

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday February 2, 2015 ● 5:30 PM
Business Resource Innovation Center (“BRIC”)
Conference Room A, 108 East Proctor Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members:

Chair – Doug Martin
Member – James Powell
Member – Gil Yanuck

Vice Chair – Stan Zuber
Member – John Valley

Staff:

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:29:06) – Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	
James Powell	Present	
John Valley	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:29:30) – None.

3. For Possible Action: ELECTION OF CCABMW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

(5:31:23) – Member Valley nominated current Chairperson Martin to the position of CCABMW Chair. The nomination was seconded by Vice Chairperson Zuber.

(5:32:18) – Member Yanuck nominated current Vice Chairperson Zuber to the position of CCABMW Chair. The nomination was seconded by member Valley.

(5:34:15) – Chairperson Martin called for the vote on the nomination to elect current Chairperson Martin to the position of CCABMW Chair which carried 4-1-0.

(5:34:51) – Member Powell nominated current Vice Chairperson Zuber to the position of CCABMW Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Member Yanuck and carried 5-0-0.

4. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 10, 2014.

(5:35:48) – MOTION: I move to accept the [November 10, 2014 meeting] minutes as submitted.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

(5:36:22) – MOTION: I move to adopt the agenda as submitted.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

6. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES.

(5:36:52) – Member Yanuck disclosed being contacted by Supervisor Karen Abowd regarding the City’s deer population, in addition to e-mail exchanges with Parks and Recreation Director Roger Moellendorf, Open Space Administrator Ann Bollinger, and Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Director Tony Wasley. Member Yanuck noted that he had not represented the Board in the discussions, but had presented his personal views regarding resident comments about deer. He also stated that according to the Carson City Sherriff’s Department, no human and deer interaction had been reported. Member Yanuck saw the need for public education regarding the feeding of wild animals, including deer.

(5:43:20) – Chairperson Martin acknowledged newly-arrived members of the public and noted that he would take their public comments at this point. He explained the role of the advisory board which was to provide input but not set public policy. Chairperson Martin also introduced NDOW big game biologist Mike Cox.

(5:44:44) – Roy Farrow introduced himself and his wife Madalena and noted that “this was clearly the biggest deer infestation”. He also stated that they were unable to maintain their vegetation, and that the deer had run over their dog. Mr. Farrow was concerned about predators coming to the area and wished “to see something done”. Mr. Cox explained that the deer were a common occurrence, and not unique to Carson City. He noted that acknowledgement was the first step in solving the problem and believed that education was important to ensure residents did not feed the deer, adding that mule deer were adaptable to the habitats to which they moved. Mr. Cox agreed that solutions are available but not easily-implemented.

(5:56:17) – Fred Voltz expressed concern over the Wildlife Commission’s dismissal over the vaccination solution that had been presented to them, and wished to see the sterilization solution implemented. Mr. Farrow reiterated his concern over people and pets getting injured by deer.

(5:58:55) – Chairperson Martin returned to the disclosures and stated that he had had a discussion with Cory Lytle, Chairman of the Lincoln County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife regarding his support of agenda item 8 and his concern regarding limiting the additional fees due to the financial impact it would create for families with multiple tags. Member Powell noted that he had conversed via email with Assemblyman P.K. O’Neill regarding the same item and planned on sharing a previously-viewed DVD with him. Chairperson Martin noted he would be doing the same.

7. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING CARSON CITY RIFLE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS.

(6:00:30) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and thanked Scott Fahrenbruch, Deputy Director of Carson City Parks and Recreation Department for attending the meeting.

(6:00:53) – Mr. Fahrenbruch introduced himself and gave background on the Carson Rifle and Pistol Range, and noted that one of the problems had been the lack of public restrooms, adding that the portable ones had been vandalized in the past. He gave the example of the Winnemucca rifle range improvements funded by NDOW grants, which were discussed with Chairperson Martin and the NDOW State Educator in a past meeting. Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that a short-term solution could entail portable restrooms that would be accessible on weekends, and stated that after a trip to Winnemucca, his department was seeking seed or grant match funds in addition to private donations to proceed with improvements to the Carson City range. He also noted that his department was seeking \$15,000 from the City for matching funds, awaiting the Board of Supervisors approval as part of the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Fahrenbruch clarified that the improvements would entail an automatically-timed security gate off Flint Drive to avoid vandalism, restroom facilities, a classroom-type structure, and a possible office for a regional game warden.

(6:09:19) – Member Yanuck stated that a gun club he belonged to in California had received funding from the National Rifle Association (NRA) and suggested looking into similar funding sources from hunting and conservation organizations. Mr. Fahrenbruch noted that the members were exploring those avenues as well. In response to a question by Chairperson Martin, Mr. Fahrenbruch confirmed that they would be able to meet the NDOW grant application timeframe. Discussion ensued regarding improving the vandalism situation via the betterment of the range. Chairperson Martin stated that he had a commitment from a local contractor for support. Member Valley suggested looking into the unique safety approaches taken by Boulder City. Member Powell suggested working with the Sherriff’s Department as well.

(6:20:01) – There were no public comments. Chairperson Martin suggested sending a letter in support of funding the improvements. Mr. Fahrenbruch agreed to work with Staff to have one ready for the next meeting.

8. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL DRAFT RESOLUTION (“BDR”) 616 BY SENATOR HAMMOND.

(6:21:04) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and reiterated Lincoln County’s position mentioned in the disclosures section.

(6:23:00) – MOTION: I move to support this endeavor through BDR 616 as relates to the Colorado Model.

(6:23:32) – Vice Chairperson Zuber stated that he “liked the idea”; however, he had assumed that the fees were voluntary in Colorado. Chairperson Martin clarified that the \$2 fee was mandatory in Colorado and generated “approximately a million dollars a year. Discussion ensued regarding the fees being collected at the time of application for or receipt of the tags. Member Yanuck cautioned against overburdening those procuring the licenses, suggesting that a decision to indicate the necessary fees should precede determining the fee amount or

raising it through other methods such as donations. Member Valley believed that the educational nature of the program may provide additional funding resources.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:28:58) – Mr. Cox explained that there are NDOW funds that are strictly earmarked for hunter education.

(6:31:40) – Mr. Voltz explained that NRS 501.100 existed to protect and manage wildlife and not to promote its elimination.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Powell
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

9. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(6:33:35) – Vice Chairperson Zuber reported the highlights from the meeting, including a workshop regarding a previously-held CCCABMW discussion regarding bonus points, the results of which had not been officially announced. He also informed the Board that a “habitat assessment tool” was available online on the NDOW site.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

10. For Possible Action: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

(6:41:47) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and suggested removing the items that Board members wished to discuss from the consent agenda.

(6:45:10) – MOTION: I move to accept the consent agenda except for items 10-G and 10-J.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:45:50) – Mr. Voltz expressed concern over trappers reporting to the Commission and the accuracy of their data. He wished to understand the audit mechanisms in place for trappers.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Valley
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

9/20 2016-2017 cow hunt . Powell/Yanuck. Carried 5-0.

10-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 455, T-14 - TRAPPING QUESTIONNAIRE DEADLINE AND TRAPPING LICENSE VALID DATES.

10-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-04, 2015 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINE INFORMATION.

10-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-05, 2015 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY.

10-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-06, SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE 2015 SEASON AND QUOTAS.

10-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-07, DREAM TAG 2015 SEASONS.

10-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-08, 2016 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS.

10-G. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-09, BIG GAME SEASONS.

(6:47:40) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and requested discussing only the elk hunts, incorporated into Mr. Cox’s justification report. He also entertained suggestions for other species; however, none were forthcoming.

(6:48:17) – Chairperson Martin inquired about an elk management plan for the Santa Rosa Range and Mr. Cox confirmed there wasn’t one as the elk there were the result of voluntary “pioneering”. Discussion ensued regarding private property tags for elk. Member Yanuck suggested having cow tags to remedy the issue of ranches taking advantage of charging high fees for bull elk on their property. Member Powell noted that some of the tag fees benefited the species. Mr. Cox explained that there are dedicated cow elk hunters that would benefit from a cow management hunt. Discussion ensued regarding changing the muzzle-loader harvest dates.

(7:26:34) – MOTION: I move to recommend the starting date of the cow hunt to be changed from September 10 to September 20 for Hunt 4476 for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 seasons.

(7:26:52) – Member Valley suggested to modify the date to September 17; however, it was agreed to leave the dates as is.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Powell
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(7:31:20) – Vice Chairperson Zuber appreciated having the mule deer hunt during the high school break. Mr. Cox noted that those dates were set several years ago to accommodate migration schedules.

(5:41:52) – MOTION: I move to accept all the seasons as presented with the exception of the muzzle loader hunt 4476 [outlined] in the previous motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

10-H. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-10, BIG GAME MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST LIMITS FOR 2015 - 2016.

10-I. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15-11, 2015 BLACK BEAR SEASONS.

10-J. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 454, TEMPORARY LCB FILE T-14 - FIREARM CARRY DURING ARCHERY HUNT.

(7:43:01) – Member Yanuck spoke in favor of carrying a firearm for protection during archery hunts. Vice Chairperson Zuber noted that the concern at the Commission Meeting had revolved around archers, especially female, some of whom had been “accosted” and wanted to carry a non-hunting firearm. Discussion ensued regarding archers’ and falconers’ need for protection.

(7:50:24) – MOTION: I move to support the ability of archers and falconers to carry a sidearm for personal protection.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS OF THE FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 2015 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(7:52:44) – Chairperson Martin wished to discuss the Commission’s agenda item 7, the Black Bear Subcommittee Report, and agenda item 10F, Nevada Sagebrush Landscape Conservation and Economic Development act of 2014.

(7:53:35) – Vice Chairperson Zuber explained that he had been attending the subcommittee’s meetings for nearly a year, and he recommended supporting the acceptance of the report as written. He called the report “not perfect”; however, he acknowledged the work that had been put into it, and because it had been presented to the Commission unanimously. Chairperson Martin suggested adding that the acceptance of decreases in population would be based on scientific recommendations. Vice Chairperson Zuber and Mr. Voltz clarified that increases,

decreases, and eliminations of the hunt were both mentioned in a paragraph at the beginning of the report. Member Yanuck was informed that the subcommittee as a whole had voted for the report.

(8:00:05) – MOTION: I move to support the commission adopting the three-year comprehensive review of the black bear harvest through regulated hunting in Nevada.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Zuber
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(8:00:54) – Chairperson Martin notified the Board that a bill titled to provide protection for sage grouse habitat and for “other purposes”. He noted that the latter applied to significant land “conveyances” especially to the mining industry, and wished the Board to realize the “significant amount of wilderness”, noting that there were many wildlife concerns over the bill. Discussion ensued regarding water issues.

12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

(8:10:14) – Member Yanuck confirmed that he was attending the Commission’s upcoming meeting in February, in Las Vegas.

13. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING.

(8:10:37) – The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2015 in Reno. Chairperson Martin suggested that all Board members attend it and Member Valley noted he might be able to attend on Saturday. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is; therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(8:11:22) – Chairperson Martin suggested agendizing the approval of a letter of support for the improvements of the Carson City Rifle and Gun Range.

(8:12:15) – Member Valley recounted being harassed by off-road vehicles during a duck hunt in Washoe Valley and he wished to understand jurisdiction and reporting. It was agreed to invite NDOW and to discuss management area enforcement issues. Member Powell gave anecdotal information regarding deer herds and it was agreed to agendize a discussion on the Carson City deer herds.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

(8:23:30) – Member Yanuck notified the meeting attendees of a legislative luncheon on March 19, 2015, 11:30 a.m., in room 3100 in the Legislative Building, adding that “a good number” of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) would attend, as well.

(6:27:55) – Mr. Voltz noted that the residents in Tahoe must install bear-proof containers for their trash in order to eliminate the attraction to the bears’ food source. He also stated that the type of plants such as roses and fruit trees have been the attraction for deer in Carson City and encouraged residents to remove them and add plants that do not attract deer. Discussion ensued regarding the horse-feeding stations along highway 50.

14. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (8:31:14) –Member Yanuck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Powell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The minutes of the January 2, 2015 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 16th day of March, 2015.

DOUG MARTIN, Chairman