

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 5-15-09

Meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chair Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lurie. All were present; Gil Yanuck was present via teleconferencing. It was discussed that at a future date the Finance Committee would get together on subcommittees for other financial items. It was moved that item #8 discussion and approval of CAB Budgets for SFY 2010 be moved to item #1 on the committee agenda. The motion was approved by all committee members present.

The committee discussed CAB budget items such as secretarial costs, workers comp and other items not associated with travel to Wildlife Commission meetings. The committee discussed the possibility, as is done in Carson City, having the respective counties pick up miscellaneous costs such as secretarial cost for CAB meetings. The committee discussed the possibility of having CAB members sign up as volunteers with NDOW in order to have reduced their rumored increase in worker's comp charged to the counties. The committee moved to have NDOW staff research current county worker's comp rates. Motion was approved by all members of the committee. The committee also discussed the need to take attendance at Wildlife Commission meetings in order to know which CABS are sending representatives to the Wildlife Commission meetings and which CABS are not.

Gil Yanuck moved to fund the CAB budgets for SFY 2010 as submitted. Commissioner McBeath seconded the motion to approve the CAB budgets for SFY 2010. Ron Lurie called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McBeath made a motion for the Finance Committee to develop a policy with regard to CAB budgets. Gil Yanuck seconded the motion. Finance Committee Chair Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lurie called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed ITEM #4: Fiscal Notes. Dave Prather, NDOW staff, discussed the fiscal notes for current legislation. He noted the Apprenticeship bill was still in committee. Dave mentioned that the bill's supporters were trying to combine it with the Silver State Tag and Dream Tag legislation.

The committee discussed ITEM # 5: NDOW Reserve Analysis. Dave Prather, NDOW staff, discussed that the reserve balance in 4452 is not strictly a cash reserve but included federal authority. Dave noted that the reason why this reserve balance has federal authority is because of the difference between the State's fiscal year and the Federal fiscal year. He also noted the reserve does not only contain license money but includes an assortment of NDOW fees. Most of the fees in reserve are statutorily restricted concerning their use. So, not only is the reserve balance not strictly cash but it is also not completely unrestricted.

Dave Prather also discussed that Federal money is fully allocated to NDOW each year. There is a cap to what NDOW receives in federal money. Once the money is allocated we cannot increase the amount we receive as a state, even if we have matching money available. Nearly all of the reserve money is spoken for as far as state match to federal dollars is concerned. This reserve is also used to fund NDOW cash flow needs from October to about March of each fiscal year. Dave addressed how cash flow could be impacted in the future by pay outs for NDOW employees who retire. NDOW has many loyal employees who have put in many years with the State of Nevada and could retire at anytime in the near future. Committee made a request that retirement scenarios be put together by staff.

Committee will work to schedule a meeting in Lovelock sometime before the Commission Meeting.

Finance Committee Chair Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lurie called to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McBeath. Meeting was adjourned.