



CLARK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2021
5:30pm-9:00pm

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- Items on the Agenda may be taken out of order.
- THE CCABMW members may combine two (2) or more Agenda items for consideration.
- The CCABMW members may remove an item from the Agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time
- No action may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted Agenda.
- Supporting material provided to the CCABMW members for this meeting may be requested from Secretary Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 and is/will be available on the County's website at www.clarkcountynv.gov.
- If you do not wish to attend the meeting via teleconference but desire to provide written general public comment or public comment on an individual Agenda item, please submit your comments prior to 2:30 p.m., June 22, 2021. You can submit your comments to Darlene.kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. Be sure to include your name, address, the Agenda item number on which you are providing comment, and your comment. Comments will not be read into the record and will be included as back-up materials for the record. All comments received will be compiled into a document and shared with members of the public body, meeting attendees and on the public body's website.

CCABMW MEMBERS:

(Chair) Paul Dixon

(Vice Chair) John Michael Reese

Molly DiBlasi

Therese Campbell

Jacob Thompson

Dave Talaga

Dan Gilbert

Secretary: Darlene Kretunski,
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I. Call to Order- Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum: If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be cancelled.

- Chair Paul Dixon called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski completed the roll call of the CAB board members.
- A quorum was present with six CAB board members.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment (*Informational*) this is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on this agenda. No discussion, action, or vote may be taken on this agenda item. You will be afforded the opportunity to speak on individual Public Hearing Items at the time they are presented. If you wish to speak to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General Public" period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chairperson or the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife by majority vote.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this section is for public who may like to give public comment during this section due to reasons that maybe these individuals cannot stay for the whole duration of the meeting. He advised that if this comment given is in regards to an item that is not on the Agenda then these items will be reviewed by the board members and the Chair and possibly go on the future Agenda if the CAB board feels necessary. If the public comment made by the individuals is an item on the Agenda then the comment can be made but no action will be taken during this section, the individuals will have to wait until that action item is discussed for action to be taken.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if the individuals from the public who are in the meeting by teleconference who are visible could please raise their hand if they would like to make a comment, for the other individuals who are not visible, if they could unmute themselves and make their comments.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.**

IV. Approval of Minutes for May 4, 2021 CCABMW Meeting. (*For Possible Action*)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if the CAB board members had reviewed the minutes and if they have any board comments at this time.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he would like to commend the Secretary Darlene Kretunski for the amount of detail on the minutes she captured and he stated he did not find any matter on the meeting minutes that he didn't agree upon and gave kudos too Secretary Darlene Kretunski.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked for public comments at this time.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Board member Dan Gilbert advised motion to approve the minutes as written**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

V. Approval of the Agenda for June 22, 2021. Agenda Items may be and Held, Combined, or Deleted. (*For Possible Action*)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that on Action Item #9 A) Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan COT Member Approval that this Action Item should be deleted from the Agenda. He stated that Tiffany East (Board of Wildlife Commissioner) had advised that the name of the individual would be released and comments could be given on this matter but Jack Robb (Deputy Director of Resource Management NDOW) stated the opposite, he advised that the name would not be seen.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the deletion is due to not having any information on this Action Item of who the individual is that NDOW would be bringing forward and at this time NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) would not release this information.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he had listed this Action Item due to the factor that elk is a species of the state that has become increasingly important in the management of the species and there is very tight elk sub plans that drive population of the elk.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in many areas there are 80 to 85 bull and 15 cows in a herd of 100 and the removal of cow elk has been done to help curb the elk herd ratio and by doing so it is grossly unequal with bull to cow ratio and the deer is 25 to 30 bucks to does.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the attempt is to make ratio to about 33 but that all depends on what part of the state but stated the average is attempting to manage around 30 percent.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that elk is running 80 to 85 percent thus showing how unequal it is going forward in the future, he stated the spike hunt this year will help but still something more must be done to control the bull cow ratio.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this means a change and working with farmers in the elk sub-plans to allow greater population of elk then what we currently have.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated that this is the only reason he put this in the Agenda.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion to accept the Agenda as presented with the tabling of Action Item #9 A) Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan COT Member Approval.**
- **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

VI. CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (*Informational*)
CCABMW members may present emergent items. No Action may be taken by 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.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked CAB board members if they had received or sent items related to the Agenda to please save the correspondence until that Agenda Item is up for discussion, if it is not an Agenda Item and the CAB board members has received correspondence or sent correspondence, please discuss these matters now.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will now go around the room to each CAB board member for a response.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he had just one item to discuss and would like to put this item on the Agenda. He advised he received a phone call from a past CAB board member Brian Patterson, he asked to put on the Agenda to have fishing at the Wetlands Park and stated that all the County parks in Las Vegas allow fishing. Mr. Patterson stated there is tons of fish in the Wetlands Park and it is being taken over by the homeless therefore he stated what biological reason is fishing not allowed at this park.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese reiterated that he would like this matter to be placed on the Agenda for future discussions.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the other parks allow fishing but he wonders if it will require temperatures and geological populations on this matter.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Sunset Park allows fishing and it has the same water temperature, same depth. He stated that there is a great amount of fish and the water is clean coming out of the treatment plant going into the lake and there is no reason why there cannot be fishing at this location therefore he would like to have this discussion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB can send recommendations to NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) based upon what they determine in the CAB's August meeting. He thanked Vice Chair John Michael Reese.
- Board member Jacob Thompson (None)
- Board member Therese Campbell (None)
- Board member Dave Talaga (None)
- Board member Dan Gilbert (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VII. Recap of the May 4, 2021 Commission virtual meeting by Chairman Paul Dixon: (Informational)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was a review of the Legislative Committee Report of a recap of items that the CAB board members had supported and no new information was added.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that The Predation Management was approved.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised on August 30, 2021 to September 2, 2021 there will be a workshop in Elko specifically dealing with Raven control and Sage Grouse. He stated that individuals who have interest in knowing what the funding has been spent on for Raven control and what this is doing to the Sage Grouse population should attend. He stated that the hope coming from these workshops is to give recommendations to The Department of Interior and request increase of the amount of poisonous eggs that will be set out for the Ravens in critical areas.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the question asked by the CAB board members on The Predation Management Plan is the reason why the coyote removal

was statewide, he advised this is this is to allow it not to be specific to one area thus guaranteeing the ability to go into areas and do coyote removal if necessary. He advised it was made statewide but it is prioritized areas within the state therefore areas with the highest risk of deer population have the greatest amount of effort put toward coyote removal oversight in these areas thus making sure to have diminishment impact during fawning season (early childhood development of fawns) in the areas of deer population being at risk.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that he did mention the fawn morality studies that he had asked to request to be placed into future The Predation Management Plan and Tiffany East (Board of Wildlife Commissioner) stated it was a good plan but he stated he is unsure where it will go but it is on record as a recommendation.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for The Big Game Quotas he stated the CAB board members had previously went through and made recommendations. He advised there was discussion about doe removal and DOWL (Department of Wildlife) came back strongly and stated that areas where doe harvesting is occurring is due to lack of liter range and summer range to support population of doe that already exist thus if no removal is done then massive deaths will occur. He stated that the doe harvest success rates are low and Vice Chair John Michael Reese had stated previously it is down around 40 to 50 percent and the objectives are not being met which means the continuation of the doe hunt. He stated that DOWL (Department of Wildlife) felt there are too many does on the landscape and the land cannot provide for that amount of does.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Elk, Bear, Bighorn Sheep and on all of these items NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) recommendations aligned with the previous recommendations of the CAB board members. He advised he felt the Commission listened to the CAB's input. He stated on Black Bear Season the CAB board members previously voted on this DOWL (Department of Wildlife) held the seasons and the two Commissioners who do not support bear hunting is: David McNish (Board of Wildlife Commissioner) and Kristen Hubbs (Board of Wildlife Commissioner), these two were still opposed to the bear hunt and the remaining seven members of the nine members of Commissioners were in support of the bear hunt based on the biology (what population looks like, how estimates are better than previous)that was collected since the start of the hunt. He stated there are now restricted areas for bear hunting to avoid human hunter bear conflicts, where dog hunting takes place in these areas therefore the Commission went forward with the bear hunt as proposed.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VIII. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update (*Informational*) Vice Chair John Michael Reese will update The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on progress occurring in the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Program.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he has no updates at this time for the CAB board members. He asked if Pat Cummings (Biologist, NDOW) or Joe Bennett Jr. (Regional Supervisor for Southern Region, NDOW) has any updates.
- Chair Paul Dixon and Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that both individuals were not present
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated he had asked for both gentlemen is because in the last CAB meeting (May 4, 2021) both gentlemen were pushing to have Clark County Mule Deer Enhancement Committee to have a meeting by the end of May 2021 but they were only able to have meeting with just two counties. He stated that he had hoped for a meeting next in June 2021 when the May 2021 meeting that was projected was not successful. He stated the meeting will be possibly in July to receive orientation, he advised he has called the other committees statewide and they as well are hoping to have this meeting sometime this summer and will like to have the discussion and the meeting in the natural habitat of the mule deer.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that he would like to go on record stating that Vice Chair John Michael Reese is the individual who needs to ask the committee for this meeting to occur and he realizes that Clark County has the smallest mule deer population hence he felt Clark County should have been engaged previously in the process because Nevada has the largest population of hunters that go out in these areas and the CAB board members had put forth the request to look into this matter. He stated that he felt that the CAB board members are the last to get what they are asking for in regards to recommendations requested and advised he knows the CAB board will eventually receive what they are requesting and it is simply just a slow process. He stated he will as Chair take the heat given for his comments stated.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he agrees with Chair Paul Dixon and thanked Chair Paul Dixon.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

IX. General Business/Action Items: Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from The Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 19/20, 2021 meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski (702) 455- 1402 or Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. The final Commission agenda & support at <http://www.ndow.org/PublicMeetings/Commission/Agenda/>.

A) Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan COT Member Approval (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve replacement members to fill vacancies on the Humboldt County Elk Sub-Plan Coordination and Oversight Team. Replacement members have been recommended by the appropriate organizations represented by the vacant positions to be approved by the Nevada Wildlife Commission as per language in the Humboldt County Elk Plan.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated that on Action Item #9 A) Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan COT Member Approval that this Action Item should be deleted from the Agenda due to not having any information on this Agenda due to not having any information on this Agenda Item of who the individual is that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) would be bringing forward and NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) is not releasing this information.
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to table this Action Item.**
- **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 6-0.**

B) Heritage Project Extension Requests (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about extension request from projects approved in previous fiscal years.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Committee looked at the projects dating back to 2018, 2019, 2021 but with the 2021 proposals with the understanding that the projects in 2021 were delayed due to COVID-19. Chair Paul Dixon stated that several projects in 2018 and 2019 in some instances were returned back to the account and in other places there were approvals of the extensions requested.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the CAB board members if they had any concerns on proposals extended or not approved if so he will take these recommendations or concerns to the Heritage meeting in Winnemucca to plead the CAB's case.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to accept the extension requests as presented.**
- **Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

C) Heritage Funding Reallocation (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was a small amount of funds that were not used from the Raven removal in the amount of \$1,800.00 and also funds from a chaining project located in Lincoln County and a series of guzzler upgrades. He stated that almost all 2021 Heritage Projects were approved for extension because these projects were not worked upon example: Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement (\$75,000) and Wildlife Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000) but projects such as Moose Monitoring (\$20,000) are examples of where NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) spends all of the funding on a project.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated the CAB board recommendation would be to extend mainly 2021 projects plus some older projects that had a slow start

2020, 2019 and include some of 2018 projects as well.

- Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon for clarification of what the extension meant exactly. She stated to Chair Paul Dixon if he was stating that these projects did not get extension due to COVID-19.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this would be projects approved for extension, he advised that the majority of the projects did not get started due to COVID-19 and 2018, 2019, 2020 projects were delayed for various reasons not related to COVID-19. He stated this is 15% of the Heritage funding is non COVID impacted while 85% were extended because it was COVID related.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon about chaining project mentioned and asked what part of the state is this project located.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there were two projects and one of the projects was Staheli Chaining Maintenance it is somewhere in Lincoln County and there was the wait was to obtain NEPA (National Environmental Policy ACT) pass and cultural clearances before they could do the chaining and COVID-19 delayed this, that project was a 2018 project. The clearance needed by this act makes one show before one can do something in the field that the action will not do harm to the environment but instead will only improve the environment and looks at cultural, endangered species, habitat life and that your good intentions will not cause negative intentions on other resources in the area.
- Public Comments: (NONE)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion to approve Item #9 C) Heritage Funding Reallocation as presented.
- Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 6-0.

D) Fiscal Year 2022 Heritage Project Proposals(*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission:

- **2021-2022 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant, Test, Remove, Monitoring, and Research Programs (\$161,950)**
- **Wildlife Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)**
- **Wildlife Water Development-Emergency Water Haul (\$50,000)**
- **Izzenhood WMA Mule Deer Winter Habitat Restoration Project (\$71,850)**
- **Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement (\$75,000)**
- **Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$200,000)**
- **Nelson Creek Mule Deer Improvement (\$57,750)**
- **Smith Valley Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)**
- **Whistler Mountain Pinyon/Juniper Hand Thinning (\$40,000)**
- **Argenta Rim Mule Deer Enhancement Project (\$75,000)**
- **Optimizing management towards maximizing brood habitat for Greater Sage-Grouse (\$50,000)**
- **Mule Deer radio-collaring study in Northwest Nevada (\$324,099.24)**
- **Area 6 Elk Mortality Investigation (\$85,000)**
- **Moose Monitoring (\$20,000)**
- **Common Raven Monitoring (\$30,000)**

- **Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada (\$30,000)**
- **Proposals Submitted by Others**
- **Milk Ranch Springs and Habitat Enhancement (\$90,000)**
- **Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon Juniper Removal (\$50,000)**
- **Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Guzzlers (\$41,000)**
- **Restoration, foraging ecology and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (Phase 2)(\$69,251)**
- **Quantifying the influence of feral horses on Greater Sage-Grouse populations in Nevada (\$5,900)**
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB board members if they looked at the 2022 Heritage Report (Page 2-2), he stated the total of proposals submitted by NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) was \$1.19655 dollars, also there is \$256,421 dollars requested by non NDOW led proposals and the total cost of all proposals was \$1.45297 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the total amount of available Heritage funding still is \$1.355649 dollars that is available in 2022. He stated that \$1,452.00 is total amount being requested therefore leaving an unequal balance by \$100,000 which is the reason the budget is tightening and donations are given as well to cover this shortage.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to the CAB board members that based upon this shortage there needs to be recommendations to find solution to obtain the money needed for the shortage. He advised that the CAB board members can give recommendations for funding to certain projects or asking not to fund certain projects in order to save money needed for the shortage.
- Board member Dan Gilbert asked Chair Paul Dixon about the sub list stating proposals submitted by others and has only five *items (Milk Ranch Springs and Habitat Enhancement (\$90,000), Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon Juniper Removal (\$50,000), Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Guzzlers (\$41,000), Restoration, foraging ecology and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (Phase 2) (\$69,251), Quantifying the influence of feral horses on Greater Sage-Grouse populations in Nevada (\$5,900)*,he wanted to know if these items were approved or not.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to the CAB board members that he can discuss each proposal separately or discuss only proposal that the CAB board members would like to have discussion, he asked the CAB board members to let him know which way they would like to proceed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that these five items are part of The Heritage Project Proposals and some proposals are put forth without the support of NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) these five items listed do have NDOW sponsors but stated off without NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) support. He advised that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) likes coordinate and to support and align themselves with a lot of proposals so they can maintain a study on some of these proposals and see where it leads.
- Board member Dan Gilbert asked Chair Paul Dixon if there is way to give recommendations giving approval to some proposals and allocating funds but making recommendations to not include other proposals.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated yes and as Chair it is his duty to bring forth any late CAB input and recommendations of the CAB board members to the Committee first then

if no changes then the Chair has the option of next bringing it to the Commission as a concern in the public meeting, therefore if recommendations are to remove items from the list or NDOW decides to take items off the list for a project(s) then the funds are reallocated to projects that need these funds or the money is returned back to the Heritage account, this year anything taken off up to 100,000 will be reallocated to projects to fund because otherwise there would be shortage. He stated as previously indicated \$1,452.00 was requested but there is only have \$1,355.00 therefore shortage is \$98,000 but Chair Dixon stated \$100,000.

- Board member Dan Gilbert thanked Chair Paul Dixon, and stated that he would like to remove Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon Juniper Removal (\$50,000). He stated this project has received enough funds to have success and does not feel that more money should be allocated to this project, he would rather have other projects taken care of and not the continuation of this project.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if the CAB board members would like 2218 to delete this item this year, it could be done.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked the question to Chair Paul Dixon was this Pinyon Juniper Removal the same that was discussed in previous CAB board meeting in May 2021 and bids were put out but the bids were too high and it was stated the project was too expensive to fund therefore the project was never done, he asked the other CAB board members if this sounds familiar to any of the other members.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he thinks board member Jacob Thompson was referring to Pinyon Juniper Removal in the White Mountain area and the bid was not coming in at the right price, they were looking to do some chaining and removing of Pinyon Juniper about 3,000-4,000 acres.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that chaining was done on both the East and the West and this process is a yearly event and it effects the migration of the deer herd as well, the end result is if there is no removal then no new habitat will grow, too thick and not enough sun and there will be nothing for the deer herd to feed off of.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised he agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese statements but he would like this item removed due to the center of funding going to one location.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised projects 2215 and 2216 regarding Common Raven Monitoring (\$30,000) and Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting the Mule Deer in Northeast Nevada (\$30,000), he stated both are part of the Predator Plan which has \$300,000 dollars therefore it can be funded from the Predator plan instead, he advised he did not understand the need to take from the Heritage fund when there is money in the Predator fund for this. He stated these are the two areas he had concerned for and this will be a question to bring up to the Committee. He stated between these two items and board member Dan Gilbert's one item request there will clearly be enough funds to fund any remaining projects that need it at the requested level. There also is a few wildlife service grants that have not yet been determined and they deal with elk morality and moose monitoring. He stated that if the moose population continues to grow then maybe soon there may be a moose season in Nevada.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he is in favor of reducing funds for the Ravens, using these funds for the other proposals.
- Public Comments:(None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Heritage**

Proposed Project as proposed with the exception of deleting 22-18, 22-15, and reducing 22-16 by 500% therefore all other projects can be funded at full requested amount.

- **Board member Dave Talaga seconds this motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

E) Wildlife Contests (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about wildlife contests.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Clark County Commissioners had given a label previously calling it a “Killing Contest” but it is now called a “Wildlife Contest”. He advised there was a push back on David McNinch (Board of Wildlife Commissioner) when he continued to give it this label previously. He stated that David McNinch (Board of Wildlife Commissioner) was going to be the lead on the subcommittee which the Commissioners requested this subcommittee to be put in place.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that calling something a “Killing Contest” is considered inflammatory and gives it a negative impact. He advised that David McNinch (Board of Wildlife Commissioner) will present information he has learned to the Commission for review to advise their decision to make this statewide or just county and vote to proceed or not by simply taking no action or proceed by tabling this action, or continue study with the subcommittee. He advised this is why this matter is on the Agenda tonight and there is no supporting material on this matter because the backup material was in the previous meeting proposal and proclamation put forth by the Clark County Commission.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Elko County and Lincoln County both have come up with separate resolutions from their County Commissioners and do not support stopping Wildlife contests. He asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese if any of the other counties put on paper their resolutions.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Pershing County was taking a look on resolutions but he was unsure if the resolution was submitted during the required timeline and he was aware Primm was looking into a resolution as well.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon which counties he had stated previously that recommended no action.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the two Counties are Elko County which is the 3rd largest county and Lincoln County.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Clark County is the only county that has come out against while the remaining counties, while two counties Elko and Lincoln are in support, the remaining counties have remain neutral.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked who in Clark County voted against the Wildlife contests. He stated that his concern is that the Commission will vote with the majority and if this is the case then he is not in favor of the contest.
- Chair Paul Dixon and Therese Campbell advised it was unanimous vote by the Clark County Commission.
- Public Comments: (*Fred Voltz*) he stated that if killing contest is so helpful and the individual who participate in them or advocate for them are so proud of them

then these contest really should be called what they are which is killing contests. He stated using words such as dispatched or harvest or recruiting does not explain what the contests are about. He stated it is about the mass slaughter of animals in a given area creating a vacuum. He advised that NDOW can study this “until the cows come home” but NDOW will not be able to show any information that it is anything but that, he stated it is important to talk about things in a honest way therefore it should continue to be called Killing contest because it is proper term used to describe what is occurring. He advised that eight other states have already banned Wildlife Killing contests, and have not done this county by county because they understand scientifically and ethically this is bad look for hunters and this needs to be banned statewide, Nevada should be no different. He stated the awareness of this that the CAB is far behind where they need to be on this matter. He stated the County Commissioner who the CAB reports too and who they are appointed by moved to take action when the CAB board members didn’t therefore the CAB needs to get caught up and represent all of the public not just the hunters but the entire public in a county of 2.2 million people and find this practice reprehensible.

- Public Comment: (*Jana Wright*) she realizes this is public comment and Chair Dixon is under no obligation to answer her question but she advised she is surprised how the Agenda item was presented, she asked Chair Paul Dixon if he had stated that the Commission was going to discuss a subcommittee or vote not to move forward with any regulations, she stated that she is personally against Wildlife Killing Contest and she was not sure where Chair Paul Dixon received his information on what is going to happen at the Friday Commission meeting.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised his information was based upon the last meeting minutes (May 4, 2021) for the CAB this is where he came up with his opinion based upon David McNinch in past ability dealing with bears and trapping. The meeting minutes is where it discusses that David McNinch was task to lead the subcommittee he was appointed too and study and give feedback to the Commission of whether there was reason to do this subcommittee or not in order to make their decision on the Wildlife Killing Contest, this is where Chair Paul Dixon came up with his personal opinion based upon what David McNinch was tasked with and his prior abilities with bears and trapping.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that coyotes gives offspring of eight as opposed to the fawn having liter of just two therefore this is why the coyote is a unprotected species for this reason and it outnumbered mule deer and he is in favor of denying the resolution. He stated that there was four hours of testimony from the public on this matter already, he stated he is hunter and wants the wildlife contests continue.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised it is the CAB board members duty to give the best decision for wildlife based on science, is no control of coyote population and he is requesting limits in order to help the pressure be alleviated on the mule deer population in the state of Nevada.
- Board member Therese Campbell feels these contests are not good and help to form public opinion and image of hunters in not a good light, she hopes hunters are ethical and she wanted to state it does not look good therefore maybe minimize the damage to ethical hunting and leaving the public to think of killing

contest as status quo or the norm.

- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advises motion that CAB supports continuation of Wildlife Contests in the state of Nevada.**
- **Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-1 with dissenting view because the board disagrees with any killing contests.**

F) Duck Stamp Request (For Possible Action) The CCABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the \$118,600 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Duck Stamp Account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved as listed below:

- **Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvement (\$40,000)**
- **Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support FY22 (\$10,000)**
- **Eastern Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)**
- **Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)**
- **Mason Valley WANA Prescribed Burn (\$20,000)**
- **Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Water Conveyance Improvement Projects (\$20,000)**
- **Washoe Dam Repairs (\$16,000)**
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this is one of the smallest Duck Stamp requests he has ever seen.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the request is for \$118,000 dollars, the estimated balance for 2022 is \$315,000 minus obligations the total is \$248,000 to spend with matching funds in the amount of \$60,000. They are allowed to allocate up to 95% of the budget this year they are at 50% of the budget for projects.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Overton normally they put in for seed and he sees no request for Overton, he stated he wondered if the fields are being cultivated or if he received different funding for the seeds. He stated that he sees nothing out of line with these projects and that they actually seemed very light.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised in 2021 there was funding for seed but he did not see any request for 2022 he stated he is thinking that this is why there is no request to purchase.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised in Overton that he is aware of volunteer efforts to collect seeds therefore this may have played factor of why they are not requesting to purchase.
- Public Comments(None)
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion to accept Item #9 F)Duck Stamp Request as presented with \$118,000 for the projects.**
- **Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

G) Upland Game Bird Stamp Request (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the \$341, 081 for projects submitted for FY2022 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird

Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- **Bi-State Saga-Grouse Coordinator 9\$45,000)**
- **Bi-State Saga-Grouse Monitoring within the Mount Grant and Desert Creek Population Management Unit (\$22,500)**
- **Desert Creek Weed Treatment (\$2,500)**
- **Estimating Greater Sage-Grouse Vital Rates (\$22,500)**
- **Greater Sage-Grouse monitoring (\$44,440)**
- **Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)**
- **Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-Grouse in the Desatoya Mountains of Central Nevada (\$22,500)**
- **Montana-Humboldt SGI Spring Protection (\$15,000)**
- **Native Seed Acquisition for Private Landowner Transition to Native Seed Production (\$14,000)**
- **Nine-Mile Unit Riparian Monitoring (\$19,400)**
- **Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$19,400)**
- **Virginia Mountains Green strip 2021 (\$22,500)**
- **Mormon Mountains Post-Fire Restoration (\$20,000)**
- **Assessing Impacts to Sage-Grouse from Anthropogenic Noise in Nevada (\$50,000)**
- **Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement (\$18,7850)**
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the account has a total funding of \$146,000. This comes from budget of \$366,000 minus the obligations and for expenditures of \$512,000 balance=\$146,000.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion to accept Item #9 G) Upland Game Stamp Request as presented.**
- **Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

H) Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #1, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2021-2022 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey season for 2021 and spring wild turkey season for 2022.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is basically the department has prepared recommendations to amend the existing regulations CR 20-12 and the department is reopening Hunt Unit 51 in Humboldt County for 2 day season for Sage Grouse and reducing season length in Units 154, 155, 143, and 154, 155 in Eureka and Lander County reducing season length in hunt unit seasons in Washoe County 011-015 and closing Hunt Unit 144, Hunt Unit 076, reducing season length in the following hunt unit 16 day season to instead a 9 day season extending from Sept 25, 2021 to October 3, 2021 Unit 062, 064, 065, 067, 071- 075, 077, 101-103 109 in Elko County, 162, 163 in Eureka County, 161, 162, 172, 173 in Lander County, 161-163, 172,173 closing hunts 104, 121 in Elko and White Pine 108, closing hunts 111, 113,131 in White Pine,

reducing the number of reservations available for Sheldon Sage Grouse hunt from 45 to 35 for both the two day seasons that is available to apply for He stated under wild turkey altering the Jr. Wild Turkey season to begin first Saturday in April 2022 and continues through the second Sunday in May 2022, discontinue the second Jr. Wild Turkey Hunt in Hunt Unit 115 White Pine and modify the first season to extend through the first Sunday in May. Next to increase quota for the Spring Limited Entry hunt for 2022 Hunt Unit 151, 152 in Lander County from 3 to 5, and increase quota Lincoln County limited hunt from 12 to 15, alter the season dates for Mason Valley Wildlife Management area spring limited entry hunt to begin one week later.

- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to accept Item #9 H) Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #1, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.

I) Commission Regulation 21-13 Amendment #1, 2021-2022 Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Migratory Game Birds (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Overton WMA dove application portion of the Commission Regulation to allow for application to be submitted electronically and for the draw to be conducted by the Department's licensing vendor, Kalkomey, for the 2021 season.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that this is about the drop process for the dove application in Overton where Kalkomey has taken over.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that is the only changes that Kalkomey has taken over rather than NDOW, everything is the same as it has been in previous year.
- Public Comments(None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion for Item #9 I) Commission regulation 21-13 Amendment #1, 2021-2022 seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Migratory Game Birds as presented.
- Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 6-0.

J) Commission Regulation 21-07 Amendment #1, 2022 Heritage Tag Vendors (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for 2022.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the organizations picked as vendors have done extremely well selling tags.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised conflict of interest due to he was applicant.**
- **Board member Dan Talaga advised that Item #9 J) Commission Regulation 21-07 Amendment**

#1, 2022 Heritage Tag Vendors as presented.

- **Motion passes 5-0.**

K) Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 (For Possible Action)
The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Board member Dan Gilbert advised motion to accept Item #9 K) Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 as written.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

X. Authorize the Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its June 25/26, 2021 meeting in Winnemucca, NV (For Possible Action)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will give today's recommendations to the Commission at their next meeting.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advises motion to authorize Chair to prepare and submit results from CAB meeting today as presented.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

XI. The next CCABMW board meeting is scheduled for August 3rd, 2021 (Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy LV, NV 89155). This meeting will be in support of the August 6/7, 2021 Commission meeting scheduled to be in Tonopah, Nevada.

XII. Adjournment.

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