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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, May 10, 2010 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

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

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (1-13) - Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (1-20) – Vice Chairman Zuber moved to accept the minutes of March 15, 2010 as presented. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. (1-27) – Member Valley requested to defer agenda item #6 until Member Martin's arrival.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS. (1-31) – None.

5. DISCLOSURES. (1-41) – Chairman Yanuck received a letter from the Governor requesting 3 nominations for the State Wildlife Commission. Since the requested date was by Friday prior to this meeting, Chairman Yanuck sent an e-mail to all members suggesting they each write a letter to the Governor indicating that they were members of the Carson Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and making recommendations as private citizens. Member Valley had several qualified people in mind but was not certain if they had the required clearances. Chairman Yanuck also received a letter forwarded to him from the State of Nevada Department of Wildlife and was a response to a letter from Mr. Pete Patten who was interested in a special hunt for seniors. In the letter, Ms. Maureen Hullinger, Program Officer III, advised Mr. Patten about the Department's well-established process in place for the public to utilize and affect change to their programs and suggested he contact the Carson Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) for his request. Chairman Yanuck contacted Mr. Patten and explained the process to bring forth a petition and suggested he familiarize himself with the other boards involved. He also invited Mr. Patten to the CABMW meetings.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (1-1783) - Member Martin reported on a good meeting with Bob Cook and Eric Sheets from Douglas County, Rex Flowers from Washoe County, and John Valley from Carson. The group's name has changed

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from Bi-County Carson Range Field Deer Restoration Working Group to Tri-County. No quorum was present but the group agreed on a recommendation for a Heritage Project and for their projects to have a foundation in science. They would also like to have NDOW staff attend the meetings and suggested working with their partners in both the Department of Wildlife and the Division of Forestry. All three county boards will hear and act on following: A request for Heritage Funds to focus on the Carson Range, Area 19 with some focus on 29, would be developed jointly with NDOW staff for submittal for next year's Heritage Fund. The request would first address existing conditions including habitat, populations including interstate and in-state herds, urban development and other such criteria by either major drainages or geographical delineators yet to be determined. The request would address trends within the delineators with and without treatments. The goal is to be able to make treatment requests that are monetized and measurable and then be used for future decisions. **Member Martin moved (for the working group) to recommend a joint project with the Department of Wildlife to assess the current conditions, population, trends, statuses and then go forward with recommendations. The motion was seconded by Vice Chariman Zuber. Motion carried 4-0.**

7. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MARCH 19 AND 20, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (142) – Chairman Yanuck reported on the meeting and stated that a commissioner felt that too many special purpose tags were being available. The reason the Silver State tag was being promoted was to raise money and to give the average hunter an opportunity to bid on such tag without bidding thousands of dollars at an auction. Similar to lowering the price on the PIW tag, more hunters participated. There was agreement that the tag was worth more than \$35 or \$50 but that was the purpose of the lottery -- to put a little in for a grand prize. The tag will be \$25 plus associated fees. Wildlife Commissioner Tom Cavin and Mr. Jim Davis requested clarification on whether the tag was for antelope, sheep, or deer.

8. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (1-225) – Vice Chairman Zuber moved to accept consent agenda as is with the exception of 8E, 8F, and 8N. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8-A. ACTION ON APPEAL HEARING OF MR. AARON HUGHES.

8-B. ACTION REGARDING UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE MAIN STATION - CHAIRMAN LENT.

8-C. ACTION REGARDING THE RUBY PIPELINE VYA WORK CAMP AND NDOW PARTICIPATION IN ROUTING THE PIPELINE - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM.

8-D. ACTION REGARDING WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES ("WAFWA") ANNUAL CONFERENCE - CHAIRMAN LENT.

8-E. ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE ("CABMW") BUDGETS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER II DALE HANSEN. (1-275) - Chairman Yanuck was concerned about the budget that was augmented by \$977 by the Department. Chairman Yanuck had a discussion with Dale Hansen

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about the way the budgets are set which is asking every county what is left in their account, then subtracting it from what the CABMW submitted and give them the difference. The issue was that the statement in February did not reflect the three remaining meetings in Las Vegas, Ely and Reno. Currently there was \$901 left which would not be enough to travel to Ely and Reno. Chairman Yanuck would bring this up at the meeting to see that there was a correction. Mr. Davis wanted to clarify whether the augmentation was for this year or next and Mr. Yanuck stated it was for next year. The budget would have to be estimated because next year's meetings would not be set until the fiscal year was over. There will be several meetings in Las Vegas and Reno, but the remaining could be in Ely, Elko, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain or Eureka. Mr. Hansen was going to send Chairman Yanuck an e-mail regarding this but the e-mail has not yet arrived. The total budget request was for \$3832. No action could be taken until the Board heard from Finance.

8-F. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS - CHAIRMAN LENT. (1-476) – Chairman Yanuck stated that Member Martin had done a lot of work in reviewing the various Heritage projects at a prior Heritage meeting and Chairman Lent had indicated that \$443,000 could be allocated. However, the submitted requests were for over \$1 million dollars. Chairman Yanuck asked how multi-year projects were funded and Commissioner Cavin clarified that projects were funded for a year and were not guaranteed to be funded again the following year. Member Valley stated that some projects could not qualify for a Heritage Project and Chairman Yanuck confirmed that unless they were a habitat, conservation and Wildlife oriented projects they would not qualify. Commissioner Cavin suggested making recommendations to the Committee first and not the Wildlife Commission. These recommendations could be submitted in writing or in person. Both Members Martin and Valley already had recommendations and prioritizations on which projects should definitely get funded and which ones should not. **Member Martin moved and Member Valley seconded that the Board endorse Wildlife Heritage Projects 11-01, 11-04, 11-06, 11-07, 11-10, and 11-13 and not support 11-17, 11-19, and 11-20.** On discussion, Member Valley wanted clarification on whether 11-21, 11-22, 11-23, 11-24 are tied together or could survive without the other, Commissioner Cavin stated they could. **Motion carried 4-0.**

8-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 10-01 #1 - CHAIRMAN LENT.

8-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 375 - APPRENTICE LICENSE - LCB FILE No. R019-10 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

8-I. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 378 - GUIDE LICENSE CHANGES - LCB FILE NO. R006-10 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI.

8-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 379 - JUNIOR HUNT ELIGIBILITY CHANGES - LCB FILE NO. R150-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

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8-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 385 - EXPIRED DUCK STAMP PURCHASE - LCB FILE NO. R011-09 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

8-L. ACTION REGARDING SECOND READING, COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK STAMP - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.

8-M. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 09-01, AMENDMENT #2 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

8-N. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 10-02 - BIG GAME QUOTAS 2010 - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX. (1- 1151) – The Board had received from Mr. Cox the 2010 Big Game recommendations. Chairman Yanuck suggested the Board approach the Big Game Quotas 2010 in a similar way to the consent agenda and limit the discussion to the particular hunts and quotas that the members of the Board were not happy with. Antelope: no changes recommended. Resident Elk: no changes recommended. Desert Bighorn Sheep: no changes recommended. Deer: no changes in recommendation, except Clark County wanting to increase the Junior Tags to 3000. Resident Mule Deer: the recommendation is not to reduce archery tags but leave it at 7 since last year only 2 were harvested. Antlerless Deer: no changes recommended. **Member Martin moved that in area 192 archery tags not be reduced and retain the 7 are that were there from last year. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 14 AND 15, 2010 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. Neither the Advisory Board members nor the public had any comments on these items.

9-A. MULE DEER HARVEST STRATEGIES - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST TONY WASLEY.

9-B. MULE DEER RESTORATION COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINE.

9-C. CABMW REPORTS ON MULE DEER OVERVIEW EFFORTS WITHIN EACH COUNTY - CABMW MEMBERS.

9-D. BIGHORN SHEEP DISEASE UPDATE - WILDLIFE STAFF HEALTH SPECIALIST PERI WOLFF.

9-E. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINE.

9-F. FINANCE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

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9-G. ALL GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND BEQUESTS TO NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PRESENTED TO COMMISSION FOR RECOGNITION - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

9-H. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.

9-I. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.

10. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK.

(2061) - At the March 25, 2010 Sage Grouse meeting, Steve Abel from US Fish and Wildlife Service, explained how the Fish and Wildlife Service came to the determination regarding Sage Grouse and the unique sub-species in Mono County. It was unknown how far Sage Grouse extended past Douglas and Mono counties since funding ran out for capturing, DNA analysis of birds and buying collars. The issue now was that a listing gradient system where 1 was the highest priority, the unique sub-species of concern received a rating of 3 which justifies this group of birds to be on the endangered species list but there were no funds for that. This situation would be reviewed annually to see if the classification needed to be changed. The number of birds was estimated to be between 300 and 500. The financial implications to private and public lands could be significant. Another Sage Grouse Conservation Team meeting will be held on May 20, 2010. Member Martin mentioned that NRCS was involved this year and had decided that funds may be spent on public lands if tied to grazing allotments and \$16 Million was earmarked for Sage Grouse treatment. Also, that Nevada conservation districts should be approached to support and lobby for Sage Grouse. Carl Lackey mentioned that 2-3 projects were now going on to remove Juniper. Stewardship contracting could also be considered. Chairman Yanuck would update the Board after the next meeting.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (1-2551) – Already addressed in agenda item 8-E. The meeting is on Friday, May 14th and Saturday May 15th and anyone that wants to attend is welcome.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for June 25th and 26th, 2010 in Ely. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010 at 5:30.

14. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (1-2604) - None

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (1-2620) – Member Martin would like to see the utilization of storm water drainage ponds that have been created by the Department of Wildlife freeway work through Carson City and try and utilize that for waterfowl and wetland riparian habitat. NDOT and the City Health Department should be invited to address this issue. Chairman Yanuck will bring this item

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to the attention of Larry Warner, City Manager, to invite the appropriate people to a future meeting. The second suggestion was from Mr. Davis who would like to discuss season setting, and the safety of both archers and rifle hunters, on the agenda prior to the February 2011 season setting discussion.

16. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT. (1-2934) – Member Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Valley seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 21st day of June, 2010.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman