Commission. The Board had no recommendations.

11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (7:20:43) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin explained that the Tri-County Deer Herd Restoration Working group requested to change its name to the Tri-County Wildlife Working Group. **Member Martin moved to recommend the expansion of the Tri-County Deer Herd Restoration Group to become the Tri County Wildlife Restoration Group and forward the nomination to the Nevada Wildlife Commission. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 5-0.**

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 11 AND 12, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (7:33:33) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. He noted that much of the discussion had evolved around the deer tag controversy.

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 21, 22, AND 23, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

13-A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COMMISSION TOUR. The commission will tour the area in Elko County being proposed as a wild horse sanctuary. 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 will be required to provide their own

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transportation. The tour is planned to conclude in Elko. The group will depart from America's Best Value Gold Country Inn and Casino, 2050 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

13-B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL. In accordance with the commission's request, Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

13-C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 406, TRAPPING REGULATIONS FOR CONGESTED AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS, LCB FILE NO. R062-12 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to trapping; prohibiting a person from trapping a furbearing mammal, other than with a box or cage trap, within a certain distance of a residence located within a congested area of certain counties; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

13-D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 407, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TRUST ACCOUNT, LCB FILE NO. R022-12 - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account; requiring a person who is responsible for managing or supervising a conservation project approved by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to enter into an agreement for the receipt of a grant of money from the Account; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

13-E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 408, AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DECONTAMINATION REGULATIONS, LCB FILE NO. R048-12 - CHIEF ROB BUONAMICI AND FISHERIES STAFF BIOLOGIST KAREN VARGAS. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to aquatic species; providing requirements for decontamination of certain vessels and conveyances; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

13-F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 409, LCB FILE NO. R049-12, AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES FEES RELATING TO VESSELS - CHIEF ROB BUONAMICI AND FISHERIES STAFF BIOLOGIST KAREN VARGAS. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to aquatic species; establishing the amount of the aquatic invasive species fee required for certain vessels; specifying the manner in which an aquatic invasive species decal must be displayed on certain inflatable vessels; setting forth the required lettering, size, and color of each aquatic invasive species decal; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

13-G. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - SECRETARY KEN MAYER. Staff will provide an overview of tracked state and / or federal legislation and provide deadlines and information regarding the 2013 Legislative Session.

13-H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - SECRETARY KEN MAYER. In accordance with the commission's request, Director Mayer will provide an update on the status of sage grouse which is pending listing under the Endangered Species Act.

13-I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SUNSET COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT - CHAIRMAN McBEATH. Chairman McBeath will report on the June 5, 2012 Sunset Committee meeting.

13-J. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: TRAPPING REGULATION REVIEW UPDATE - CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI. Chief Game Warden Buonamici will present the Department's proposed trapping regulation revisions (technical changes).

13-K. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE COMMISSION REPORT - CHIEF GAME WARDEN BUONAMICI.

13-L. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.

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14. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (7:40:04) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Vice Chairman Zuber moved to accept the consent agenda items except 14F, 14K, and 14O. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Motion carried 5-0.

14-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DUCK STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL. The commission will review and be asked to approve 16 projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. The total cost of the projects is \$78,274.

14-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL. The commission will review and be asked to approve 13 projects submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The total cost of the projects is \$240,050.

14-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: FINANCE COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE CHAIR GIL YANUCK AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES; FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND FY 2013 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. The commission will hear a report from the finance committee chair and may approve budgets for county advisory boards to manage wildlife for FY 2013.

14-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: WILDLIFE HERITAGE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES; HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT AND COMMISSION POLICY #11, HERITAGE GRANT MANUAL. The commission will hear a report from the wildlife heritage committee chair and will hear first reading of a new proposed commission policy #11, Heritage Grant Manual, as recommended by the wildlife heritage committee.

14-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER McNINCH. The commission will hear a report from the trapping regulation committee chair and may take action on any recommendations.

14-F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12 - 03, 2013 WILDLIFE HERITAGE AMENDMENT #1, WILDLIFE HERITAGE, SILVER STATE, PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE TAG VENDORS, COMMISSIONER WALLACE. The heritage committee chair will provide the committee's vendor recommendations to the commission for possible action for the 2013 tags. (7:41:49) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and gave Background. Member Valley moved to support the Heritage Committee Recommendation of the vendors of the Heritage Tag, as proposed. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 5-0.

14-G. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12 - 06 SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS, RABBITS, WILD TURKEY, FURBEARERS, AMERICAN CROW, MOURNING AND WHITE-WINGED DOVE, AND FALCONRY SEASONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND RABBITS FOR THE 2012 / 2013 AND 2013 / 2014 SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS SHAWN ESPINOSA AND RUSSELL WOOLSTENHULME. The commission will establish regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, American crow, mourning and white-winged dove, and falconry seasons for upland game birds and rabbits for the 2012 / 2013 and 2013 / 2014 seasons.

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14-L. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION POLICY #11, HERITAGE GRANT MANUAL, FINAL READING - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. The commission may take action to adopt the new proposed commission policy #11 - Heritage Grant Manual.

14-M. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: FY 2012 AND FY 2011 HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSIONS - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the commission may approve requests for extension of 2012 heritage projects.

14-N. For Possible Action: FY 2012 AND FY 2011 HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. Pursuant to NAC 501.330, the commission may approve reallocation of unused heritage funds from a previously approved 2012 project to any other previously considered 2012 project application.

14-O. For Possible Action: FY 2013 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. The commission will hear the recommendations from the heritage committee and approve project applications for 2013. (8:08:07) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin gave background and suggested to fully fund three projects: 1303, 1309, and 1321, all relating to Pinion Juniper, combining science with treatment. Discussion ensued regarding the availability of funds, the Pinion Juniper water requirements, and the reprioritization of other projects. **Member Martin moved to recommend an increase in funding Pinion Juniper treatments projects 1303, 1309, and 1321. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Motion carried 5-0.**

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (8:25:28) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and noted that Governor Sandoval had disbanded the Governor’s Sage Grouse Working Group and replaced it with the Sage Grouse Conservation Committee, chaired by Mayor Crowell. A recommendation was expected to be presented to the Governor soon.

16. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (8:27:58) – Chairman Yanuck clarified that the

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budget was submitted. He stated that many of the automatically-filled budget items had been questioned. Chairman Yanuck explained that the GSA per diem reimbursement guidelines should not apply to CAB members, because they were volunteers, adding that the budget balance was also updated.

17. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (8:35:42) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting would be held on August 10 and 11, 2012, in Winnemucca. Member Martin noted that he would like to attend the meeting because of waterfowl discussions. He also announced that the request for an increase in archery deer tags had been approved for Areas 194 and 196.

18. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (8:35:42) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2012.

19. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (8:36:53) – There were no reports from Staff.

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (8:37:04) – Chairman Yanuck suggested that Board members e-mail him their agenda recommendations for future meetings.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT (8:37:12) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however none were forthcoming.

22. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (8:37:33) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

The minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 6th day of August, 2012.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman