



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 10, 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 John Hiatt
Brian Patterson William Stanley Howard Watts III Joe Luby

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: November 4, 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 Vice Chairman Reese to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chairman Paul Dixon clarified for the attendees the three minute limit for any public comment. Each person will get "one bite at the apple" during public comment. Anyone who can't give enough testimony in three minutes can speak also during the Public Comment period at the end of the meeting or submit testimony in writing.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2015 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections.
- No public comment given.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 22, 2015 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda for November 10, 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 November 10, 2015 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).

- Joe Luby stated that in Lincoln County there was an article about large marijuana grows on public land. This is why hand guns should be allowed in the field. He also noted that his son recently completed his Eagle Scout doing guzzler inspections in Lincoln County for NDOW. It was a great Eagle Scout Project.
- Brian Patterson noted that the State of Florida held its first Bear hunt in decades. The bear population was estimated to be about 3200. The season was set to run for a week, but they met the quota in 2 days in 4 units, harvesting 295 bears. Department of Wildlife statement that now a better habitat for remaining bears exists.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that:
 - Shadow Ridge High School November 21st 4 hour of a meeting with parents and competitors. The first event will be January 9th at the Clark County Shooting Park (CCSP).
 - Last week was the Nevada State Trap Shoot was held at CCSP. They threw 175,000 targets; 191 people attended.
 - Vice Chairman Reese, asked if it would be possible to have a conference call with Brian Wakeling, Chief of Game Division at NDOW, to ask questions before the State Meeting.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon and Stacy Matthews both voiced concerns that such a meeting could violate Open Meeting Law. Chairman Paul Dixon offered to look into it further.
- Bill Stanley stated that on October 3rd, Union Sportsmen's Alliance held a trap shoot at CCSP with 138 attendees. The proceeds will go to purchase ammo for the Silver State Clay Breakers. He also mentioned Overton WMA access for blind and handicapped especially returning vets to access blinds. Some money will facilitate that.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that Clark County had some Title 18 discussions toward mandating that anglers at the County ponds must display their fishing license when fishing. Doug Nielsen, NDOW, testified that there are 17000 use days per year at Sunset Park, and that a Warden must hold the license in his hand to verify if the license is valid and the name on the license is in fact the person carrying the license. After his testimony, the County decided to strike the proposed language.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the other Title 10 item being considered by the County Commission involves the Feral Cat TNR program. Public comment will be heard at the Commission Meeting on November 17th at 9:00 am. If you have concerns about the reclassification of feral cats as community cats, go and give testimony for or against.
- Hearing no further announcements, Chairman Paul Dixon closed this item.

6. **Recap of September 2015 Commission Meeting Actions (Informational)** – A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark Recommendations.

- Chairman Paul Dixon summarized that at the Commission meeting actions. Nothing we voted on at the CAB here was enacted differently by the Commission. The Commission went with the same recommendation or something very similar.
- Commissioner Valentine commented had he concurred with Chairman Dixon.

7. **An update on flood damage at the Overton WMA (*Informational*)** – An NDOW representative will update the CAB on the impacts latest flooding event that spiked the stream gage at Caliente at 4000 cu ft/sec. In addition, what volunteer help is needed at Overton and how can it be organized.

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Doug Nielsen, NDOW, for an update.
- Doug Nielsen talked to Tim Woods, seemed like this year was fine, still dealing with damage from last year.

8. **Action Items:**

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners November 13th and 14th, 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. The final Commission agenda & support at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/

A. Petition – Don Molde, Fred Voltz, Leah Sturgis, and Constance Howard (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a petition to the Commission requesting a regulation(s) which prohibits wildlife killing contests involving mammals. The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and opened to the Board for comments.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that in reviewing the predator management report, it called out coyotes and mountain lions. Without a plan in place for predator management, more of the \$3 fee will go the wildlife services. If Sportsmen want to help make predator management system go further, he's in favor of that. He doesn't want Coyotes near Fawns. He sees this petition as a cultural attack on how we do it and why we do it. The fact remains we have done this since he can remember. There has been no catastrophic event where coyotes become endangered. More coyotes are coming into Urban areas. We don't put a lot of money in one area for predator management. Some parts of the State have coyote hunting contests and say you can't go more than 100 miles. Nowhere in petition did it talk about facts. The authors basically say that they don't believe in it. It's not scientifically based. Wildlife Services takes out almost 10,000-12,000 coyotes each year. He stated that he is all for coyote hunting contests. When you control how someone does it, some competitions that come to town will stop, like BassMasters. Money coming into town will stop. He advocates not throwing anything out of whack until there is science to back it.
- John Hiatt disagreed with Vice Chairman Reese's position. He believes that the more coyotes you kill the more that will be born. Coyotes have an incredible reproductive capacity. There is evidence that when you introduce chaos into an ecosystem, chaos changes their behavior. This can result in increased prey on livestock. There is a lot of evidence that random killing of coyotes is not productive. NDOW has found that if you take down the coyote population, you increase the red fox population. He feels we should leave the coyote population alone.
- Brian Patterson echoed the same comments Vice Chairman Reese voiced. It is a cultural attack not based on science based on impact on the population of Coyotes themselves. This is just another way for sportsmen to suppress the population of a major predator. He supports the coyote hunting contest as a way to somewhat curtail the coyote population.
- Joe Luby suggested reframing the conversation, as the petition cites contests for killing mammals where they include advertising may or may not have a prize. There is no talk

specifically about coyotes, which are not a regulated game species. Anyone can kill as many coyotes as they want anywhere in the State and anytime. Coyotes are affecting wildlife adversely. If this was an issue, coyotes would be regulated. He is totally opposed.

- Howard Watts III Stated that he believes that the practice of killing contests does pose some ethical issues. He would like to hear from someone who has participated as to how do the mechanics work? How often are they held here? Hunter Education focuses on going for the experience. He's curious about ethics and sensibility of non-hunters. Offending non sportsmen ethical issue. He would like to see deeper study on Coyotes. This is broader issue for the state. This disrupts the population but doesn't necessarily reduce the population. From a policy standpoint, he agrees there is no concrete proposed language. What do they want to accomplish? If commission moves forward, they need clear language. The definition is vague, but focuses on advertising, having prizes, having sponsors, and displays. For him, the core issue centers around policies related to unprotected animals. Do people need a license? Should there be some sort of limit? He feels there are key areas we should have a discussion on. There are valid issues raised, but the actual language in petition is not up to par policy wise.
- Bill Stanley stated that as sportsmen, we sometimes get ourselves in trouble. We should have sensitivity to non-hunters. The approach sometimes infuriates people. We need to be careful in how we advertise ourselves. Need to be aware of how things happen in the whole state.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that in 2014 there were 2.9 Million people in the County. That many people can hunt coyotes tomorrow, plus anyone from out of state. It has been that way for years. Is a coyote contest going to be the answer? Probably not. This petition is an attack on our culture.
- Brian added that sportsmen can be more aware of the way they present information. The petition notes that several coyote contests were held in Nevada out of over 200 nationwide. It is a small number. This petition is poorly written. It's a solution to something that is really not a problem. Small population that participates. Trying to regulate everything that goes on is silly. Small faction of the population can get enough people stirred up and make it an issue, when this is not a big issue. It's not a big problem. What is written is terribly written. We're wasting our time discussing something that is not a problem.
- Joe Luby added that in looking at the definitions in the petition, they are off-the-charts wrong. He cannot support it. If you limit the discussion to the coyotes alone, they cite 200 contests across entire country in the past few years. This is a non-issue. This is an example of somebody who does not like what you are doing, using the governmental process to enforce their viewpoints.
- Howard Watts III mentioned fishing contests that are conducted within the law. Prizes, posting photographs also takes place. Should discuss on foundational level. Contest being held within the law of Nevada. Does anything need to be addressed? Ten people without Hunter Education can go out and kill coyotes anywhere.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that coyotes are an unprotected animal how you manage that. You can't stop the people. No license is needed. Do coyotes need to become protected?
- Howard Watts III stated that the petition says the coyote status does not need to be protected. Look at issue with more focus on coyotes and a broader level than a particular activity.
- Public Comment:
- Jana Wright recommended approval to establish a regulation to prohibit advertising and killing of mammals especially coyotes. She doesn't understand why all the pushback on something that would be ethically and morally right for the people on the state of Nevada.
- Neil Dilley said that he is amazed at this conversation. Coyotes have been around for thousands of years. They are like cockroaches.
- Karen Layne noted that this petition was brought to the Commission meeting March of this year. One Commissioner looked at the wording of the petition instead of looking at the merit

of the petition. In the Petition process, if you accept the petition, the Commission will look at petition. However, they do not need to do anything about the petition. We need to look at how to better manage coyotes.

- Shannon Ireland agreed with the comparison of coyotes to cockroaches. They keep coming back. If you kill coyotes they come back in rampant numbers. There's not enough scientific data. She believes, unlike Commissioner Layne, that you need to be careful with the petition. It should be rewritten by those who are petitioning so their issue is clearly stated.
- Stephanie Myers stated that a coyote killing contest ends up with a huge pile of bloody carcasses. That will offend almost any member of the public. No licensing, 24-7 365 days. It's the killing contest that's the problem. She read lawyer comments into record: senseless mass killing of animals in contests with no sound and scientifically reported purpose. Sends wrong message to children. We cannot expect our children to avoid our prior failings. These contests also send the message that wildlife has no value. Mass killing should be banned.
- Annoula Wylderich added here opinion that wildlife watchers do have a right to our opinion. If we are opposed to a killing contest, that should be taken into account. She feels that Petition should still be looked at.
- Rodney McMurry wondered is this petition for Coyotes or Mammals? Coyotes are overabundant, unprotected, not managed. If they were managed, maybe we wouldn't be sitting here. Four friends constitute a contest. Should there be a quota on killing of coyotes to keep ecosystem in balance? Where is the contest hurting coyote? Government aerial shooting or government trapping would have a greater impact. Look at author's track record against the Nevada Wildlife Commission and in other states.
- Steve Bostic stated that he has been hunter since 1991. He doesn't want regulations on non game species. If you don't call them they are difficult to entice into shotgun range. \$723K in 2015 state revenue to control coyote. Competition has zero impact. We all have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Delete on Facebook if you don't like it.
- Back to Board
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated he sees the concern as what we call harvesting of unprotected mammals in the State. Proposal is broader. He feels that this is an ethical issue of people living in urban environment and not understanding what is going on in the rural parts of the State. Amount of coyotes killed in State is not accurate. Howard's point what is done with coyote after the hunt is not addressed? Are we putting sportsmen in a bad light? Ethically we have an unprotected animal. He said he has trouble with Karen Layne's proposal the petition be accepted so it can go forward. His position is to not go forward with this petition, but look at the comments and come back with a more specific petition. Wildlife mammals is way too broad. The authors of the petition should listen to the concerns raised in public meetings, and adjust the petition accordingly.
- Howard Watts III said he sympathizes that the petition process is difficult. Move the process forward. The scope of this petition is too broad. He agrees with Chairman Dixon, and further suggests having a discussion at a future Board meeting for recommending the review of management policies and practices of unprotected species. He feels the petitioners need to draft something narrower in scope.
- John Hiatt noted that the Petition merely asks the Commission to take a look the practice. The Commission can ask the legislative counsel bureau to work on wording. Some of the wording could be as a result of the previous attempts at the petition. He feels that one of the aspects here is respect for wildlife. Killing for the sake of killing shows a lack of respect. This is counterproductive to sportsmen. What are we teaching our children about hunting? Coyotes provide an ecological balance.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked would you agree coyote is unprotected.
- John Hiatt responded that the policy should be reexamined based on ecological issues today.

- Brian noted that the way the petition is written is frivolous and a waste of time. This is a Facebook issue where people don't like to see pictures of dead animals. It is not a wildlife or moral issue. A small faction of the population does not approve of what a different faction is doing and comes out with a large hammer to shut it down.
- Joe Luby stated that we can't ignore the language in petition; we have to go by language. We have to deal with the language. Want and waste presumptive to think all killed coyotes are wasted. He asked Neil Dille, who had participated in coyote hunting contests every year for the last five years, how many coyotes were killed in total over the five years. The answer: zero.
- Bill Stanley stated that he understands that killing an animal for no other reason than to kill the animal is an ethical issue. Maybe the petitioner is trying to get an unprotected animal protected. He supports anyone who wants to vet the system to add an animal to the protected species. He supports the petition process and the use of it, but this petition is not one he can support.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that the Eurasian Dove and jackrabbits have no limits. When the bear hunt was first proposed, there were concerns over sows. After the first season is was deemed unnecessary. Boars and sows weren't put in regulations. We rely on data from the past, that's why we do quotas or why we don't have a quota. The State would step in; Fish and Wildlife would step in if a species population was too low. Coyotes are on the rise throughout the state. This Petition spells cultural control.
- Motion – deny petition as written. Motion passes Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Hiatt).

B. Consideration of Possible Changes to Waterfowl Hunt Zones for 2016 - 2020 (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about alternatives or possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by Dec. 1, 2015 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until autumn 2016 and would remain in effect until autumn 2020, at which time they Department may again suggest changes.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that every five years; the Pacific Flyway States have the opportunity to adjust waterfowl hunt zones. He went on to discuss the current zones.
- Vice Chairman Reese said he would recommend no changes based on current situation.
- John Hiatt agreed that there is no need for changes.
- Brian Patterson agreed no changes to birds or scientific recommendations.
- Joe Luby saw no formal recommendation for change.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that the Southern Zone alternative 2 would be bad based on Duck Hunting Season and being able to go north. Alternative 1 should be left to other counties.
- Public comment – none
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend the no action alternative. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Wildlife Commission Policies Agency Initial Review with Suggested Actions (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a review of current Commission Policies for relevancy, need, and redundancy.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this stating that the Commission is going to review existing policies.

- Commissioner Paul Valentine recalled that about a dozen policies is redundant or need revision. There are two items to repeal, other items to discuss.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that he supports reviewing the current procedures.
- Jana Wright recommended the Board should close this item out until background can be looked at.
- Howard Watts III agrees with initial review for need redundancy
- A motion was made to recommend review current policies for relevancy, need and redundancy.
- Motion passed unanimously.

D. Urban Pond issues follow-up discussion (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will follow up regarding 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 Paul Dixon introduced this item asking Bill Stanley and John Hiatt for updates.
- Bill Stanley stated that dealing with Urban Ponds is dealing with different subset than the typical hunter/sportsman/fisherman that we normally deal with. Parks have a county function. He is happy that Youth have an opportunity to fish at our urban ponds with family. We need to find a way to balance fishing with the rest of the activities that go on in the park. The other activities are more of the mission of the County Park. Well-meaning people part of the committee is aggravated with a small minority of people who are abusing the activity of fishing in the park. Ignoring the issue or pretending that it does not exist, does not serve the interests of the typical sportsman. We have to admit that there are some bad apples out there, and we may never have a solution, but we cannot ignore the folks who have a right to complain.
- Brian Patterson noted that this started with birds getting caught in fishing line and morphed into displaying your fishing license. That has no bearing on fishing lines. Now there's the issue of illegal night time fishing at Sunset Park. The initial problem was animals being caught in fishing lines. The display of license is not going to resolve the fishing line issues. Illegal fishing was not the issue. Stop fishing completely seems to be the focus. We had an actual problem brought to the group of fishing line and the proper disposal of fishing line. Now going down a different trail.
- John Hiatt stated that the pond is managed to be all things to all people. Wild birds, domestic water fowl. People fishing, dog walkers that are turning their dogs loose. Boat racing, which is tough on birds. The birds have to leave during races. Unless the County regulates who does what, when, where, and how, he doesn't see how to solve this. Birds are going to suffer with people wanting other uses of the pond area.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Doug Nielsen where this is going to end up.
- Doug Nielsen, NDOW, answered that this is basically a multi-use facility used by multiple user groups. He continues to invite user groups and anglers to meet and discuss the issues. The goal is to target all user groups and educate them to come up with a solution. There are already, multiple receptacles around pond painted bright, signage and multiple trash receptacles. We need to continue to work together to be a good park steward. One group can have an impact on others. Every visitor to the park must have respect for everyone's rights. Jane Pike hired another employee to help with efforts.
- Bill Stanley voiced his fear we lose the opportunity for the youth to use the resource. That would be shameful.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that Bill Stanley has donated fishing poles to youth out there. Education is key. He thinks this would be a great Eagle Scout project idea. Have not heard

anything about homeless in the park. About the best this Board can do is give input and contact Scouts open to project.

- Chairman Paul Dixon said he acknowledges there is a problem and we've started get to a positive solution. For CAB to talk to NDOW and Park Officials we want to move forward to a positive solution. We need people respecting the park more and multiple use at the park. This will only succeed through small changes. Attempting a big bite will fail. People should get the word out there. Take them one thing at a time. Doug come back to the CAB and got volunteers for work and support making changes together.
- Brian Patterson notes that NDOW had done a good job. Brian was the lead architectural designer, met with a bunch of different user groups. A lot of money and design went into this multi-use facility try to make as many people happy with the resources the park offers to all users. Three years designing park and took it all into consideration. Commend Doug with NDOW on taking the lead. Everyone as a community needs to take ownership of the process.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said we need a spark to change it... what change will get everyone excited?
- Howard Watts III said he has been reading up on this issue. The key seems to be enforcement to regulate the park. It will help to get volunteers, anglers, scouts, etc. Does not require policy change. He'll volunteer to take shift, once it's organized. That is the most reasonable way to ensure good experiences.
- John Hiatt stated that this is really a matter of education and buy in from the users. This is their park. They should be expected to pick up their own mess and keep it clean. That is a publicity and education initiative that needs to be done in conjunction with the Parks Department.
- Bill Stanley summed it up in one word: respect. The lack of respect for others and the facilities, lack of respect for other user groups. Fishing Line across side walk is disrespectful. I don't know how you fix that. Respect has a different connotation today. You are not going to fix it overnight.
- **Public Comment**
- Jana Wright suggested that the first "duck bite" toward a solution is to have NDOW increase enforcement check for fishing licenses and start the education process now that the need for enforcement at Lake Mead has subsided.
- Chairman Paul Dixon talked to Tyler Turnipseed, NDOW Chief of Enforcement, about this issue. Tyler assured Paul that someone goes out to that park daily for 1-3 hours per day at the park. People are going at different times. Is it the amount of enforcement you want, probably not?
- Doug Nielsen, NDOW, noted that when fully staffed, there are 35 Field Wardens in entire staff in Nevada and 16 in Clark County. Right now it is much less looking at the four urban ponds. All ponds need to be checked. He's aware of issues at ponds. Enforcing the three fish limits, and licenses. Violations yes, they do their best to do that. Other things are higher priority boating season and safety issues. Doug has a lot of warrants.
- Vicki Werner stated that a lot of laws, the Wardens can't enforce them. Do we not have Park Police that can write tickets for littering? Game Warden should check licenses. She agrees with the need for respect for each other. You cannot change people's thought processes. Why can't County have Park Officers?
- Annula Wylderich noted that the park issue has been going on for a long time. The problems have increased with increased patronage of the park, along with different ethnicity groups. Thus, any signs need to have understandable graphics on them. The problem is not having an us vs. you mentality, it is more the illegal fishing. The responsible fisherman has a license. The ones without license are the worst perpetrators. She indicated that people who are visiting the park early in the day find fish in trash. It seems likely that these could be illegal. Also, every few feet there are holes by the break wall where people are sticking their poles in the holes. That ends up dislodging rocks. Enforcement from all user groups can help address this

problem. It is a bad reflection on fisherman caused by these bad apples. Our tax money will have to go toward fixing this damage.

- Ryan Werner stated that there is money in County budget for park maintenance. We are assuming that the trash and erosion is caused by anglers. There are 22 other groups besides anglers. If we have an injured bird, that is what the issue should be, to help the wildlife. Why are we focusing on so many different issues? Protecting the wildlife is the issue we are trying to solve.
- Brian Patterson responded to the statement that anglers dig holes for their fishing poles. The initial design for the park had fishing pole holders to be built in. They were removed because they were too much of a maintenance issue.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item and look for a positive solution. Can we get a specific recommendation for NDOW? We need to address the education component, clean up component, enforcement issue. There are reports of Black Swans and ducks at Desert Shores killed being investigated by NDOW. Education is key.
- Motion passed unanimously.

E. Game management town hall meetings (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Nevada Game Management Plan.

Handout from Vice Chairman Reese and turned it over to Vice Chairman Reese

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and noted that the majority of people who buy licenses did not know Advisory Board existed. It seemed that the Town Hall got more people engaged.
- Vice Chairman Reese read form a list of topics addressed in the Town Hall
 - Overcrowding with lumped hunts.
 - Hunt in unit 7 what type of hunt is it.
 - Education regarding Big Horn Sheep disease and relocation.
 - Trapping Questionnaire online.
 - Reduction in period to check traps due to hotter weather in the South
 - Reduction in Bull Elk draw - reduce from 10 years to 5 years.
 - Mobile Phone Application for licenses, questionnaires and tag submission.
- These were just recommendations to Brian Wakely. No action taken now. This is a six day tour to get input.
- The meeting was attended by 15 to 20 people. The majority of those people that came are here at the CAB.
- John Hiatt suggested they call it a Wildlife Town Hall. By referring to it as a Game Management Plan might limit the number of people interested in attending.
- Chairman Paul Dixon agreed with John and will recommend title change.
- Bill Stanley stated that language is powerful. This meeting should be the venue.
- Chairman Paul Dixon how do we get the public educated? Change is slow. That should be a motion – In the future call this Wildlife Town Hall. He pointed out the Wild Horses on Channel 8 three minute clip by George Knapp creates a perception that Channel 8 cares about the wild horses. Need a greater cross section of non-consumptive users here.
- Howard Watts III noted that everyone is excited about this process, but not a lot of people know about CAB. The process could be several months, public can have input as discussions progress. There is going to be a public survey Jan – Feb send to as many people as possible. It is positive have a process where people are involved along the way so people can get involved.
- Public Comment

- Karen Layne said she agrees with John that she did not find as a non-consumptive user that was welcomed at the event. She was told by a hunter that he got the email that day and told to attend because the anti's took over the Reno meeting. She found out that the northern Trappers and the southern Trappers don't like each other. Visitation 96 hour's vs. AZ 24 hour visitation. Nevada Trappers Association set the season.
- Vicki Werner said she can see Game Management wording being an issue. We do need media to get the word out about the CAB. Get it out there. Everyone lives here. People do not realize people feel attacked on both sides. Get media out here; get the people in the room to make a difference. Make a difference come to a meeting. Two sides out and get the sides out on both.
- Ryan Warner feels the Town Hall meetings need to include NDOW. NDOW has some of the best Biologists and best staff in the country. What are they saying about this? Season dates set by NDOW Biologists. We need to rely on NDOW and the facts behind that.
- John Hiatt stated if you want to find out what people think about things, you need to ask a series of questions. There is an art to asking the public what they are thinking. NDOW provided a lot of information about the way NDOW works. But there were not many people there.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted the title should be changed to wildlife, after all we are CABMW.
- Bill Stanley wondered if there is an opportunity through using County's own television channel to advertise on the CCABMW on Channel 4, like a Ticker Tape on Channel 4.
- Jana Wright queried is you're asking for a public service announcement. It may be possible to have an entry on the Home Page on County Website where advisory board meetings are listed.
- Howard Watts III proposed using a private channel community calendar. NDOW could look into pursuing these options. He also proposed an agenda item to talk about any suggestions for elements of a public survey to get feedback and topics to be included in a survey. Variety of issues. Quality of hunts in different units.
- A motion was made to recommend change Town Hall Meeting to Wildlife.
- The motion was amended to add a request for better media exposure through NDOW and the County.
- Vice Chairman Reese asked Doug Neilson about NDOW press release with Review Journal on the Community Calendar.
- Jana Wright said this sounds like General Public Interest. She added that the meetings need people with different views on the topics being discussed. Some of us think there could be a better mix and have the Board members vote with the public views.
- Ryan Werner said he is here representing a group of 100 people. He represents Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited. His group will arrive in mass when needed. Trying to hit people who are not involved currently and get their opinions. The people in the middle.
- Doug Nielsen added that the people are here because they are passionate.
- Stephanie Myers stated that if you seek views on a wildlife management survey you might get non-consumptive users to attend.
- Vicki Werner said she doesn't think this will make a difference. If the majority of room was anti, the Board would have no choice but to be anti. Commissioners get emails with opinions. If we are outnumbered as hunters that is how it is. Sportsmen Unlimited includes wildlife too. We need those middle people. We need to get back to wildlife.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Town Hall name be changed from Game Management to Wildlife Management and to ask NDOW determine better media outlets to advertise what we are doing. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion on changing daily fish possession limit (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about increasing the fish possession limit to 2x the daily limit, similar to how most small game limits are handled.

- Joe Luby stated that the possession limits for fishing don't mirror everything else, namely, a daily limit and a possession limit which is twice the daily limit. For fishing, 1 day limit and take limit are the same. Prohibited from catching you limit on successive days. Angling normally practice catch and release, so no fish are removed from the habitat. We should go out to fishing Biologist to ask does it have an impact. Otherwise, you have to fish Saturday eat them then go out and Fish Sunday. Some people do catch and release for the 5th fish which could harm fish.
- Vice Chairman Reese got 5 put it in ice chest. If you got stopped and investigated would be an issue. A lot of people are doing it right now. Take five processes it is consumed.
- Joe Luby noted that fish in your freezer at home is considered possession. Have it mirror what other small game limits are the same 2 x daily limit.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated he can foresee where the daily limit could be lowered from 5 to 3, so the possession limit would be 6.
- Joe Luby said he has not found a significant reason behind it.
- Howard Watts III shared that other states have this issue too. Colorado has daily limit and possession limit. Bring up the issue and get feedback from Biologist. Perhaps bring the daily limit down so you can add a little bit more when you figure in possession.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that some states possession means in the field. Once you get the fish home, it's not part of your possession limit.
- Doug Nielsen clarified there is no distinction between daily limit any location.
- John Hiatt Said it looks like we need input from Jon Sjoberg, NDOW Chief of Fisheries.
- Brandon Senger, NDOW, stated that we would need evaluate each fishable water to see impact and possession.
- Doug Nielsen explained that the philosophy behind game laws is to give everyone an opportunity, so limits are set so that the resource is not depleted.
- Ryan Werner noted that the limits need to be pond specific, river specific. Eagle Valley could be big impact. Take that much from a resource.
- Steve Bostic said he supports possession limits doubling. He will fish Sunny Side combine hunting and fishing. After handling and smelling the fish, often he doesn't want to eat it same day.
- Joe Luby added that if you have several people fishing and you don't need or want that many fish, you would stop. Single angler could get more fish if the possession limit were raised.
- A motion was made and seconded to have Chairman Paul Dixon discuss at the State meeting with other CABS request input from the fisheries biologist pertinent to this topic and discuss further at the January meeting.
- Commissioner Paul Valentine noted that there is plenty of time since the fishing seasons are set at the September Commission Meeting.
- Bill Stanley recommended an amendment request in motion adjustment to both daily and possession limit.
- Howard Watts advised expanding the possession limit beyond the daily limit.
- Motion passed unanimously without proposed amendments.

G. Set 2016 CCABMW Meeting Dates (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to set the 2016 CCABMW Meeting Dates for the next calendar year.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.

- 2016 Calendar Dates were read into the record by Stacy Matthews as follows:
 - January 26th for the January 29th and 30th meeting
 - March 22nd for the March 25th and 26th meeting.
 - May 10th for the May 13th and 14th meeting.
 - June 21st for the June 24th and 25th meeting.
 - August 9th for the August 12th and 13th meeting
 - September 20th for the September 23rd and 24th meeting.
 - November 15th for the November 18th and 19th meeting.
- All meetings will be at the Clark County Government Center.
- Commissioner Paul Valentine advised that the March Commission Meeting is on Easter weekend and conflicts with Spring Break for some schools. That meeting date may change.
- Brian Patterson said he like moving around with the meetings in different locations.
- A motion was made and seconded to set the 2016 CCABMW meetings as presented by the Secretary, Stacy Matthews, to be the Tuesday, immediately prior to the Wildlife Commission meeting.
- John Hiatt suggested to insert the word tentative in the motion
- Motion passed unanimously.

13. 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; unless you represent a group then you will be limited to six minutes.

NOTE: Please complete the Public Comment Interest - Card and submit to Vice Chair Reese.

- Ryan Werner , Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited, is looking to furnish a couple of electronic vehicles. NSU can maintain those. Wanting to establish certain times 45 minutes before shooting time. From 10-11 can use vehicle. Courtesy and times. Tarp / mesh over vehicle. Cart area to haul decoys.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that you have until August to resolve.
- Vice Chairman Reese had spoken with Tim Woods to look into allowing on Sunday or Monday to drive a vehicle to any blind they want. Tim will gather data one year.
- Ryan Werner added that they want the hunter to use any blind in vehicle and camouflage them.
- Close public comment.

14. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its November 13th and 14th, 2015 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 unanimously.

The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for January 26th, 2016 in the Clark County Government Cent Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on January 29th and 30th, 2016 meeting in Reno, Nevada.

15. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.