

Heritage Committee Meeting
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Nevada Department of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512

Meeting Location: Nevada Department of Wildlife
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Reno, Nevada 89512

Committee Members: Commissioners Gerald Lent (chair), Scott Raine and Bruce Kobrin

Commissioners: Gerald Lent, Scott Raine and Charles Howell

NDOW Employees: Kenneth E. Mayer and Patrick Cates

Members of the Public: Rick Smith, Judi Caron, Dianna Belding, and Mel Belding

Monday, April 12, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order – Chairman Gerald Lent**
9:14 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes – Action**
Minutes are from the January 7, 2010 Heritage Committee meeting.
First motion by Howell and seconded by Raine, all in favor, approved.
3. **Member Items**
Committee members may present emerging items. Any item requiring committee action will be scheduled on a future Committee agenda.
No member items
4. **Public Comment Period**
Persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should complete a speaker card and present it to the recording secretary. Public comment will be limited to three minutes for individuals and six minutes for persons representing groups or organizations. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and or attend and make

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comment on the item at the committee meeting. Any item requiring committee action could be scheduled on a future committee agenda. Smith asked what changed with Kobrin on the agenda but Howell in attendance. Lent said he changed the assignment from Kobrin to Howell and it was posted on the internet, but did not get on agenda.

Mel Belding asked if public would be able to review project proposal support material. Lent said the chairman of county boards, committee members and the commission chairman all receive copies. Cates confirmed copies were sent as well as additional copies to CAB members who requested them.

Caron requested the committee consider posting the project proposal support material on the web for review by the public in the future. Lent said there were problems with scanning the images. Mayer said NDOW would look into how we could do that.

Caron asked if a copy of the support material would be available at the meetings. Mayer said the copy provided to the CAB chair is intended to be available for the general public. Smith indicated that is how it works for Washoe CAB.

5. **Staff Report**

Status report on the FY2011 incoming Heritage project proposals.

Cates said the amount of available Heritage funds is \$447,318 and over \$1 million in project requests have been received. Lent asked if the projects on the list were in priority order. Mayer said the requests from the department were prioritized, but those from the public were not.

Smith asked if money from the FY09-10 projects will roll forward to the new year. Mayer indicated projects from Hunter's Alert and Nevada Alliance 4 Wildlife are not going forward with Wildlife Services, so about \$212,000 would revert. Mayer further said a project status report will be brought to the next meeting. Smith asked if that means an additional \$212,000 would be available for this year's projects. Mayer said the law requires it to go back to the reserve. Lent said there would be a status report after the end of the fiscal year July 1 with complete reports on all projects.

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6. Heritage Project Evaluation - Chairman Lent – Action

The committee will discuss the process for evaluation of upcoming FY2011 Heritage project proposals and may establish a rating system for ranking Heritage project proposals.

Lent asked everyone to review NAC 501.300 for these projects. Lent proposed identifying projects for full and partial funding as well as ranking 1 through 3, with 1 being the highest ranking, 3 the lowest.

Howell asked if he had to give a project a ranking at all. Lent said you wouldn't have to give ranking if you thought it didn't meet the criteria.

Howell suggested if project was completely worthy, you would give it a 1 ranking, but if you give another a ranking of 2, perhaps you only give 50% funding, a ranking of 3 perhaps 25%. Lent said even a 1 project may be able to get by with less and may be okay to recommend a decrease in funding, but need to make sure they can still do the project with less money.

Caron said some projects bring other revenue to them. Mayer said in years past projects were ranked higher when they brought other funds to leverage. Mayer also said some projects take up to 3 years to complete and need to consider commitment to continuing projects when ranking. Cates clarified the summary sheet on website shows only the Heritage funds being requested.

Lent said the committee needs to know the performance of continuing projects and said they will look at final reports after the end of the year. Smith asked if that wasn't too late since the committee meets to recommend projects in May. Mayer said staff will provide preliminary reports in May and traditionally project proponents are there to answer questions. Mel Belding said we will always lag no matter when the projects are proposed and shouldn't wait until August to approve projects. Lent agreed that we would be one year behind, but projects that didn't meet criteria would not get funded in the following year.

Caron asked if it should be shown on the summary if a project is in it's second or third year. Lent indicated its in the support material, but may update the summary with that info to be helpful.

First motion by Howell and seconded by Raine to accept the 1-2-3 ranking system for ranking the Heritage projects with the amount of money available, all in favor, approved.

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7. **Future Committee Meeting - Chairman Lent - Action**

The committee will set a date, location, and time for the next committee meeting.

First motion by Raine and seconded by Howell to schedule the next meeting at 10 am on May 13 in main NDOW commission meeting room, all in favor, approved.

First motion by Raine and seconded by Howell to adjourn, all in favor approved. Adjourned 10:00 am.

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