



# Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: June 16, 2015

Location: Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair J. Michael Reese, Vice Chair Joe Luby  
John Hiatt Brian Patterson William Stanley

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

- Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4747 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89107;
- 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: June 12, 2015

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### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Paul Dixon.
- Roll call of Board Members was performed by Stacy Matthews. A quorum was present.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and asked William Stanley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2015 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 12, 2015 as written. Motion passed 6-0.

### 4. Approval of Agenda for June 16, 2015 – (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and asked for comments on the proposed Agenda.
- Hearing no comments from the Board, Chairman Paul Dixon opened the floor to public comment.
- Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda for the June 16, 2015 CCABMW Board Meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The Board may also remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.**

5. **CAB Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (*Informational*)** Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW) members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled on a future CCABMW agenda. CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. (CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).
  - Vice Chair Reese noted the following:
    - Blue Cards are no longer needed for registered handguns.
    - The OHV Bill did not pass the Legislature. No funding for enforcement to ensure registration.
    - Mule Deer Banquet will be July 25th at Santa Fe Station. Cost: \$50 per person.
    - Thank you to the NSU for rebuilding the Beaver Dam Guzzlers.
    - Second Draw opened last Friday. Closes July 24. Hard to find numbers of left-over tags without applying for second draw.
    - No trap registrations were enacted by legislature.
    - SJR11 (Right to Hunt Constitutional Amendment) passed both Houses and will need to be re-introduced at the next Legislative Session.
    - Vice Chair Reese, will apply for re-appointment to the CCABMW for his third term.
  - Joe Luby requested that the Agenda for the next meeting include a discussion of the daily and total bag limits for fishing. Specifically, make the possession limit for trout equal to twice the daily limit.
  - Brian Patterson stated that he received an e-mail stating that New York is considering a controversial Feral Cat Bill. The Feral Cat issue is a big deal in New York. Multiple organizations are involved and they all opposed trap, neuter, and release program. Once trapped, they recommend the cats be euthanized.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon noted that they are going to increase bag limits on Black Bears in New Mexico. The Black Bear population will be increasing due to drought conditions being resolved. When there is another dry year that will bring Black Bears down to populated areas, similar to the issues faced in Incline Village, Nevada.
6. **Recap of May 2015 Commission Meeting Actions (*Informational*)** – A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark Recommendations.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon noted that
    - The CABs had put in a lot of recommendations on quotas. All the CABS were listened to.
    - Elk Arbitration Panel will be started.
    - Issuance of unused tags the regulation was accepted as unchanged.
    - Draft Predator Management Plan was approved as written.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair Reese if the Bill requiring that 80% of Predator fee must be used for lethal predator programs passed. Vice Chair Reese said yes it passed.
  - Commissioner Karen Layne brought up the concern that a CAB may not have a quorum at their meeting, but then one member speaks at the Commission Meeting on behalf of the CAB. This creates a problem because it's one person's opinion.
  - CCABMW Budget of \$7,285.00 for FY2016 was approved.

7. **Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners June 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Agenda and additional items brought**

**forth to the Clark CCABMW from the public for discussion.** CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or [smatthews@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:smatthews@co.clark.nv.us). The final Commission agenda & support at [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/)

**A. Duck Stamp Request** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve projects submitted for funding from Duck Stamp funds.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic indicating the projects that are of special interest to Southern Nevada: Overton and Key-Pittman WMA's. Chairman Dixon further enumerated the various planned seedings for those areas.
  - Overton WMA Farming \$3500
  - Overton WMA Irrigation System Repair \$16,000 due to floods last year.
  - Overton WMA Water Outlet and Pipe Replacement \$5,000
  - Overton WMA Noxious Weed Control \$ 4, 500
  - Key Pittman WMA Food Plots \$ 2,600
  - About half of the funds are going to Southern Nevada.
- John Hiatt noted that a few years back, there was a move to plant Strawberry Clover instead of cereal grains because in the eyes of Federal Officials planting of cereal grains could be viewed as baiting. He asked what has changed. Chairman Paul Dixon asked Brandon Singer (NDOW) if he had any knowledge of what changed re: Cereal grains vs. non cereal grains.
- Brandon Senger did not know.
- Steve Kimball offered his belief that the crops are harvested before the waterfowl typically inhabit the area.
- John Hiatt asked if the fields are tiled so they can drain easily or will there be salt build-up due to standing water.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that in the past, salt build-up was a problem, but in the recent years, the fields have been flushed and salt build-up has not been a problem.
- Richard Pabst stated that several years ago, Key-Pittman worked with DU to look at the northern most ponds. They were having trouble with flooding that pond and private land owner to the north were not happy. DU did a study and estimate to get that fixed, but the people in charge went to different organizations and the work stopped. As of last year flooding of the northern pond was not done due to a legal challenge from the property owner. What are the status of that project and the cost of the study? Richard Pabst stated a lot of money is going to Overton, WMA.
- Chairman Dixon will bring this forward during Public Comment at the Commission Meeting.
- Julius Fortuna, representing Woods and Waters, asked what percent of Duck Stamp monies is allocated to Southern Nevada.
- Chairman Dixon responded it is about 50% going to Key-Pittman and Overton.
- Julius Fortuna asked where is the most of the duck hunting done in the state.
- Chairman Dixon estimated that while Southern Nevada starts later and runs later; about 65% or 75% of duck hunting is in the south.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed projects as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Upland Game Stamp Request** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve projects submitted for funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamps funds.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and provided a summary. Key-Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots and Kirch WMA Food Plots are only ones in South. Money from the

Upland Game Bird Stamp Account being spent in Southern Nevada is a very small amount, \$7,000 out of \$262,000. Sage Grouse is getting a large amount of money. Other projects include Translocation and restoration projects.

- John Hiatt voiced concerns over Ruffed Grouse Translocation. We keep doing this and they do not take. He questioned the value of continuing such a program.
- Brian Patterson noted that there are 15 projects and six are for Sage Grouse. The total funds available are \$262K, but the cost of the projects is about \$1.7M. \$140K of the \$262K is being spent on Sage Grouse. With a total of \$1.7M being spent, \$8,000 for Ruffed Grouse translocation is a drop in the bucket.
- John Hiatt stated he feels it would be better to use that \$8k for Sage Grouse.
- Joe Luby added that the driver behind 2008 Upland Bird Ruffed Grouse plan to increase numbers.
- Public Comment – None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed projects as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Fiscal Years 2015, 2014 and 2013 Heritage Project Extensions** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to may approve requests for extension of 2015, 2014 or 2013 Heritage projects.

- Chairman Dixon introduced this topic reviewing the Financial Status of Heritage Projects Active during FY15. As of 6/2/15, \$32,000 in funds are available for reallocation. The Heritage Committee will be meeting Friday morning. The \$400K will be spent.
- Vice Chair Reese explained that the money for these projects is coming from Heritage Tag sales. There are limits on what can be spent: only 75% of monies collected during the Fiscal year from tag sales at banquets, etc. There is \$7.2M in the fund. You can only touch what is raised in that year. The other 25% goes into the Heritage Funds.
- Chairman Dixon noted that in years past Heritage Funds were used for predation management. Not anymore. Legislature has kept the account locked down. Major helicopter repairs would be great project to use for the Heritage Account.
- Julius Fortuna asked about Project F15-05 Wildfire Response Seed Fund. Why weren't the controlled burns done?
- Chairman Dixon offered that the burns were not done due to drought state and poor climatic conditions. Climatic conditions need to be right or you can have a larger problem. Another reason would be lack of resources.
- Brian Patterson read from the footnote regarding the project that funds were not needed to purchase seeds due to mild fire season, but seeds may be needed for this summer and fall, so the project needs to be extended.
- Public Comment
- Julius Fortuna stated that he feels the seeding could have been done to enhance mule deer habitat if it wasn't needed for fire areas.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed project extensions as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Fiscal Years 2015, 2014 and 2013 Heritage Project Extensions** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to approve reallocation of unused Heritage funds from a previously approved 2015 or 2014 project to any other previously considered 2015 or 2014 project application.

- Fund reallocation was included in the discussion of the previous item #7 C.

**E. Fiscal Year 2016 Heritage Project Proposals** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to approve Heritage 2016 project applications for funding.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic stating that the proposed projects are NDOW proposals submitted by NDOW Staff and are by and large projects for which there are matching funds or funds from other Federal agencies or grants. He reviewed the proposed projects.
- Joe Luby asked why some projects were getting partial funding.
- Commissioner Paul Valentine answered that funds were allocated to the best of their ability.
- Chairman Dixon added that there were \$618K dollars available, so the decision was based on which projects could be funded completely and then divide the remaining funds across the other projects.
- John Hiatt asked about the State Route 160 Big Game Monitoring Project. What will the funds go for?
- Steve Kimball (NDOW) responded that NDOW wants at least two big game crossings on SR160 when they widen that area, and so that NDOT has proper information on game movement, collars and sophisticated cameras will be used to monitor movements of Desert Big Horn Sheep, Mule Deer, and Elk.
- Public Comment
- Steve Reiter asked how many vehicle/big game animal incidents have been reported on SR160?
- Steve Kimball answered that he does not have any information at hand. Most incidents are not reported. NDOT will often just move the carcass off the road. Now, in order to get more info, NDOT workers are driving up and down road and recording any animals they find.
- Steve Reiter added that to spend this much money, they should track this information.
- Steve Kimball responded that the data is not available tonight.
- John Hiatt noted that when SR160 is widened it will be harder for animals to cross than it is today.
- Brian Patterson noted that historically projects proposed by the Fraternity were always funded fully. He asked Chairman Paul Dixon if he knew why this year only partial funds were proposed.
- Commissioner Paul Valentine responded that NGO funding is available.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed FY2016 Heritage Projects as written. Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Commission Regulation 15 – 08 Amendment #1, 2016 Heritage Tags Organization/Vendor Selection** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to approve Heritage tag allocations for 2016.

- Chairman Dixon noted that the Heritage Committee met before the last Commission meeting. One vendor, WHIN, did not get their paperwork before the committee. The WHIN Mule Deer Tag went for record high last year at \$105K. The Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) and Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU) received Mule Deer Tags. This board should make a recommendation for WHIN to get a tag.
- Bill DeJuncker (WHIN) stated that WHIN applied for two Turkey Tags and a Mule Deer Tag. They also sent proof that the application was submitted on time.
- Chairman Dixon believes that CABMWM should make a recommendation that the Heritage Committee revisit the tag allocation and consider WHIN along with the other vendors.
- Bill DeJuncker stated that over \$263K or \$268K was raised over the last two years. He also stated that he feels that both of those Mule Deer Tags should not be up north.

- Brian Patterson asked for clarification on the "technical glitch" that resulted in the WHIN application not being in front of the Committee.
- Bill DeJuncker explained that a brief case with the applications was stolen. Bill then completed the application and faxed to Julie. Provided proof that it was faxed and in on time and what was applied for.
- Brian Patterson stated that he would hate to take anything away from the other vendor that was counting on this. One of the other groups will cry foul. What is the best way to handle that?
- Bill DeJuncker stated that it does not make or break WHIN's banquet whether they have a tag or not. His chief objection is that both tags are allocated to the North.
- Brian Patterson shared that the MDF seems like a natural fit to receive a Mule Deer Tag, and NBU is focused on sheep but they have the largest banquet and deep pockets.
- John Hiatt noted that WHIN followed all of the rules and the Committee should fix it, go back and reallocate tags.
- Vice Chair Reese agreed that WHIN applied and thought they did everything right. Vice Chair Reese was personally instrumental in helping WHIN ensure that their application had been received. He also noted that NBU focuses on Desert Bighorn and Antelope. They have never posted a Mule Deer on their wall.
- William Stanley voiced his belief that tag allocations need to be fair. Dividing between north and south is fair. You'll get more participation if you have both Northern and Southern community vying for the tags.
- Bill DeJuncker shared that NBU is in a league of their own. If they can promise huge money, let them have it. There is big money in South and they are more than willing to spend money on the tags.
- Brian Patterson asked if WHIN was just looking for the Mule Deer Tag or also the two Turkey Tags.
- Bill DeJuncker replied they are looking for all three tags Mule Deer Tag and Two Turkey Tags.
- Kensen Lee voiced his support of WHIN's efforts if NDOW made an error. He also believes that if WHIN is successful in getting the two Turkey Tags, those should be the only tags for the South. There are more Turkeys in the North, so the remaining 3 tags should be for the North.
- Chairman Dixon stated that WHIN should be considered with Mule Deer and two Turkey Tags.
- Bill DeJuncker stated that WHIN would be happy with one Mule Deer Tag and one Turkey Tag.
- Richard Pabst stated his belief that the Committee should consider all tags that are available and all vendors with WHIN included and make decision however it is normally decided. They also need to go back to the process and fix the error.
- Julius Fortuna shared that in Arizona, they had the exact same problem. A glitch by department resulted in Woods and Waters not getting a tag when the year before their tag had sold for \$175K. The result was that W&W was guaranteed two tags issued for next two years, and legislation that mandated whoever raised most money gets a tag the following year, and that the Department must call all vendors prior to meeting to allocate tags.
- Joe Luby feels NDOW should fix the problem.
- Chairman Dixon stated that at 8:00 am Friday, the Heritage Committee will review Heritage Tag Vendor Selection Regulation to re-evaluate the issue. Chairman Dixon asked that Julius send the Arizona regulation information to Paul Dixon. Having a statute that prevents this sort of problem is ideal.
- Kensen Lee asked that the verbiage for the Turkey tag be 1 week earlier than general public.
- Commissioner Karen Layne recalled that there was a technical issue in changing the season dates.

- Chairman Paul Dixon clarified that the application and draw is earlier now which should allow this to work.
- Bill DeJuncker noted that he may have to move his banquet up a week. You could not award the tags to someone who has a later banquet.
- Richard Pabst asked can you use Heritage Tag to have week in front of everyone.
- Chairman Dixon replied yes.
- A motion was made and seconded stating that the 2016 Heritage Tag allotment be reconsidered based on the fact that all applicants were not properly considered during awarding of the tags and that the Committee reassess based on criteria used for selection process and whoever is awarded tag, is awarded tag based on established criteria, and the Committee consider moving the Turkey Heritage Tag to a week earlier than the first regular opening day. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **G. 10 min break**

#### **H. Commission Regulation 14 – 11 Amendment #2, 2015 – 2016 Upland Game and Furbearer Amendments** *(For Possible Action)* The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and possibly make a recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider amendments to the 2015 – 2016 Greater Sage-grouse open and closed hunt units, hunt areas and quotas for wild turkey and certain bobcat pelt sealing dates.

- Chairman Dixon introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that the materials show the Sage Grouse map from 2014-2015 and now shows wilderness area. Hunters won't go in real deep into the wilderness areas. Season dates have not changed; just the map is highlighting wilderness areas. Was that done on purpose?
- Chairman Dixon asked Kensen Lee if he had looked at the Turkey season dates.
- Kensen Lee answered yes. He noted that he would like to see the Junior Hunt (Hunt 0138) start on same day as first season, not a week before. Last season, the deer tag was more valuable than the Heritage Tag. He proposed changing the dates for the Junior Hunt to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of March 2016 thru the last Sunday of April 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday). That would give them a full month and a week longer than the adult seasons. Adult hunts end the third Friday of April.
- Chairman Dixon asked Kensen Lee if he had any comments on Hunts 0131 and 0132.
- Kensen Lee proposed that the Non-Resident Hunt (0132) rotate yearly starting in the third season in 2016 and the following year make it the first season. He also recommended one additional non-resident tag in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seasons.  
Kensen Lee killed a four bearded turkey last year on a private ranch. In the Management Unit there are exceptionally long bearded birds. One bird had an 11 13/16" beard. There should be 10 – 11 inch birds this year. No reason to not give out two additional tags.
- Julius Fortuna asked if the last week is a good time for hunting particularly for the Youth Hunt.
- Kensen Lee responded that for Turkeys, hunting later is better in Overton. There are plenty of birds there and youth hunters should have a good shot at bird between management property and private property.
- Julius Fortuna asked are we doing the youth a disservice by taking them out of that first week.
- Kensen Lee answered no. Last year the 10 day season was shortened to 7 days. Kids have last week of April to fill tag. Kensen Lee asked for shortened season, so the kids will have opportunities.
- Chairman Dixon stated that by moving the youth hunt to the start of the adult hunt, the conflict with the Heritage Hunt is eliminated and Heritage Tags could go up in value.

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked if anyone wants to address the Bobcat Pelt Sealing Dates.
- Vice Chair Reese pointed out that the Trapping License dates are July to June, so the license expiration does not fall during the sealing dates.
- Steve Kimball (NDOW) clarified that NDOW extended the licenses from last year to the new start date. Before, the Trapping License expired and people had to buy new license to meet sealing dates. This should have no effect on sealing dates.
- Public Comment
- Kensen Lee noted that at one time, Turkey Hunts ended 1 pm and then extended to 4pm. He is in favor of extending to the whole day.
- Steve Kimball (NDOW) responded that when we moved to 4pm locals do not want past 4pm because that's when Turkeys move to the roost.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CR14-11 Amendment #2 as written for Sage Grouse seasons and open areas, for Turkey Youth Hunt 0138 for Moapa Valley, change the season dates to the last Saturday of March 2016 thru the last Sunday of April 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday), for Hunts 0131 and 0132 for the Moapa Valley portion of Clark County, add two tags to tag quota making the quotas for the first/second/last season 4,4, and 3, and recommend rotating non-resident season each year and for 2015-2016 season go to last season. Bobcat pelt sealing dates remain the same.
- Motion passes unanimously.

**I. Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017** *(For Possible Action)*

The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

- Chairman Dixon gave a summary of the Upland Game Release Plan.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that the Gambel Quail is the native species. Why are they introducing Mountain Quail?
- Steve Kimball (NDOW) has no response. In years past it was hard to find Gambel Quail. Adequate habitat exists for mountain quail in this area. Mountain Quail are native to the State of Nevada and these efforts are an attempt to get Mountain Quail established in areas of suitable habitat.
- Vice Chair Reese asked, regarding banded quail, are we going to have to call in bands to NDOW with type of quail?
- Steve Kimball said the bands have a phone number to call in NDOW, Reno.
- Steve Reiter asked if there are any Mountain Quail in eastern part of Nevada.
- Steve Kimball stated that he can't speak about the northern part of state, but there are none in the southern part. He further explained that they intend on releasing Mountain Quail in Northern Nevada by capturing birds in China Basin desert environment in California and put them back into desert in Nevada.
- Kensen Lee asked if NDOW would consider putting Merriam's Turkeys in Mount Charleston.
- Steve Kimball said he can't speak to whether NDOW would consider that. With the complexity of NDOW, BLM, and the Forest Service, etc. involved in the area.
- Kensen Lee suggested asking at the Commission meeting.
- Vice Chair Reese reminded Chairman Paul Dixon of an email a few months back from Brian Cimperman with the same question?
- Vice Chair Reese asked about the Notification of User Groups – Local sportsmen will be notified and asked to participate in the release: BLM District Biologist will be notified prior to the release and copied with the release report. He asked if Steve Kimball could explain.
- Steve Kimball replied that he has no further information. This is a contingency Release Plan. They will see if birds are available in July and make plans based on that.

- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval Upland Game Release Plan for State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

**J. Urban Pond issues follow-up discussion** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will follow up in the urban pond issues topic and see if additional action is required. If additional action is required, the Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and possibly make a recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and the Department of Wildlife about urban pond issues in Southern Nevada.

- Chairman Dixon read Annoula Wylderich's Sunset Park Waterfowl Injuries Follow up Report June 2015 into the record. He also read a follow up email on June 14, 2015, from Annoula Wylderich regarding an injured bird. Chairman Paul Dixon discussed this with Tyler Turnipseed, NDOW Chief Game Warden, who stated that when it is slow, they can have Park Rangers look for fishing licenses at urban ponds, but when things get busy, the local authorities must step in.
- William Stanley is a huge proponent of Urban Ponds for kids to fish. Losing that opportunity is a non-starter. He reflected on the educational components used at Hemenway Park in Boulder City. People may not know the rules of usage. Some educational components might help with the problem. To leave an injured animal to fend for themselves is unnecessary. Signage should be in English and Spanish. Having proper receptacles would be good.
- Brian Patterson noted there are 8 receptacles for fishing line disposal. Started designing the Park in 2007 meeting with fishing groups, user groups, lots of different users. Educational component needs to happen. Some of the issues could be accidental. Constant patrol, Park Police and Park Maintenance don't have resources. Make a recommendation for bilingual signage.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked if this is something that the County Commissioners can help with. It's more of a county issue.
- Brian Patterson agreed that it is more of a County issue.
- Commissioner Karen Layne noted that there was post to the Las Vegas Humane Society Facebook Page last Saturday or Sunday asking them to do something with all of the dead animals. A video was posted showing dead fish and birds. Commissioner Karen Layne assumes the dead fish are from lack of oxygen due to high temperatures.
- Brian Patterson stated that he doubts the dead fish issues is from a lack of oxygen. The water is turned over every day. Temperature could have something to do with the issue.
- Commissioner Karen Layne said the video shows a large number of fish in one area. The post included pretty graphic pictures.
- Brian Patterson shared that Park Maintenance is usually good about going out there and taking care of issues.
- Commissioner Karen Layne stated that she knows Annoula is working with Park Maintenance.
- Chairman Dixon stated he is not sure what is needed as a next step.
- Public Comment
- Jana Wright shared that Sunset Park is in Commissioner Scow's district. Annoula is a constituent of Commissioner Giunchigliani. The Education component is key. We need a group of volunteers to patrol. Jana will let Commissioner Scow know this is coming up.
- Chairman Dixon stated that NDOW will enforce fishing violations at Urban Ponds when they have the chance. He said there has to be an action plan to involve all interested parties, NDOW, CAB, and Park Police.
- Jana Wright said she had referred Annoula to Commissioner Scow, Jane Pike, Park Police, and thought they were coming up with signage.
- Chairman Dixon asked what do the group wants NDOW to do?

- Brian Patterson stated there needs to be discussions with all of the players. Annoula's end goal is to stop Urban Pond Fishing. He fears having Annoula lead the effort.
- William Stanley asked if there is a group that is opposed to urban fishing.
- Jana Wright replied not to her knowledge.
- William Stanley went on to say that if people see value in having urban pond fishing, then there is possibility of a remedy. If someone is using this forum to stop urban pond fishing, then there is no remedy.
- John Hiatt stated there are a variety of users, people feeding birds that the fisherman consider a nuisance. Fisherman who drink and are not as cordial. Variety of problems. How much of problem are people who are not fishing properly or behaving badly, feeding birds, and alcohol.
- Chairman Dixon proposed a meeting with all of the interested parties to start working toward a solution.
- Brian Patterson noted that Canadian Geese are federally protected. If they are hurt you cannot touch them.
- Joe Luby asked about Floyd Lamb Park and the park in Boulder City. Do they have similar problems?
- Vice Chair Reese stated that Floyd Lamb is overrun by ducks and geese.
- Brian Patterson restated that there are lots of user groups that have each group have their interests.
- John Hiatt stated that birds that are hatched here, and don't migrate first year will never migrate.
- Julius Fortuna pointed to part of Annoula's email where it is clear Annoula wants to stop fishing at urban parks. He agrees with her emphasis on Anglers supporting NDOW to help be part of the solution. Regulations should be enforced, but the fisherman should not be penalized for the bad apples. The parks should have enough resources to cover the parks. Parks turned down Boy Scouts who want to install garbage cans in Floyd Lamb Park.
- Richard Pabst feels the end game is to stop fishing. Sportsmen provide money and all of the resources. Identify the facts in the e-mails. Signs will be covered with graffiti. He stated he will go out there when there is a representative group looking to find a solution, not a quasi law enforcement group of people. To regulate park, you need more boots on the ground. Enforce the fishing laws.
- Mark Forsstrom, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, noted that at any national parks, any parks, rules posted. He is actively involved with BSA. Will work with parks, resources out there. Young men looking for projects. Correct people to define scope of projects. Solution is education amongst all user groups.
- Chairman Dixon suggested picking one or two people to coordinate with Annoula to determine what the magnitude of the issues is. Part of it is education. Recommendation is to start a task force to minimize the problems.
- Action William Stanley and John Hiatt with assistance from Brian Patterson will volunteer to work with Annoula to make recommendations to NDOW or County outside of CCABMW.

**8. Public Comment:** Members of the public who wish to address the Board may speak on matters within the jurisdiction of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. No action may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Any item requiring Board action not on this agenda may be scheduled on a future agenda. Public comments on posted agenda items will be allowed at the time the agenda item is considered before the Board takes any action on the item. Comments will be limited to three minutes. **NOTE: Please complete the Public Comment Interest - Card and submit to Chairman Dixon.**

- Julius Fortuna recalled Heritage Project seeding had \$75,000 left over. Why wasn't it spent?

- Chairman Dixon replied that they used seed from last year. They are saving money in case there is a need this year or other areas from previous year burns that could be reseeded.
- Julius Fortuna addressed his suggestion from the last CCABMW Meeting regarding a revised strategy for NDOW to enumerate more deliverables on projects, no hard-line deliverables for Sportsmen. Can we have a strategy session with NDOW to get verbiage in the project application listing deliverables?
- Chairman Dixon will try to participate in committee meetings when they have them for Heritage Committee Meeting. Paul will educate group before a Commission meeting to see how we can participate.
- Julius Fortuna noted that LVW&W formed a Conservation Committee of which he is the Chairman. He asked what the acceptance percentage of Commission votes as related to the 16 CABs.
- Chairman Dixon responded that under the new law that is all Public Record.
- Commissioner Karen Layne clarified that it is public record if it meets certain criteria.
- Jana Wright added that not all 17 CABs meet, and while by NRS each CAB is to be represented at any Commission Meeting, in actuality, it is only 8 to 12 CABs in attendance. You can listen to Commission Meetings via video conferencing, to participate.
- Julius Fortuna asked that it be reported at least on a quarterly basis, the percentage of CCABMW recommendations adopted by the Commission.
- Chairman Dixon responded that at each CCABMW meeting he tries to recap the big items the Commission voted on and whether that was in line with the CCABMW recommendations.
- Richard Pabst noted that there is a push in west and western states to pass control of federal lands to State. He is against that. The land belongs to the people and we should rally to keep that. Heritage figure out financial problem.

**9. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in Reno, Nevada. (*For Possible Action*)**

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize that Chairman to prepare and submit recommendations to Wildlife Commission. Motioned passed 6-0

**10. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for August 1st, 2015 at the Overton Community Center located at 320 North Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton, Nevada 89040, to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Fallon, Nevada.**

**11. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.