



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 4, 2010
Location: Meeting Room: Education Center, Clark County Shooting Park,
11357 N. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89131
Time: 6:00pm
Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair Paul Harris
John Sullivan John Michael Reese

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the following locations;

- Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4747 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89158;
- Clark County Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89108;
- City of Henderson, City Hall, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada, 89015;
- Boulder City, City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, Nevada, 89005;
- Laughlin Town Manager's Office; 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada, 89028;
- Moapa Valley Community Center, 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, Nevada, 89040;
- Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, Nevada, 89027.

Date: April 28, 2010

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Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Paul Dixon.
- b. Roll call of Board Members was performed by Stacy Matthews. A quorum was present. As there are four Board members present, Chairman Dixon will vote on all action items.
- c. The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 9th, 2010 were approved as written.
- d. The Agenda for this meeting was approved with the following changes:
 1. Agenda item C 6: LCB File No. should read R011-10, not R011-09.
 2. Agenda items C 6 and C 7 will be combined as they pertain to the same topic.
 3. Agenda items D and E will be combined as E is a further explanation of D.

Public Comment:

- a. Paul Dixon noted that Items D and E on the Agenda address nominations for Commissioner to replace Bruce Kobrin, and that Ron Lurie, who had originally offered his name for nomination, has since withdrawn his name. In response, Brian Cimperman asked that Kensen Lee's name be considered for that position.

- b. Chairman Paul Dixon noted that an additional item was added to the Commission Meeting Agenda regarding Heritage Vendors, and polled the Board members present as to whether or not the CCABMW should hold a special meeting to discuss. As no significant interest was expressed, the matter was tabled.
- c. Board Member Michael Reese gave a brief overview of the Clark County Shooting Park for those in attendance who had never visited the Park. Mike is a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Park.

With no further input, Public Comment was closed.

Informational – Committee and Member Updates

A. Review of March Wildlife Commission Meeting Actions- Paul Dixon

1. Push to redirect three heritage proposal budgets of \$210K by Commissioner Howell to predator program so they get used.
 - Commissioner Howell stated that per the NRS, use of those funds requires a recommendation from NDOW, otherwise they go into the sequestered fund. The latest list of Predator Projects does not include any use of those funds. Commissioner Howell will continue to pursue this.
2. Silver State NRS language passed.
 - Silver State Tags were approved and should be available for FY11.
 - First available for Desert Bighorn Sheep.
 - Application fee: \$20.
 - Tag holder privileges to the same as a Heritage Tag holder.
3. Overall mood due to state budget crisis and impacts on NDOW/Heritage.
 - NDOW had 10% budget reduction.
 - Heritage Funds were not affected.
4. Commission draft minutes additional items for discussion.
 - No public comment. Discussion closed.

B. Trapping in Washoe County Update – Tracy Truman

1. Recent incident of person trapping in a city park which lead to the capture of a cat were discussed. Tracy Truman not in attendance.
 - Paul Harris: The person broke the law. No regulation change required. Cite the person and move on.
 - John Sullivan: heard similar details. He also noted that the trapper was not recognized as member of the Trappers Association.

C. Request made to Chairman Lent for information discussed at Commission meeting – Paul Dixon

- A previously “confidential” Governor Gibbons memo on State employee overtime was discussed between NDOW Deputy Director Cates and Commissioner Raines at the last Commission Meeting. Paul Dixon requested a copy of the memo as it had been discussed at a public meeting. Director Cates contacted Paul and indicated that the memo was incorrectly classified as confidential and it was subsequently released for public consumption.

D. Board Member, Mike Reese to discuss the Clark County Board of Commissioners Agenda Item Recommendation.

- Recommendation: That the Board of County Commissioners approve, adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution urging the United States Congress to designate a Gold Butte National Conservation Area with Wilderness in the northeast portion of Clark County.
- May 4, 2010, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners voted 6-1 to approve this Item with multiple use areas and wilderness in the proposed Gold Butte National Conservation Area.
- Commissioner McBeath voiced concerns over road closures on forest service lands. Mike Reese acknowledged that those concerns are valid, but once recognized, some of those roads may be reopened to permit greater access and use.

Action Items

A. Trail Camera Use – Mike Reese

1. Mike Reese summarized discussions held during previous CCABMW meetings.
2. Discussion:
 - While additional input and discussion is needed on this topic, Mike Reese feels the CCABMW should recommend that use of trail cameras that transmit photos via cell or satellite networks be prohibited during hunting season.
 - John Sullivan: Trail cameras provide good information and get people into the field and interested in wildlife. He would prefer to gather more input before making a recommendation.
 - Paul Harris: Agrees on the value in getting people into the field. Even with cameras that transmit photos, animals viewed by cameras seldom linger in the area. Real hunting is needed. What about enforcement?
 - Michael Maynard – NDOW: Sees enforcement as difficult: hard to tell transmitting camera from others; size of State; miniaturization of cameras, etc.
 - Brian Cimperman: Transmitting cameras currently use cell phone networks. Cell coverage where trail cameras would be used is most likely minimal or non-existent. Today this seems a non-issue.
 - Paul Harris: Understands Mike Reese's point but does not want to regulate trail cameras at this time. More information is needed.
 - Tal Browne – Hook and Arrow Adventures: Uses trail cameras to scout areas for clients. Trail cameras are good. Sees problems (previously mentioned) with enforcement.
 - Steve Splawn: Transmitting cameras use digital signals but Verizon (largest in Nevada) uses analog technology. Estimates technology for transmitting cameras in remote areas will not be available for another 10 years.

- Commissioner McBeath: Discussions at Commission Meetings steered away from regulating cameras, but instead focusing on blinds and barriers that force wildlife into camera areas.
 - Lee Browne: Montana has outlawed trail cameras during hunting season.
 - Paul Dixon: Utah and Colorado promote the use of cameras for wildlife viewing.
 - John Sullivan: Trail cameras are a good thing. Tracy Truman has seen how bobcats have been in and out of traps and not get caught via trail camera.
 - Brian Cimperman: In the future, perhaps limit the number of cameras per person.
 - Paul Dixon closed discussion
3. Motion was made to recommend to the Commission that a Regulation be established to prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras. No Second heard. **No action taken.**
 4. Paul Dixon: The CCABMW will continue to monitor this topic and perhaps make a recommendation in the future.

B. Wild Horse Round Ups & Removal of Horses – Mike Reese

1. Paul Dixon and Mike Reese met with Kelly Clark to discuss options for a positive education campaign on the damage wild horses do to the habitat.
2. Recent court ruling in Washington D.C. won by Interior Secretary Salazar appears to limit arguments horse advocates can use to fight round-ups.
3. Negative press is ongoing (George Knapp – Channel 8 News) regarding round-ups and treatment of captured animals.
4. Paul Dixon recommended to the Commission that a sub-committee be formed to develop a public education program regarding the wild horse issues. Chairman Lent stated that this should be an NDOW responsibility.
5. Discussion:
 - Mike Reese read the following NDOW correspondence into the record:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is responsible for the protection, restoration, and management of fish and wildlife resources in the state. Wild horses are non-native and not classified as wildlife, and therefore are not managed by NDOW. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), under the Wild Free-roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971, is responsible for managing wild horses in sustainable numbers in the natural environment on Federal lands. The BLM is also responsible for setting limits for horse numbers (Appropriate Management Levels, called "AMLs") based on the ability of the range to support the animals, to improve rangelands where wild horses roam with livestock and wildlife, and to productively support all rangeland values.

Wild horse and burro populations, when not at AMLs, often exceed the capacity of the land to support them and degrade delicate wildlife habitat. This degradation includes damage to riparian zones and watersheds, adverse effects

on water quality, and impacts to native vegetative communities, accelerating the spread of invasive weeds.

The Department of Wildlife supports sound management of wild horses and burros in Nevada, which benefits both the horses, and the state's wildlife.

- John Sullivan: Problem is not going away. Keep the pressure up.
 - Paul Dixon: Need to explore options... gelding, public education, support BLM efforts, etc.
 - Paul Harris: Dogs and cats in Las Vegas need to be spayed/neutered unless you are a breeder. Why not wild horses? Why not a one-page write-up in the Nevada Hunting and Fishing Regulations booklet detailing the impact wild horses have on the wildlife habitat?
 - Paul Dixon: Wants information on wild horses published such that the public can make an informed decision on how the issue needs to be addressed.
6. No formal action at this meeting. Paul Dixon and Mike Reese will continue to work with Kelly Clark to develop education materials.

C. Discussion regarding Action Items on the Board of Wildlife Commissioners Agenda May 14th & 15th, 2010.

1. **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Budgets – Administrative Services Officer 2 Dale Hansen**
 - a. County Expenditure Report missing. Clark County Budget request was not broken down.
 - b. Stacy Matthews had submitted full breakdown to Dale Hansen, NDOW. Stacy will email a copy to Commissioners Howell and Daryl Capurro, and NDOW Deputy Director Cates.
 - c. Motion was made and seconded to have Stacy Matthews forward the budget breakdown as stated above. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Wildlife Heritage Projects – Chairman Lent – Action**
 - a. Discussion of listed 26 proposed projects that total \$1.05M. Only \$447K available for use this year from the Heritage Fund.
 - b. Paul Dixon asked for list of prioritized projects to recommend to the Commission for funding from the Heritage Fund.
 - c. The following Projects are recommended:

Project	Title	Amount
01	2010-2011 Big Game Capture, Transplant and Monitoring Program	\$193,312
06	Wildfire Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Habitat Restoration	\$200,000
07	Regional Mountain Lion Tracking Collars	\$26,000
18	Guidelines for effective placement and use of wildlife water developments	\$10,000

21	Survey and Maintenance of existing Big Game Projects with Limited Access (Helicopter)	\$5,545
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25	Monte Cristo #1 – Rebuild with Rail Fence	\$38,130
26	Jackson Mountains Mule Deer Protection (hunt unit 035)	\$106,103

- d. Motion was made and seconded to recommend prioritized support for the projects listed above. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Commission General Regulation 375 – Apprentice License - LCB File No. R019-10**
- Designed to promote hunting. Limited to small game only. Apprentice must hunt with licensed hunter (mentor). Apprentice not required to have passed Hunter Safety Education. Only valid for one year. Not renewable.
 - Brian Cimperman: Can a person mentor more than one apprentice at a time?
 - Paul Harris: No. Mentoring is one-on-one with an apprentice.
 - Tai Browne: Is the apprentice license available for adults?
 - Paul Dixon: Yes.
 - Motion was made and seconded to support this regulation as written. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Commission General Regulation 378 – Guide License Changes - LCB File No. R006-10**
- Paul Dixon: Updates to dates for application and insurance amounts.
 - Motion was made and seconded to support this regulation change as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Commission General Regulation 379 – Junior Hunt Eligibility Changes - LCB File No. R150-09**
- Paul Dixon: Changes the ages of the Youth Hunt through the 18th birthday.
 - Motion was made and seconded to support this regulation change as written with the added comment to the Commission recommending that the price for pre-adult hunting licenses remain the same through the 18th birthday to be consistent with this regulation change. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Commission General Regulation 385 – Expired Duck Stamp Purchase - LCB File No. R011-10**
- Paul Dixon: This regulation change outlines procedures allowing collectors, etc., to acquire printed duck stamps after the end of the season.
 - Motion was made and seconded to support this regulation change as written. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Second Reading, Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp**
- This item is combined with #6 above.
8. **Commission Regulation 09-01 Amendment #2**
- As there is no back-up on this item, no action taken.
9. **Commission Regulation 10-02 – Big Game Quotas 2010 - Adoption**

a. See Summary of recommendation/approvals in the following table.

Species	Hunt	OK?	No	Comment
Antelope	2151	X		
	2161	X		
	2171	X		
	2181	X		
	2251	X		
	2261	X		

b. Motion was made and seconded to support antelope quotas as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Elk	4102	X		
	4151	X		The Clark CAB feels that changes should be made to the 091 hunt. As this is an interstate hunt and Utah has 4 tags, Nevada should also have 4 not 3 tags. All of the other unit hunt numbers were agreed to by the Clark CAB for hunt 4151.
	4156	X		
	4161	X		
	4181	X		
	4176	X		
	4111	X		
	4251	X		
	4256	X		
	4261	X		

c. Motion was made and seconded to support elk quotas as written with the exception of 091 hunt of 4151 (see above). Motion passed unanimously.

Sheep	3151	X		
	3251	X		
	8151	X		
	8251	X		
	9151	X		
	7151	X		
	7251	X		

d. Motion was made and seconded to support sheep quotas as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Mule Deer	1107		X	The Clark CAB feels that that the youth hunt numbers need to be increased to the original stated goal of 3000. We have increased from last years numbers but are still short of the 3000 goal. The Clark CAB feels with the increase deer tags this year that the number needs to be higher for the junior hunts.
	1331	X		
	1371	X		
	1341	X		
	1181	X		
	1101	X		
	1331	X		Non-resident
	1371	X		Non-resident

	1341	X		Non-resident
Deer	1115	X		Landowner Compensation
Antelope	1215			
	2115			
	2215			

- e. Motion was made and seconded to support mule deer quotas and Landowner Compensation as written with the exception of 1107 (see above). Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discuss & make a recommendation for a nomination of a candidate for vacant Commissioner Seat

1. Paul Dixon read a letter from the Governor’s Office requesting nominations for replacement of Commissioner Bruce Kobrin and two Commission seat that will become open this summer due to end of appointment.. The letter requested:
 - a nominee to actively engaged in Ranching,
 - a nominee who represents the interests of the general public, and
 - a nominee who has held a resident license to hunt or fish in the state of Nevada for at least 3 of the past 4 years.
2. Kensen Lee was recommended as representing the general public for Southern Nevada.
3. Paul Dixon: recommends continued support for Pete Mori as a rancher.
4. Kensen Lee: recommends Tom Cassanelli as the Sportsman nominee.
5. Motion was made to submit the following names to the Governor: Kensen Lee as immediate replacement for Bruce Kobrin, Pete Mori representing the ranching community, and Tom Cassanelli representing Sportsmen of Nevada. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

E. Review letter from Governor Gibbons dated 4/23/2010.

1. Same as item D above. No Action.

F. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit the recommendations from today’s meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its May 14th & 5th, 2010 meeting.

1. Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit the recommendations from today’s meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its May 14th & 5th, 2010 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Board to discuss and recommend approval for travel request for Chairman Dixon to attend Commission meeting in Reno, NV, May 14th – 15th

1. Motion was made and seconded to approve travel for Chairman Dixon to attend the Commission meeting in Reno, NV, May 14th – 15th. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items – No action may be taken on these items.

A. Member Comments – any item requiring Board action will be scheduled on a future agenda

B. Next scheduled meetings of the Board and Commission

The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2010. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 14th & 15th, 2010 in Reno, Nevada.

Adjournment

- Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.