

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WAB)
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 ● 4:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Board Members

Chair – Daniel Thompson **Vice Chair – Corbett Fleming**
Member – Gene Green **Member – Robert Boehmer**
Member – Kirk Stewart

Staff

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:30:38) – Vice Chairperson Fleming called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Daniel Thompson, Chair	Absent	
Corbett Fleming, Vice Chair	Present	
Gene Green	Present	
Robert Boehmer	Present	
Kirk Stewart	Absent	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:31:30) – Led by Member Green.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:31:54) – Vice Chairperson Fleming entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 2, 2022

(4:32:11) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(4:32:18) – Member Boehmer moved to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

(4:32:41) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. Member Boehmer reported having contacted Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Conservation Educator Zac Campbell regarding how the Board wished to be a part of what the NDOW puts together for the Urban Wildlife Program, and if the NDOW did not put something together, Member Boehmer suggested that the Board could use some of the webinar recordings that were done during the previous year to develop a campaign. He added that NDOW did not believe the campaign would begin until around August/September 2022, and Mr. Campbell would continue to keep Member Boehmer informed.

6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE MAY 6 AND 7, 2022 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(4:34:49) – Member Green reported on the May 6 and 7, 2022 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

The items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. A member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, but the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether to pull an item from the consent agenda. (For additional information on the items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/ under agenda and corresponding support material).

(4:47:33) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained requests to pull items from the Consent Agenda. He and Member Boehmer agreed to pull items 7-A, 7-B, 7-D, and 7-F.

(4:57:37) – Member Green moved to accept Consent Agenda items 7-C and 7-E as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 3-0-0.

7-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 501, NAC 502.385, TAG TRANSFER. *At its June 25, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider adopting Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.385 that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81st Legislative Session.*

(4:49:43) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained discussion and a motion.

(4:56:58) – Member Boehmer moved to support item 7-A. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

7-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 505, NAC 502.4215, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED PREVENTION OF UNFAIR ADVANTAGES. *At its June 25, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider adopting NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.*

(4:58:00) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. He stated that Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.4215 seemed vague, and Member Green commented that the system was “more vague before they tried this.” Discussion ensued regarding the language of the agenda materials, during which Vice Chairperson Fleming did not support 4.b of the NAC stating, “*the use of technology designed to create an unfair advantage,*” as he believed 4.b seemed vague. Member Boehmer inquired about how the activity for 4.b would be regulated, though he also was not opposed to regulating the activity. Vice Chairperson Fleming was in favor of supporting the item.

(5:03:18) – Member Boehmer moved to support item 7-B. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

7-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 507, LCB FILE NO. R045-22-PETITION PROCESS. *At its June 25, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider adopting changes recommended by the APRP Committee to NAC 501.195. This regulation was approved by the Committee at their March meeting and heard for a workshop by the Page 3 Commission in May. CGR 507 will now be considered by the Commission for possible adoption.*

7-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 22-12, 2022-2023 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS. *At its June 25, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2022-2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2022 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2023.*

(5:03:44) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item, and the Members reviewed and discussed the agenda materials. Member Boehmer supported all that was being recommended relating to Commission Regulation 22-12.

(5:10:29) – Member Boehmer moved to support item 7-D as well as the recommendations made by NDOW Wildlife Staff Specialists Shawn Espinosa and Russell Woolstenhulme. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

7-E DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 22-05, AMENDMENT #1, 2023 HERITAGE TAG VENDORS. *At its June 25, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2023 and may take action on the proposals.*

7-F DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING PETITION – MR. DAVID FLANDERS – USE OF AIR RIFLE. *Mr. Flanders has submitted a petition to allow Air Rifles to hunt. At its June 25, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.*

(5:11:02) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. Member Boehmer expressed concern over the petition and stated that he would be “really, really surprised if the Law Enforcement division does not come forward with everything on the planet to rebut this.” He commented that he could only see utilizing an Air Rifle for small game animals, and he believed that allowing Air Rifles should also result in permitting the use of .22 caliber centerfire rifles and rimfire rifles because Air Rifles shoot .177 and .22 caliber pellets. Member Boehmer also stated that, when shooting such small game animals as rabbits with an Air Rifle, “unless you make a good, clean, lethal shot, that rabbit takes off and goes into someone else’s yard or goes somewhere and dies, ... and then it’s a waste of game.” He did not support the petition based on the points he provided, and Member Green agreed with Member Boehmer’s stance. Member Green also noted how quickly a pellet from an Air Rifle “dies off in velocity.” Discussion ensued, during which the Members agreed to take a neutral position on the item until more information was known to them.

(5:20:02) – Member Boehmer moved to take a neutral position on item 7-F until information had been obtained. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

******* END OF CONSENT AGENDA *******

8. INFORMATIONAL - LITIGATION REPORT. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting, a Deputy Attorney General will present to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners a report on litigation, as an informational item. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the litigation.*

(5:21:04) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member comments; however, none were forthcoming.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve the Department’s proposed biennial upland game release plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.*

(5:22:11) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:23:12) – Member Boehmer moved to support item #9. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards, as requested, to Manage Wildlife budgets for Fiscal Year 2023.*

(5:23:36) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:26:41) – Member Boehmer moved to support item #10. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review Committee recommendations and may approve the reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.*

(5:26:52) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:27:14) – Member Boehmer moved to support item #11. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,513,377.69 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2023 funding from the committee which is listed below and may be approved by the Commission.*

- *Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)*
- *Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$150,000)*
- *2022-2023 Bighorn Sheep Test and Remove and Monitoring (\$148,500)*
- *Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$100,000)*
- *2022-2023 Murdock Mountain Mule Deer Winter Habitat Enhancement Project (\$100,000)*
- *Schell Egan Land Acquisition (\$250,000)*

- Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$50,000)
- Warmwater Sportfish Stocking for Large Reservoir Drought Recovery and Urban Fishing Opportunity (\$125,168)
- Morey Bench Mule Deer Crucial Winter Habitat Enhancement (\$40,000)
- Bullwhack Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$40,000)
- Flint Spring Habitat Restoration (\$40,000)
- Toner Spring Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)

Proposals Submitted by Others

- Survey and Maintenance of existing big game guzzlers (\$40,000)
- Duck Creek Aspen Restoration (\$50,000)
- The interaction between restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (year 3) (\$38,370)
- White Pine County Mastication and Brush Treatments (\$41,339.69)

(5:27:30) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:30:27) – Member Green moved to support item #12. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 3-0-0.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE HERITAGE ACCOUNT PRINCIPAL PROJECT PROPOSAL. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear the Schell – Egan Acquisition Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal from the Department. The Department is asking for additional funds from the Heritage Account Principal balance to acquire 5,390 acres of wildlife habitat scattered throughout the Schell and Egan Ranges near Ely, NV.*

(5:30:43) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:33:14) – Member Green moved to support item #13. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 3-0-0.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve up to \$102,000 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2023 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.*

- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$15,000)

- *Western Complex WMA Water Control Repair (\$15,000)*
- *Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvements (\$25,000)*
- *Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$12,000)*
- *Fall Flights Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000)*

(5:33:25) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:34:12) – Member Green moved to support item #14. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 3-0-0.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST. *At its June 24, 2022 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review and may take action to approve up to \$327,200 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2023 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved at listed below:*

- *Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$17,250)* • *Corners for Quail (\$25,000)*
- *Key Pittman Wildlife Food Plots (\$7,500)*
- *Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$29,370)*
- *Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,400)*
- *Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$30,000)*
- *Overton WMA Food Plots (\$10,000)*
- *Big Lake PJ Removal-Cleanup (\$5,000)*
- *Rangeland Restoration for Greater Sage-grouse (\$20,000)*
- *Western Complex WMAs Water Control Structure Repairs (\$15,000)*
- *Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$10,000)*
- *Effects of Mineral Development on Greater Sage-grouse (\$47,500)*
- *Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$25,000)*
- *Soil Herbicide Monitoring (\$12,180)*
- *Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$40,000)*

(5:34:27) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item and entertained Member discussion and a motion.

(5:34:45) – Member Boehmer moved to support item #15. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 3-0-0.

16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE JUNE 23, 24, AND 25, 2022 MEETING AND AUGUST 19 AND 20, 2022 MEETING.

(5:34:58) – Vice Chairperson Fleming introduced the item. Member Green indicated that he could attend the August 19 and 20, 2022 meeting; however, he could not attend the June 23, 24, and 25, 2022 meeting. Vice Chairperson Fleming stated that he could possibly attend the August 19 and 20, 2022 meeting.

17. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:38:47) – Vice Chairperson Fleming entertained suggestions for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:39:05) – Vice Chairperson Fleming entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

19. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(5:39:13) – Vice Chairperson Fleming adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

The minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 15th day of August 2022.