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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, March 11, 2013, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

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

Staff: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.** (5:32:58) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Martin arrived at 5:38 p.m. Vice Chairperson Zuber was absent.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:33:31) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Fred Voltz brought to the Board's attention SB 132, which would allow license renewals to occur a year from the license date instead of all renewals occurring on March 1. It was noted that this to be costly as the software would need to be updated to reflect different license expiration dates, and it would pose a compliance issue for game wardens. Chairperson Yanuck was informed that Mr. Voltz would follow this bill and report back to the Commission.
- 3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – There were no minutes to approve.
- 4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.** (5:39:45) – The agenda was adopted as is.
- 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES.** (5:40:03) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Davis indicated that he had received complaints about archery hunters "hunting on the streets". He also indicated that he had heard from a game warden that this was happening in several counties. He gave the example of a bow hunter observed in Genoa Country Club and downtown Genoa on public property. Member Davis requested a policy change to prohibit hunting in "urban areas", and not to limit it to the discharge of firearms only. Member Martin suggested placing this item on the agenda for further discussion and suggested inviting the game warden and the Sherriff's Department for discussion. Member Davis also noted that he had received complaints regarding trail cameras placed by hunters, especially near watering holes.
- 6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.** (5:52:40) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin explained that he had been in contact with both Douglas and Washoe counties and informed the Board that a meeting was scheduled on April 24, 2011. He added that trail cameras would be one of the items for discussion during that meeting, and that he would report back on the topic during the next regular meeting.
- 7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 1 AND 2, 2013 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** (5:56:00) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and provided highlights from the past Commission meeting and noted that a tag allocation meeting would precede the regular Commission meeting.
- 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 15 AND 16, 2013 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** (6:03:08) –

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Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin requested further information regarding the allocation of water rights for Carson Lake and Chairman Yanuck agreed to look into it and report back.

8-A. INFORMATION ITEM: WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL. A REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE STATUS OF WILD HORSE ISSUES PENDING IN NEVADA.

8-B. INFORMATION ITEM: QUESTION #1 BOND FUND UPDATE - HABITAT STAFF SPECIALIST STEVE SIEGEL. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE QUESTION #1 BOND FUND ACCOUNT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A RECAP OF HOW NDOW'S PORTION HAS BEEN EXPENDED SINCE IT BECAME AVAILABLE, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ACCOUNT.

8-C. INFORMATION ITEM: SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - ACTING SECRETARY GEORGE TSUKAMOTO. AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF SAGE GROUSE WILL BE PROVIDED.

8-D. INFORMATION ITEM: LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON

8-E. INFORMATION ITEM: DONATIONS REPORT - DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. A REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED ON DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND THE FIRST HALF OF FISCAL YEAR 2013.

8-F. INFORMATION ITEM: BUDGET OVERVIEW - DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. A REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 15 BIENNIAL NDOW BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO THE 2013 LEGISLATURE.

8-G. INFORMATION ITEM: PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER JEREMY DREW. A REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE RECENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

8-H. INFORMATION ITEM: ELK DAMAGE AND INCENTIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER WALLACE. A REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE RECENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATIONS. (6:07:40) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that he had spoken to Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger regarding falconry, stating that the only issue he had encountered was the use of falcons for sage grouse hunting. The Board noted that they did not have additional comments on agenda item 9. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

9-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 392, LCB FILE NO. R047-11, FALCONRY - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT A REGULATION RELATING TO FALCONRY; AUTHORIZING THE CARE OR POSSESSION OF RAPTORS BY CERTAIN PERSONS NOT POSSESSING A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO POSSESS RAPTORS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF RAPTORS; AUTHORIZING THE TRAINING OF RAPTORS BY CERTAIN PERSONS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FALCONRY RAPTORS IN CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE FILMING OR PHOTOGRAPHING OF FALCONRY RAPTORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FALCONRY RAPTORS FOR CERTAIN ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF DECEASED FALCONRY RAPTORS; PROVIDING FOR THE BANDING OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION OF FALCONRY RAPTORS; REQUIRING CERTAIN REPORTING REGARDING RAPTORS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FALCONRY RAPTORS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WITH CERTAIN FALCONRY RAPTORS; PROVIDING FOR THE HOUSING OF FALCONRY RAPTORS; PROVIDING FOR THE RELEASE TO THE

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WILD OF FALCONRY RAPTORS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REVISING PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR AND ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE FALCONRY; REVISING PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POSSESSION OF FALCONRY RAPTORS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

9-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 397, LCB FILE NO. R046-11, RAPTOR CAPTURE - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT A REGULATION RELATING TO FALCONRY; AUTHORIZING THE TAKING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF RAPTORS BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE HOLDER OF A PERMIT TO TAKE RAPTORS; AUTHORIZING THE RETAKING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF RAPTORS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS FALCONRY RAPTORS; SPECIFYING THE DUTIES OF A HOLDER OF A PERMIT TO TAKE RAPTORS WHO TAKES A RAPTOR THAT IS INJURED DURING THE TAKING; PROVIDING FOR THE BANDING OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION OF FALCONRY RAPTORS; AUTHORIZING THE PRACTICE OF FALCONRY AND THE APPLICATION FOR AND OBTAINING OF A PERMIT TO TAKE RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY BY RESIDENTS OF A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE A FALCONRY LICENSE ISSUED BY THAT COUNTRY; AMENDING PROVISIONS SPECIFYING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH RAPTORS MAY BE TAKEN; REQUIRING TRAPS USED TO TAKE RAPTORS TO BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

9-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 424, LCB FILE NO. T002-13, TRANSPORTATION PERMIT (TEMPORARY) - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT A REGULATION RELATING TO ADDING A TRANSPORTATION PERMIT TO THE GAME TAG, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

9-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 425, LCB FILE NO. T003-13, TRANSPORTATION DEMERIT POINTS (TEMPORARY) - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT A REGULATION RELATING TO DEMERITS ASSESSED ON GAME TAG TRANSPORTATION PERMIT AND TRAPPING VISITATION, AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

9-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 426, LCB FILE NO. T004-13, DESERT TORTOISE (TEMPORARY) - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT A TEMPORARY REGULATION RELATING TO DESERT TORTOISES; PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM POSSESSING MORE THAN ONE DESERT TORTOISE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO. THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF PET DESERT TORTOISES FOR ADOPTION / POSSESSION, AS APPROVED BY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, TO *ONE* PER PERSON AS OF THE ENACTMENT DATE (MAY 1, 2013). PET DESERT TORTOISES IN POSSESSION PRIOR TO ENACTMENT ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE REGULATION (ONLY NEW POSSESSIONS OF PET DESERT TORTOISES). THE AMENDMENT IS NEEDED DUE TO THE OVERBREEDING OF PET DESERT TORTOISES IN CAPTIVITY, PRIMARILY IN SOUTHERN NEVADA.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:10:35) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin moved to adopt all items on the consent agenda except item 10B. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 4-0.

10-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: WILDLIFE COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE ACTION - CHAIRMAN ROBB. THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION WILL DECIDE UPON A SPOKESPERSON(S) FOR THE WILDLIFE

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COMMISSION AT THE LEGISLATURE TO COMMUNICATE POSITIONS IN WRITING AND / OR IN PERSON AT THE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 2013 SESSION, FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2013.

10-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY. THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION WILL HEAR A REPORT FROM ITS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ANY POSITIONS TAKEN ON BILLS OF THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND THE COMMISSION WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO AFFIRM THE COMMITTEE'S POSITIONS AS OFFICIAL COMMISSION POLICIES. (6:12:11) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin expressed concern over a senate bill that required county advisory boards to include four members who represented the sporting interest and must have a hunting or fishing license, and a fifth member to represent the general public. He stated that he hunted and fished, and also represented the public. Member Martin also mentioned the proposed change in the makeup of the Wildlife Commission, requiring a member to hold “a degree in ecological studies and must be a specialist in threatened and/or endangered species”. He stated his opposition to another bill, SB82, which would prohibit the Wildlife Commissioners from authorizing the hunting of black bears, reclassifying them as a non-game animal. Member Martin also expressed concern over SJR1, which supported the wild horses and burros in Nevada. He quoted a specific paragraph in the resolution that credited the wild horses and burros for “building our nation”, adding that it was the domesticated horses that played that role. Discussion ensued regarding the management of the wild horses and the Board agreed with the intent of the resolution; however, only if the horses were maintained at the appropriate management levels. Discussion returned to the reclassification of bears and the members believed that the bears in question in this area migrated between Nevada and California, where they are classified as game animals. **Member Martin moved to not support SB82, changing the status of black bears from a game animal to a non-game animal. The motion was seconded by Member Davis.** Fred Voltz expressed concern that he had heard in the legislature that the bear population in the area ranged from 400 to 700, calling it a broad range and an inaccurate baseline. Member Martin explained that these numbers would be used for a discussion whether to have a season or not, and not for reclassification. Member Davis clarified that these numbers fluctuated because the bears migrated between California and Nevada. Chairman Yanuck entertained additional comments and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 4-0.**

10-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION POLICY #24, “HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AMONG WEAPONS AND HUNTER GROUPS,” - TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JACK ROBB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMISSION POLICY #1, THE COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT A FIRST READING, ON FRIDAY MARCH 15TH, AND A SECOND READING, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, OF AMENDMENTS FOR COMMISSION POLICY #24, “HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AMONG WEAPONS AND HUNTER GROUPS.”

10-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2012 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2013 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN - COMMISSIONER MIKE MCBEATH, GAME DIVISION CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON, AND WILDLIFE STAFF BIOLOGIST PETE BRADLEY. THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION WILL HEAR A REPORT FROM ITS WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE 2013 REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED THAT DESCRIBES EXPENDITURES AND RESULTS OF FY 2012 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR FY 2013, AND THE COMMISSION WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

10-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: 2014 AND 2015 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULES - ACTING SECRETARY GEORGE TSUKAMOTO. IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 501.177, THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS FOR 2014 AND 2015.

11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT TOPICS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2013 TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE'S LIST. (6:46:42) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Valley presented a list of 11 items, incorporated into the record, that he had compiled as a result of discussions with the members of the public. **Member Valley moved to submit the 11 tag**

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questions and one survey question as presented to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 4-0.**

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR THE 2013 TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE'S ONLINE TAG APPLICATION SURVEY.

13. INFORMATION ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAP REGISTRATION. (7:03:47) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that this agenda item had been requested by Mr. Voltz. He added that he had discussed this item with people more knowledgeable about traps to gain some insight. Mr. Voltz explained that some illegal traps had been found in Washoe County and it had not been possible to find the owners. He explained that the time spent on investigating the incidents would have been greatly reduced had the traps been registered. Chairman Yanuck likened the trap registration to those of automobiles, and believed it would be costly. Discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of registering traps. Member Davis gave the example of family members who are trappers and explained how they inspect their traps.

14. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (7:25:39) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and reported that Bi-State Group was in the hands of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Greater Sage Grouse information was in the finalization stage for submittal.

15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (7:26:16) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that new member budget preparation training was scheduled during the lunch-hour of the upcoming meeting. He added that the Department would provide each County Advisory Board a budget, and boards would send modifications to their specific budgets.

16. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (7:28:03) – Chairman Yanuck stated that the upcoming Wildlife Commission meeting would take place on March 14 and 15, 2013 and he would be attending on both days.

17. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (7:28:34) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013; however, a special meeting may be held in April.

18. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (7:29:42) – There were no reports from Staff.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:29:47) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Mr. Voltz requested the discussion of the Department's planned spending of \$70,000 on audiovisual equipment, and the use of the equipment at the legislature instead.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (7:34:10) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Member Martin explained that he and Member Valley taught a hunter safety course a week-and-a-half ago. He noted that out of 29 students, a third were female and the average score was 93. Member Martin called it "a great experience".

21. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:38:46) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. **Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.**

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The minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 6th day of May, 2013.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman