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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 5:33 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck **Staff:** Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

Vice Chairman Stan Zuber Member Jim Davis

Member Jim Davis Member Doug Martin Member John Valley

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- **1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.** (5:34:06) Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Valley arrived at 6 p.m.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:34:12) Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Kevin (CK) Baily, a resident of Carson City, introduced himself and announced that koi and carp, in sufficiently noticeable numbers, had been introduced to Baily Pond. He also noted that he had permission from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department "to do anything that appears to be reasonable to eradicate these creatures." Mr. Baily wanted to try using a minnow net, and wished to find out if anyone had one that he could use. He also added that the foundations were set for the shade and picnic areas at the pond. Member Martin stated he knew someone with a net.
- 3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 19, 2012. (5:37:35) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin moved to approve the March 19, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Zuber. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. Motion carried 4-0.
- **4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.** (5:38:20) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. There were no changes to the agenda.
- **5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES.** (5:38:44) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. There were no disclosures from the Board members.
- 6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (5:39:06) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin noted that there were no new updates at this time.
- 7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MARCH 23 AND 24, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:39:58) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the minutes of the meeting were included in the Department's packets. He stated that trapping regulations had been one of the contended items, and that after much discussion the Commission had decided to maintain the half-mile distance requirement. Also discussed, per Chairman Yanuck was the black bear season, specifically the various amendments regarding hunting areas around Lake Tahoe. He explained that after much discussion, amendment number four was selected. Chairman Yanuck reported that Governor Sandoval had disbanded the Governor's Sage Grouse Working Group and replaced it by the Sage Grouse Conservation Committee, chaired by Mayor Crowell. He also announced changes to the future meetings such as holding a combined workshop and presentation of legislative items during the March 15-16, 2012 meeting in Reno. He also noted that a phone meeting would be held to re-do the legislative issues, sometime in April, adding that the September 20-21, 2012 meeting would be held somewhere in southern Nevada.

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Chairman Yanuck also cautioned that the date of the November meeting might change, therefore this Board's meeting date also might change. Member Martin commented that the meeting videos could be watched.

- 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 11 AND 12, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.
- **8-A. WILD HORSE UPDATE CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.** (5:55:22) Carl Lackey, Wildlife Biologist, noted that Rams had been introduced in the Virginia Range.
- **8-B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.** (5:55:59) Mr. Lackey expressed his desire for legislation preventing the feeding of any wildlife including horses and especially bears, to avoid nuisance issues. Discussion ensued regarding wildlife, and Mr. Lackey clarified that the Virginia Range wild horses were managed by the Department of Wildlife and not by BLM. He also noted that most bear complaints were trash-related, because many residents were leaving food for them.
- 8-C. SAGE GROUSE UPDATE DIRECTOR KEN MAYER. (6:10:22) Member Martin moved to authorize Chairman Yanuck to represent this Board to the Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Committee, and to provide continuous support. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 8-D. LITIGATION REPORT DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.
- 9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:17:54) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin moved to accept the consent agenda with the exception of items 9B and 9E. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Motion carried 5-0.
- 9-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: BEAR POPULATION ASSESSMENT AND BEAR COMMITTEE REPORT WESTERN REGION BIOLOGIST CARL LACKEY, DR. JIM SEDINGER, DR. JON BECKMANN, AND COMMISSIONER MCNINCH.
- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REPORT ON SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE 9-B. **COMMISSION.** (6:12:16) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and reported that he had not attended the Sunset Committee meeting; however, he had read the minutes which indicated certain attendees of this Board meeting were not treated well. Chairman Yanuck explained that he had "taken exception to the comments made by Ms. Christine Schwamberger (of No Bear Hunt Nevada)", who had stated "she was treated in a hostile manner". He noted that he had sent a letter to the Sunset Subcommittee Chair explaining that "that had never taken place". Chairman Yanuck clarified that he had listened to the recorded meeting in the recording secretary's office, and had not heard anyone on this Board or members of the public "say anything derogatory, or unfriendly, or uncivil to anyone representing No Bear Hunt Nevada". Chairperson Yanuck added that he had conveyed this information to the Subcommittee, and had invited them to listen to the tapes. He also indicated that he had expressed his desire to go before the Subcommittee for further clarification, if necessary. Member Martin stated that he had also sent a letter to the Subcommittee Chair, as a private citizen, indicating that he took exception to the comments that "the Commission, the Department, and the Board are ineffective and antiquated", since they dealt with many issues other than the bear hunt. Chairman Yanuck expressed his disappointment that other sportsmen's groups and Boards were not aware of the meeting in order to present their views. Nevada Wildlife Board Commissioner Jeremy Drew commented that he had watched a videotape of the meeting, noting that a recording of the meeting was available in the legislative gift shop. He noted the absence of important information, and the presence of misinformation. Commissioner Drew explained that an overview of the Commission was given by Chairman McBeath and Director Mayer prior to proceeding with the public hearing. He added that consolidation efforts were outside the scope of the Sunset Subcommittee, although they would be able to make recommendations, which will have a workshop in late May or early June, during which no oral comments would be allowed; however, written comments were being accepted. Member Martin Moved to authorize Chairman Yanuck and Member Martin to write a letter, to be presented by Chairman Yanuck at the next meeting, in support of the Department, and the Advisory Boards. The

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motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Motion carried 5-0.

- 9-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS CHAIRMAN MCBEATH. HE CHAIRMAN.
- 9-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 11-03, AMENDMENT #2 2012 BIG GAME SEASONS, RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT MULE DEER ANTLERED LONGBOW ARCHERY HUNT 1341 UNIT 194^A, 196 LATE* WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MIKE COX AND TONY WASLEY.
- 9-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12 05, BIG GAME QUOTAS AND HARVEST OBJECTIVES 2012 13 SEASON WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MIKE COX, TONY WASLEY, AND WESTERN REGION BIOLOGIST CARL LACKEY. (6:36:20) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin moved to adopt all big game quotas, with the exception of Area 194 and Area 196, for mule deer. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Chairman Yanuck clarified that for the purposes of efficiency, this Board would address and take action on issues that concern areas affected by the municipality that the Board represents. Member Martin explained that he was impressed by what he read about the big game animals, and how well they were doing. He added that for the first time, there were 15,000 elk in Nevada, with a higher ratio of bucks per Doe. Member Martin commended the Department for their work and agreed with their recommendation with a minor exception. Discussion ensured regarding the habitat improvement since the Eureka County fire and Member Martin singled out the contributions and reports of NDOW Biologist, Jeremy Lutz. Mike Cox, NDOW biologist, noted that they had been conservative in providing their recommendations. Chairman Yanuck called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0.
- (7:07:25) Member Martin referred to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) booklet. He also distributed the Department's analysis, incorporated into the record, on the number of rifle and archery tags issued for Areas 15 and 194 each year since 2000. He pointed out an increase in rifle tags and a decrease in archery tags, and suggested issuing more archery tags. Member Martin moved to adopt the revised analysis for Area 194 and Area 196 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Member Valley suggested hearing from the biologists. Mr. Lackey noted that last year's reduced tags were the result of a short, 10-day season. Mr. Cox was in favor of increasing the archery tax because of the availability of deer. Discussion ensued regarding a split season. Member Martin noted that in discussions with Carson City Sherriff Furlong, he had discovered that there had not been any complaints from residents regarding the archery hunts. Member Martin amended his motion to revise the resident-only archery tags for Areas 194 and 196 from 12 to 22 tags, with a split of 12 in the early season and 10 in the late season. Member Davis seconded the amended motion. Chairman Yanuck entertained further discussion and public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. Motion carried 5-0.
- **10. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM GIL YANUCK.** (7:43:44) Chairperson Yanuck mentioned that this item was addressed in agenda item 7.
- 11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (7:43:48) Chairperson Yanuck reported that the Board's budget had been submitted.
- 12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (7:44:04) Chairperson Yanuck noted that this weekend's meeting would be held in Reno, and invited Board members to attend.
- **13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** (7:44:54) The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for June 22 and 23, 2012, in Elko. Therefore, the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife would take place on Monday, June 18, 2012.
- **14. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF.** (7:44:58) There were no reports from Staff.

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- 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:45:09) Member Martin suggested hearing from local law enforcement on how they are handling the implementation of the "no feeding of wildlife" ordinance, and hearing from local experts on how they are dealing with complaints. Vice Chairman Zuber suggested hearing from Carson City Open Space and/or BLM regarding the Carson City Resource Management Plan.
- **16. PUBLIC COMMENT** (7:48:47) Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Bob Pohlman, a Minden resident, commented on the 158-page Sage Grouse action plan, and requested hearing about "what's gonna go forward next year". Chairperson Yanuck suggested reading chapters five and seven, which better described the future plans.
- 17. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:51:41) Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 13th day of August, 2012.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman