

## Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

### MEETING MINUTES



Date: March 22, 2016  
Location: Clark County Government Center  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway Pueblo Room  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair J. Michael Reese, Vice Chair Joe Luby  
Howard Watts III 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: March 17, 2016

#### 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 John Hiatt 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 opportunity to speak on each action item 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 January 26, 2016 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections.
- Stacy Matthews stated that she had received two emails noting corrections. 1) On page 6, the Park Committee should be the PARC Committee. 2) On page 3, The Mohave Wildlife Preserve should be the Mojave Wildlife Preserve. Those corrections will be made.
- No public comment given.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 26, 2016 as written with the corrections mentioned by the Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda for March 22, 2016 – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and noted that:
  - Item 7F description should read "The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 14-11 Amendment #3, 2015-2016 Upland Game, Migratory Game and furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment."
  - Item 7G was an erroneous cut and paste and should be stricken from the agenda.
- Vice Chairman Reese requested three informational items be added to the agenda if time permits:
  - Trail cameras
  - Caliber and powder
  - Drones
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda for the March 22, 2016 Board Meeting with corrections noted by Chairman Paul Dixon and adding the three informational items if time permits. 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 Chairman Reese noted that:
  - Big Game Tag applications opened March 21st.
  - Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited held their banquet last week. Six hundred people attended.
  - Shadow Ridge HS now has Trap and Skeet shooting as a letter sport.
- Brian Patterson noted that May 21st, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn will hold their banquet at the South Point.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that:
  - For the Wayne E Kirsch Award, Carol Evans was the winner. She was notified February 12<sup>th</sup>. He requested the attendees start thinking about a name from Las Vegas so we can start building a strong package and put it together.
  - He received several emails concerning topics added as informational items.
  - There are two cases of interest in the Commission Litigation Report.
    - Mark Smith, Don Molde, and the Smith Foundation, plaintiffs claim the trapping regulation is void and unenforceable, that the Legislature illegally delegated the power to set trap visitation regulations to the Wildlife Commission. Defendants responded. Plaintiffs amended their claim based on the assertion that Molde's dog had been trapped more than once, claiming that the Commission must develop a policy regarding unintentional tapping of untargeted animals. This case is still in progress.
    - Bobbie McCollum filed an Open Meeting Law complaint with the Nevada Attorney General regarding audio difficulties at the Reno satellite location for the January 29th, 2016 Wildlife Commission Meeting. She was unable to hear the discussions for items 1 through 6 of the agenda. After attempts were made to fix the audio, she claimed that the

volume leads to “distorted” audio which faded “in-and-out” and at times was “impossible to understand.” She is preparing an amendment to her complaint as the March 24th-25th meeting will be held in Yerington, NV, and there will be no satellite audio capability.

- Both Bill Stanley and John Hiatt noted that they had attended the meeting and that no one complained until agenda item 6. The chairman stopped the meeting until the problem could be resolved in Reno, and then Bobbie requested that the Commission repeat the discussion of the first six items.
- Hearing no further announcements, Chairman Paul Dixon closed this item.

6. **Recap of January 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Commission Meeting Actions (*Informational*)** – A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark Recommendations.

- Chairman Paul Dixon summarized actions taken at the Commission meeting:
  - Predation Management Plan: the decision was delayed due to the volume of input from the CABS. It is back on the agenda for this meeting.
  - Big Game Season Amendments: the Commission took our input but only wanted input on the amendments.
  - Mountain Lion Harvest: accepted as we wrote.
  - Black Bear Hunt: the season was changed to September 15<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. This was done to avoid the crowds in the Tahoe Basin for Labor Day. They also looked at when bears were harvested, and all but one was harvested within that window.
  - Heritage Tag Season and Quotas – go to CABS in 2017
  - Dream Tag accepted as written
  - PIW Tags accepted as written
  - Silver State Tag accepted
  - Big Game deadline and eligibility position followed our recommendations
  - Elk Arbitration Panel – moving forward with some changes. It is back as an agenda item.
  - Moapa Land Transfer – Informational for the Commission
  - Electronic triggers and drones – we were in opposition with electronic triggers. The Commission will take cab inputs and put it back on agenda as workshop for CABS. The Commission will act on it in May.

7. **Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting agenda, as well as 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. Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft) (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft).

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that the plan was "cleaned up". He addressed project 22-16 noting that methods are listed, but the study has no projected goals listed. They want to study coyotes. He would prefer to know how many fawns did we have this year. This is how we manage this. Count fawn recruitment, what roads, what valleys. Next year predator plans in that area that is what we are doing. As sportsmen we want to know that coyotes are eating fawns and calves and lambs. Goals are misguided on this. He would like them to change the

project goals or delete project. Better to spend the \$120K to get a better baseline of fawn recruitments in the area.

- Howard Watts III stated that he had compared the first draft of the Plan with this new draft and noted that there is a surplus of funds not spent in prior years they are trying to reduce, so the planned expenditures exceed the planned revenues. Also, on project 22-16, the budgeted amount was reduced by \$40K from the first draft. Another change is that they have shifted from looking at coyote den density to looking at breeding pairs. Further, he noted that with the addition of Project 42 (Assessing mountain lion harvest in Nevada.) and Project 43 (Mesopredator removal to protect waterfowl, turkeys, and pheasants on Wildlife Management Area), these amount to increased funding on lethal removal programs, and it is in line with legislative guidelines of 80% lethal removal funding.
- Bill Stanley found the budget summary confusing compared to FY2017 Budget. So with the surplus we have enough funds to cover all the programs.
- Howard Watts III added that with Projects 37 and 38, they have moved to areas with a higher fawn to doe ratio and increased the expenditure on each project from \$90k to \$100K.
- Brian Patterson brought up the fact that the plan calls for 3 projects for Ravens totaling \$153K, 3 for Coyotes totaling \$250K, and 4 that are Mountain Lion focused totaling \$322K. Why is the species with the smallest population in the state costing more?
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that Mountain Lions are killing adult deer. Coyotes kill smaller prey. There are videos of Mountain Lions eating big deer, trophy deer.
- Brian Patterson asked if Sage Grouse is such a hot topic, why not direct more funding to Ravens.
- Vice Chairman Reese suggested that NDOW should draft a letter addressing this to Fish and Wildlife and our Congressional delegation. You cannot control the Ravens. Our Ravens do not go to Mexico. They do not migrate.
- John Hiatt pointed out that US Fish and Wildlife can increase the Raven quota. Ravens are an issue but habitats are a much bigger issue.
- Vice Chairman Reese agreed, take the money and put it in habitats.
- John Hiatt wondered which Ravens are being taken and why. Are they for ranchers or Sage Grouse.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that there is no benefit for Sage Grouse when there is a limit on how many Ravens we can take out. Take the dollars and put it into habitat.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that in Long Valley, there are lots of Ravens. There, removal of 1000 Ravens makes a difference.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that his wife took a video of 7K to 10K Ravens in the sky. Why were they all congregating? They were scavenging. How many hundreds of thousands of dollars are we going to spend on Ravens?
- John Hiatt commented that when you see that many Ravens congregated, it's usually human food source.
- Brian Patterson believes that sportsmen would like to know a quantitative number, like how many coyotes, lions, etc., were removed. Have some measurable results.
- Chairman Paul Dixon doesn't think they have data or how you quantify that. Wildlife Services have that on the website.
- Brian Patterson noted that at year end, 1317 coyotes were removed by NDOW. Coyotes are impacting ranchers, wildlife, etc. It's not all wildlife.

- Vice Chairman Reese shared that sportsmen are putting money in this, wildlife services is taken something.
- Brian Patterson stated that NDOW pays Wildlife Services to mitigate wildlife, \$500K per year.
- John Hiatt asked what are we getting for our money is a good question. If we put money into habitat we'd get a better return.
- Bill Stanley asked are sportsmen subsidizing ranchers in Nevada.
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered yes! Of the 1317 coyotes taken, 2/3 are rancher interests.
- Bill Stanley noted that the mule deer enhancement project 22 project 22 is being defunded.
- Vice Chairman Reese said that is because it is broken into four multi-year subprojects. He added that we just spent five years and \$500k on a Coyote study that found one den.
- Joe Luby stated that he finds 22-16 hard to swallow. The plan is to count rabbits with spotlights. Especially when there are no limits and no quota on Coyotes. When you force everyone to pay \$3 and then someone has to automatically try to figure out how to spend it. There are certain things people could do for us and pay for right to do it. Helicopter hunts, and run around shooting coyotes. He brought the question up to a group of sportsmen; almost everyone said they would eagerly pay. He would like to see the people who decide this to look at it as business process.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that helicopter hunting is for mass removal from an area during winter months, during snow. It is not easy to plan a hunt for someone removing predator animals where they are causing issue. You would have to time it with first snow fall. It would be very difficult to meet this criterion.
- Joe Luby offered let the hunter pay for it. \$5K for the helicopter, fuel, pilot, etc.
- Howard Watts III stated that this is an agenda item for another time, for a broader discussion. 80% of money needs to be spent on lethal removal. Is there another way to do this?
- Joe Luby responded change the law about 80% and improve habitat.
- Public Comment-
- Julius Fortuna suggested a contracted hunter harvest program like what is done in Utah. Pay \$50 per coyote. This was a \$450k project last year. The Utah mule deer population hit all time high. There were 15K Coyotes killed in Utah. That is a 59% increase in estimated harvest. This is Predator Management. Why can't we have a workshop and talk to this. They now have a 62% fawn to doe ratio.
- Ralph Willits, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, was confused about Ravens. With as much money as we spend on Ravens, why no better results. We should have Washington tweak the contract with Mexico. Change definition of what a Raven is, migratory or not.
- Richard Pabst suggested raising the limit or number and identifies the most critical sage grouse area to get more bang for buck in one area. NDOW should advertise predator hunting. Inform the public, how you hunt, when, get youth involved. NDOW can alert the public when a sporting area is underutilized with flyers, on web pages, etc. Include safety tips.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the Wildlife Division does not promote things that are controversial. A great suggestion, but it is unlikely NDOW would take that position.
- End Public Comment
- Howard Watts III suggested that future drafts of the plan include results from previous years.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the FY 2017 Budget Predator Management Plan except Subproject 22-16 should be abolished.

- John Hiatt stated that the motion does not capture the diversity of the Board discussion. The diverse sets of opinions are not captured. Gathering information so we can use science is critical.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that we cannot use money for habitat. So, change the goal for fawn recruitment. Do a better job of counting fawn recruitment for better baseline. When they drive into an area, instead of counting rabbits, count fawns.
- Howard Watts III noted that on Page 19 of the Draft Plan, three Project Goals are listed for Subproject 22-16. They include determining the number of breeding pairs of Coyotes, the occupancy of Coyotes and other predator species and the abundance of prey in the Monitor Mountains.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that he is not buying it. Fawn and lamb recruitment should be the emphasis, not to learn more about coyotes.
- Bill Stanley added that Assembly Bill 78 amended NRS 502.253. If you don't have a plan, don't spend any of it. He suggested they don't spend money now and go back to the Legislature in 2017. If you don't have a plan don't spend it. Instead of spending \$300K on Raven removal for 5000 Ravens, if habitat is more important than Predator Plan, bank the money wait until the 2017 Legislative session, and move a substantial amount of money into habitat.
- Joe Luby noted that \$120K is for a four year project. He suggested an amendment to the motion to limit the project to \$30K for 1<sup>st</sup> year, evaluate the results and determine if subsequent years should be funded.
- Chairman Paul Dixon offered that this plan came back with changes. Respect the fact they are listening to us. He liked Joe's idea.
- Bill Stanley suggested that Vice Chairman Reese withdraw his motion.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the Board can go ahead and vote on the current motion. If it fails, a new motion can be made.
- Howard Watts III noted that the Plan increases coyote project 38 and project 40. He prefers to see 2 years of study adding a project goal evaluating fawn and calf recruitment.
- Brian Patterson noted that this is trying to approve a predator management plan to remove predators. Sportsmen pay \$3 every time. He feels that sportsmen are getting tired of putting up money and seeing nothing in return.
- Bill Stanley suggested adding AB 78 to the amendment.
- Vote was taken on the current motion to accept the FY 2017 Budget Predator Management Plan except Subproject 22-16 should be abolished. Motion passed 4-3.

**B. Wildlife Damage Management Committee, Approved Revision to Existing Policy #23 on Predation Management (First Reading) (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amendments to existing Commission Policy #23 on Predation Management approved by the WDMC on Jan. 28, 2016, at their meeting in Las Vegas. The amendments suggested are generally to make the existing policy compliant with Assembly Bill 78 (adopted during the last legislative session) and to make the policy consistent with adopted practice.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that he attended the meeting along with six other attendees. The amendment brings Policy #23 in line with AB78 that requires 80% of funding to be spent on predator removal. As a result, education was removed from the Policy.
- Brian Patterson viewed the amendment as basically a housekeeping cleanup.
- Chairman Paul Dixon agreed.
- Public Comment -

- Julius Fortuna, Las Vegas Woods and Waters (LVWW), noted that the original Policy had four elements denoting where the monies were to be spent. The education piece was glaring. Was the premise of this amendment just to eliminate the education piece?
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered that it was to downplay the education to be more in line with AB78.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend acceptance of the approved Revision to Policy #23 as written.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**C. License Simplification, Development of Harvest Management Guidelines, and America's Wildlife Value Questions** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about ongoing processes for license simplification, development of new harvest management guidelines, and a report on the America's Wildlife Value Questions.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item noting that there was no viable backup material for this item.
- Joe Luby read from the Commission Agenda which indicated the Commission would hear oral testimony and presentations regarding these subjects. Thus there is no real backup material for this item.
- The Board members speculated on various proposals that might be discussed.
- Public Comment -
- Bill Halvorsen wondered about the possibility of multi-year licenses, like Utah has.
- Brian Patterson noted if you have a five-year license you miss out on being able to collect \$3 every year!
- John Hiatt asked if there is a financial benefit to the hunter to buy a multi-year license. Yes, some.
- Neil Dille would be in favor of a multi-year license.
- A motion was made and seconded that the Board was unable to take action on this item due to lack of back up materials. During public comment, it was suggested that NDOW and the Commission should consider multi-year licenses like other states. We should transition to online licenses, tags, state stamps and questionnaires.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee Recommendations and Request for Commission Guidance on Policy Numbering and Policy Review Delegation to Various Committees** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Committee's recommendation and request the Commission's guidance to retain the current policy numbering format, and to delegate the review of Commission Policy #24, "Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups" to the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee, and to delegate the review of Commission Policies #60 through #67 related to habitat and publically owned lands to the Commission's Public Lands Committee.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and noted that he has no problem with approving this proposal.
- Joe Luby asked if he was correct in assuming that what is being asked is if we agree that a particular policy is sent to a particular committee.
- Chairman Paul Dixon replied that he is correct.
- No Public Comment

- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Administrative Procedures, Policy Numbering and Policy Review Delegation proposal as written.
- Vice Chairman Reese voiced his objection to the use of subcommittees. He feels that when a subcommittee meets with typically only three Commissioners present, the other six Commissioners miss out on much of the testimony that was presented to the committee, and when a vote is taken on the issue, they are basically uninformed.
- Howard Watts III responded that Committees are reviewing and approving drafts.
- Bill Stanley added that the Committee recommendation comes back to CABS, CABS comment then the recommendation and comments go to Commission for vote.
- John Hiatt stated that it would be unreasonable burdens to have entire Commission listen to all input on every item.
- Vice Chairman Reese said that he sat through many meetings and the 9 Commissioners aren't hearing the passion that was present in the Committee meeting.
- John Hiatt stated that in terms of the Commission and its business, it is far more efficient for them to hear a summary that represents what the public wants, than making the Commission attend all Committee hearings. He further noted that the CCABMW Meetings are communicating the recap of the input from the public to the Commission for action. The CABS are acting as a subcommittee for the Commission.
- The vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Rules of Practice Review, Status, and Commission Guidance** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a status report on the Rules of Practice review, including Commission Policies #1 "General Guidelines for the Commission;" #3 "Appeals;" #4 "Petition Process and Regulatory Adoptions Policy," and NAC 501.195 related to petitions, and NAC 501.140 - 190 related to appeals. The committee is seeking discussion and feedback from the Commission regarding concepts to modify the Rules of Practice that the committee has discussed.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Howard Watts III had no problem with this.
- Vice Chairman Reese questioned why, when the process states that input goes from the CAB to the Commission who votes, and if it is a Regulation it is reviewed by the LCB, is the trail cam Regulation why coming out of LCB, back to the Commission for workshop?
- Bill Stanley responded that if the LCB does not approve, they send it back because they made changes.
- Vice Chairman Reese argued that the LCB cannot change outcome of the Commission's vote.
- Bill Stanley further explained that when the State Wildlife Commission took a vote to create a regulation on Trail Cams, the LCB drafted a response; the Commission must workshop the response before it can be codified. If it comes back to be looked at, you can workshop. The interim commission can be changed. It is not a regulation until interim legislative committee votes on it.
- No public comment
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Rules of Practice Review, Status and Commission Guidance as written.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Commission Regulation 14-11 Amendment #3, 2015 – 2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of

Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of Amendment #3, 2015- 2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game, and Furbearer Season and Limits Amendment.

- Paul Dixon introduced this item noted the amended season would begin on April 23 and end the first Sunday of May, May 1<sup>st</sup>, resulting in a 9 day hunt season for Mason Valley.
- No public comment.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Amendment #3 as written.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**G. Commission Regulation, 16 – 05, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) 2016 Season and Quotas** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amendment #3 to the 2015 – 2016 season dates and length for the third Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area wild turkey hunt period. Amendment #3 would extend the wild turkey hunt for this period from two days to its original, intended 9-day length extending from April 23 through May 1, 2016 rather than the current two day hunt period of April 30 through May 1, 2016.

- This item was stricken from the agenda.

**H. Commission Regulation 16-11 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2016 – 2017 Season** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2016 – 2017 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2016 – 2017 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state land.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and asked if the Board wanted to approve all species seasons together or separately.
- Howard Watts III noted that one change is the youth hunt is for ages 17 and younger as opposed to 15 and younger.
- Joe Luby added that the change Howard Watts III pointed out is the only change from last August.
- Chairman Paul Dixon applauded the progress made in managing the Overton Wildlife Management Area and the efforts made by WHIN and Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited to improve the facilities and hunting experience for all.
- Public Comment -
- Richard Pabst asked that something be done to prohibit feeding of game birds, Waterfowl and turkeys, before and after hunting season. On private land we can do that. Can't bring ducks or turkeys to land. Believe Idaho has that law in place. This is something to be looked at.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that at the last Legislative Session, a bill was drafted to address this, but it died in committee. He is not aware of another state that does that.
- Ralph Willits shared that Montana too has the regulation after problems with Huey Lewis.
- Bennie Vann, NDOW, is not aware of anyone who does not let you feed wild birds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said he will ask the question at the Commission Meeting.
- John Hiatt asked if you are going to outlaw feeding birds, are you going to outlaw people having humming bird feeders. This would be very difficult to enact and harder to enforce.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept CR 16-11 as written.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**I. Set 2017 Clark CABMW Meeting Dates and Locations** (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will discuss and make recommendations about the 2017 CABMW meeting dates and locations for posting on the NDOW website.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- The following dates were agreed to for the scheduled 2017 Commission Meetings.

Commission Meeting	Location	Major Topic	CCABMW Meeting
Feb 10-11	Reno	Big Game Seasons & Regulations	Feb 7
March 24-25	Southern Nevada	Set/Revise Waterfowl Season & Limits Legislative Items	March 21
April (tbd)	Reno	Telephonic Meeting - Legislative Items (if needed)	
May 12-13	Reno	Big Game Status Report & Quota Setting	May 9
June 23-24	Las Vegas	Set/Revise Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons & Limits	June 20
August 11-12	Minden	Commission/CABMW Workshop	August 8
Sept 22-23	Las Vegas	Set/Revise Biennial Fishing Regulations	Sept 19
Nov 3-4	Reno	Policy, Regulations, and Program Reports	Oct 26

- October 26th, 2017 meeting will be on a Thursday as the normal Tuesday prior to the Commission Meeting falls on Halloween.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept these dates.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**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; 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 Chairman Reese.**

- Raymond Crump offered his thanks to the Board members for their dedication and efforts on behalf of southern Nevada sportsmen.
- Julius Fortuna asked what is the best approach to get the idea if contract hunting before the Commission and the Legislature.
- Chairman Paul Dixon recommended he advertise to NDOW representatives an informational workshop, and put together a 15 minute presentation and allow 15 minute public comment. He could then take that presentation (in Power Point, say) to the Commission.
- Bill Stanley warned that the rules were changed in 2015. If you are going to submit bill, you will have to have your language in whatever bill draft request you make to submit in August.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said he could work it on one of next two agendas, and be sure to include the game wardens.
- Brian Patterson asked if this was a contract with hunters for coyotes. \$50 a head on coyotes.
- Julius Fortuna replied yes. In Utah it removed half of the money going for that in sportsmen dollars, and resulted in 7000 additional coyotes over the 10,000 in previous years. Efficiency part, a dollar amount set to it with a sliding scale. \$75 at prime time prior to fawn drop. This frees up more resources, it is very effective.

**9. Trail Cams, Caliber, and Drones (Informational)** - Added to the agenda at the request of Vice Chairman Reese.

- Vice Chairman Reese stated that he was confused as to why the Trail Cams item was not closed. The explanation he received from Bill Stanley clarified that. He hoped that this CAB could provide fresh input to the Workshop reviewing the matter.
- As to Caliber and cartridge length, the new regulation uses case length rather than overall cartridge length. Now the NRA has put out an alert that the Commission will be discussing cartridge length. He advised the NRA and other sporting groups to draft a position statement to the Commission.
- Bill Stanley noted that at the last wildlife meeting, extensive discussion on this by Chief Warden Tyler Turnipseed. The Commission weighed in, but did not have a consensus. Some discussion on overall casing length being a better way to measure. The issue became at what point you are not entering into fair chase. Caliber and automatic trigger (electronic trigger) issue became where you eliminate fair chase. That was the discussion.
- Jana Wright interrupted the dialog alerting the Chairman that continuing this discussion is in violation of the Open Meeting Law as this item was not included on the published agenda, and as an Informational Item, no Board discussion can occur and no action can be taken.

**10. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting in Yerington, 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.

**11. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Clark County Government Cent Center ODC-1, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting in Reno, Nevada.**

**12. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.