



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
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Las Vegas, NV 89155
June 20, 2023 (5:30 PM)
MEETING MINUTES

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I. Call to Order-Roll call of Board Members determination of a quorum:

If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be canceled.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Paul Dixon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment- This is a period devoted to comments by the 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 CCABMW 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, address, and please spell your first and last name for the record. If any member of the CCABMW wishes to extend the length of the presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this matter is hereby closed.**

IV. Approval of Minutes for May 2, 2023, CCABMW Meeting (*For possible action*)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member Alexander Harper advised he was informed that there were some comments not included in the meeting minutes for action item (a) Commission Regulation 23-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that she was first told that her meeting minutes were too long by certain members of the public and the board. She advised that after the request when she shorten the meeting minutes and listed brief information with specific comments and included the advised motion and the vote tally, now it is not enough again. She advised going forward she will keep her previous format regardless of length to make sure to capture again as in previous meeting minutes, all information stated.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there will be adjustment again to previous format to make sure to include all information in the meeting minutes and work with the Secretary Darlene Kretunski to do so.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She asked the question to Chair Paul Dixon; would it state on the next agenda that there was a revision of the meeting minutes for May 2, 2023, to include these comments.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*) that he will table the meeting minutes for May 2, 2023, and await the revision for the board to give approval at the next CAB meeting on August 8, 2023, of these meeting minutes.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated okay that is great thank you.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that she was first told that her meeting minutes were too detailed and too long and they should shorten by certain members of the public and certain board members, they advised they did not have time to read all the information stated.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that her comments were well taken, and he stated that there were members of the public and the board that addressed to him that they felt the meeting minutes were too long, going forward he advised, if possible, use the shortest version but if not include all information and the board and the public can determine if this is adequate going forward.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski determined to continue to give the best meeting minutes possible she will continue to keep her previous format of capturing all information stated. She advised that there would need to be short breaks to start and restart the meeting not to exceed the allotted timeframe for Teams.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She advised for it to be stated on the record that she never made any comments pertaining about the length of the meeting minutes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was no comment made to advise that she did make any comments pertaining to the length of the meeting minutes, there were no specific names given to indicate this statement. He stated no names were given but there were some members of the public and the board who made comments about the length of the meeting minutes, and advised he will leave the matter there. He stated in the secretary Darlene Kretunski's attempt to honor this request there were some comments that were left out and she will revise the meeting minutes to put this information back into the meeting minutes.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to table the meeting minutes for May 2, 2023, until the next CAB meeting on August 8, 2023, for the meeting minutes for May 2, 2023, to be revised and the board to read this revision and to vote at the meeting on August 8, 2023.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

V. **Approval of the Agenda for June 20, 2023. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted. (For possible action).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to accept the Agenda for June 20, 2023, meeting as presented.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

VI. **CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (Informational)**

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).

- Chair Paul Dixon asked each CAB member if they had any items of discussion at this time with any correspondence sent or received.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert: (None)
- Board member Brian Patterson: (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson: He stated he would like to remind about the issue of the blood tracking dogs and agendize that meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) about a member of staff doing short presentation on their position on the blood tracking dogs.
- Board member Dave Talaga: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this matter is hereby closed.**

VII. **Recap of the May 5, 2023 & May 6, 2023, Commission meeting by Chair Paul Dixon: (Informational).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following:
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright*): She advised there was a increase in harvest limits with a reduction in the number of tags, 30 residents and 7 nonresidents; she stated for Hunt Units: 192, 194, 195, 196 there was increase from 6 tags to 10 tags and female from 3 to 5. She advised Hunt Units: 201, 202, 204, 206 increased in tags from 6 tags to 12 tags and the female went from 2 tags to 4 tags. She stated Hunt Units: 291, 203 went from 8 to 6, and the female went from 3 to 5, and stated resident was formally 45 went to 30 and the non-resident was raised to 7 so it will be 37 for potential donors harvested.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) for her input.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Commission Regulation 23-14, Big Game Quotas fro the 2023-2024 Seasons was accepted. He stated the Fiscay Year 2024 Pedation Mangement Plan; Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles under Certain Circumstances was approved as presented and he stated the Falconers were present at the meeting. He stated the Legislative Committee Report he stated the CAB had discussion on these bills and the gunsmen who are sportsmen with concerns set a record with over 75% vetos and he advised even if these bills made it out of Senate and Assembly, it was vetoed by the Governor once it reached his desk. He stated without going into specifics there were a large amount of bills that came out of the Senate and Assembly not making it past the governor's desk.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that Senate Bill 90, BDR (Bill Draft Request) 19-560; NRS 235 this bill did not make it out of the Assembly.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt the bill on wild horses' mustangs.

- Board member John Hiatt advised that this bill was requesting to destinate the mustang as the state horse.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Assembly Bill 355 BDR (Bill Draft Request) 937; NRS 202 Revises provisions relating to firearms (prohibits a person under 21 from using semiautomatic shotgun or rifle. He advised three people agreed with the age of 21 and usage of automatic rifle and assembly language until the addition of the shotgun to this language, then these same individuals and others said no to this. He stated next Senate Bill 269 BDR (Bill Draft Request 246; NRS 574 revises provisions related to wildlife. Prohibiting a person from restraining a dog during any time in which a heat advisory has been issued. He stated to my understanding this bill passed and asked (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) was that correct.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated this bill passed amending the hunting dogs out of the bill.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised seeing that we live in Southern Nevada, he gave example of having a individual break another person's car window to save a dog inside and stated that people should take care of your animals.
- Chair Paul Dixon continued giving recap of the highlights of the Commission meeting from May 5, 2023, and May 6, 2023, advising that both the Wildlife Heritage Grants Manual along with Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000 was approved. He stated he appreciated the information given by (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) as well.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

VIII. General Business/Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners June 23, 2023 & June 24, 2023, meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 or you may email Darlene Kretunski darlene.kretunski@clarkcountynv.gov. The final commission agenda & support at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/.

a. **Resident and Nonresident Landowner Wild Turkey Hunts (*For possible action*).**

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a resident and nonresident landowner wild turkey program, seasons, quotas, and success rates.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it was brought to his attention by individual hunters from out of state and from a few guides as well that there is currently Resident and Nonresident Landowner tags of private land in Mesa Valley.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated the area is primarily Paradise Valley.
- Chair Paul Dixon that it was brought to his attention that unlimited tags were given to the landowners in Paradise Valley as well as Mesa Valley therefore leading individuals off management areas onto private land therefore the hunting was stopped. He stated this year there was complaints issued that there were many hens and hardly any toms. He stated these landowners were selling the tags from the range of
- Board member John Hiatt stated \$300 to \$1,500 dollars with hardly any males to be found. He stated he discussed this issue with (*Shawn Espinosa, NDOW, Headquater Staff Game Division*)

Administrator, Game Management) and spoke with (*Kensen Lee, member of the public*) since he has lots of expertise on turkeys as well as speaking to guides and the out of state hunters. He stated after these discussions he feels that there is no protocol and procedure in place for turkeys on private land. He stated we place these turkeys on private land and there is no procedure or protocol in place like it would be for mule deer or elk. He stated these turkeys, there is predator fee that is paid as hunters therefore there should be policy on the handling of these turkeys. He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) to give reasonings of why these turkeys are placed on private lands.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated the process to translocate these turkeys is difficult therefore placing these turkeys onto private land is a method to introduce these turkeys into certain areas. He stated this is unique due to this being entire privatized counties where the turkeys are placed into these private holdings and expanded outside these grounds. He advised this is different scenario then the norm in which NDOW incentivized from the private sector.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he is not discussing this due to the input from guides, out of state hunters, etc, it is because when viewing the Small Game Release Plan it states the desire to place even more turkeys onto private lands therefore he advised his recommendation before the Commission at the next meeting will be prior to going forward of placing more turkeys on private land for their first introductions into certain areas there should be Commission policy in place to have knowledge and protocol of dealing with turkeys on private land. He stated he is okay with whatever is stated in this policy but please have a policy in place. He gave the example of what if there is no speed limit in Clark County but when going into Lincoln or Nye County, they have speed limit in place he advised this is the same equivalent. He stated there should be a policy in place whether you are taking these turkeys to public or private land. He stated (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) stated that when introducing these turkeys to BLM land or private land the process takes time thus the turkeys can be introduced much quicker when they are introduced onto private land. He stated the bottom line is once introduction is done to an area how is management done. He stated there is management for other species in other areas and it seems strange to him that this is not the case for the turkeys. He stated he asked a former NDOW Director on this, and the former NDOW Director advised he did not have knowledge that this was done therefore if the former NDOW Director does not have knowledge of this then clearly it makes one realize that this should be happening. He stated he discussed this with the (*Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia, NDOW*) and he had staff giving a presentation on how the process is done presently and he feels later the Commission will probably give direction doing something different. He stated as Chair he wants to see change on this process and gather public input tonight to give at the next Commission meeting in Ely about this.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She asked Chair Paul Dixon for clarification on where Paradise Valley is, and asked is it located next to Green Valley.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) he stated it is Washoe County up toward Winnemucca northwest of Denio, in that stretch. He stated when stating that there are unlimited turkey tags which means giving the landowner unlimited turkey tags per their request and the landowner then sells these tags whether having these animals available for harvesting. He stated this is simply not done for any other species in the state of Nevada especially ones that collection of predator fees is done for.
- Public Comments; (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated he is in agreeance with Chair Paul Dixon in the decision to regulate species which are very regulated species in the southern region and is difficult to obtain as is the black bear tag therefore regulations are needed for the turkeys. He stated there is tendency of these landowners to take advantage of the system in place that hunters are paying for through predator fees which he feels will be lining the pockets of these ranchers. He stated the fees are not intended for this therefore he is in agreeance of having some sort of policy in place for management of the turkey population and if not, then there is no management causing a

species to be lost without doing so from up north therefore leading to transporting of the turkeys from southern region back to the northern region and this makes no sense.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the hens to tom ratio is over 90% at this time in certain areas, therefore if there are that number of hens versus fewer toms in some cases the percentage is closer to 100, due to removal of all the toms hence by doing this, leading to unhealthy population.
- Public Comments: (*Kensen Lee, member of the public*): He stated Chair Paul Dixon spoke to him because of his passion for turkey hunting and stated he began to think on how the issues in Winnemucca does have impact on southern Nevada but after pondering on this he thought about the example of Lincoln County and when releasing the turkeys there they were placed on private properties in the late 90's early 2000's which was during his time on the CAB. He stated most of the turkeys were on private property and a youth hunt was held last year. He stated in Lincoln County it took some time, but the turkey population was established and finally a hunt took place going from small amount of five tags to unlimited number of tags over time. He stated after the unlimited number of tags were offered in Lincoln County the turkey population was wiped out and it was closed for five to six years before the hunts begin again. He stated he views the turkeys on private land and unlimited tags by landowners as the landowners are choosing the quotas and selling these tags for the amount that they can obtain for them therefore taking advantage of this population and once again wiping out the population again soon and this is not conservation. He stated in all years of him applying for turkey tags which is yearly since 1995, he has only been able to obtain three turkey tags in that timespan. He stated the resources in southern Nevada especially are limited. He stated he is opposing to continue this until a policy is in place on the amount of landowner tags can be issued by these landowners. He stated in past he has asked Chair Paul Dixon and (*Shawn Espinosa, NDOW, Headquarter Staff Game Division Administrator, Game Management*) in his previous job capacity about this and he never responded to him. He stated he asked for reports like reports on Big Game detailing number of applicants, unit supply, success rates of the successful tag owners, size of the birds, making this information public record. He stated after asking during those years he gave up asking and nothing was shown or told to him on his requests. He stated when Chair Paul Dixon attends the Commission meeting, he would encourage and has submitted a letter to Chair on his behalf and advised he did so because he was unsure if he would be in attendance of that meeting. He stated he would like to ask if this data could be shown before the spring turkey hunt. He stated that NDOW has this data, and he does not understand why they will not publish it. He would like to know how many individuals put in by unit, how many tags there are by unit, success rate, how many hunt days were there, the size of the turkey.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it is important to all who are attempting to conserve and manage wildlife by doing this evenly across the board. He stated yes there will be cuts in the hunter opportunity by doing this and by giving unlimited tags this creates a great amount of hunter opportunity therefore wiping out species in certain areas which is not healthy.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that state law is that all wildlife in the state of Nevada is property of the state therefore it makes no sense for the state to completely advocate for private property owners for management of this nor for financial profit coming from the wildlife. He stated he is in agreement of Chair Paul Dixon in a need for policy to be implemented for the landowners for wildlife on their land including turkeys.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion for a recommendation to NDOW and the Commission to halt all translocation and transporting of turkeys on private land in the state of Nevada until implementation of a policy and procedure in place on how the management of these turkeys.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked to add a friendly amendment to Chair Paul Dixon's motion to institute management of the turkey population prior to having any further transporting of the turkeys. He stated this needs to happen today to forgo any future releases of the turkeys.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert to basically stop unlimited tag releases.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised we must stop unlimited tags and releases and quotas.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that he is taking from his words that he thinks

we should stop the current process.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Chair Paul Dixon yes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion for a recommendation to NDOW and the Commission to halt all translocation and transporting of turkeys on private land in the state of Nevada and institute management of turkey population prior to having any further transporting of turkeys or releasing unlimited tags until implementation of a policy and procedure is in place on how there will be management of these turkeys.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

b. Fiscal Year 2024 County Advisory Board Budget Requests (*For possible action*)

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Fiscal Year 2024 County Advisory Board Budget Requests.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he is a member of the financial committee and each year the Clark County Advisory Board submits a budget requesting funds for the next year and request to see the cash balance left with the County which is called (balance on hand) and take the requested funds and subtract from the balance on hand. He stated Clark County's budget request is \$11,266.00 for FY 2024. He stated this amount was approved by the Committee in addition to this approval there was a sum of \$500 dollars added to a few counties that had a recorded cash balance plus the new budget request to make certain that these counties always have enough cash on hand and will not have to ask for additional funding. He advised this was his recommendation, and stated these counties received between \$500-\$800 dollars added in by NDOW and the initial request was submitted there was nothing in this section. He stated that this Committee can do this, and the Governor stated that the Committee could spend up to \$36,000 dollars basically submitting money into each county to make sure that each county has enough money to make it through the year and can transition into the next year successfully. He stated he is in the process of working with some of the other counties to do what is being done in Clark County and if one will go to Nye County or other counties, he is attempting to get all counties to do things the same. He stated he is attempting to introduce these counties into doing WebEx or Teams or something to receive some public participation and have members from such areas as Tonopah or Pahrump and have everyone in the same meeting. He stated as we work through the obstacles of doing this process of participation online thus allowing individuals who do not live in Clark County to participate and have the ability if they are traveling to still call in and attend online as he has done in the past.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is strange that Carson City has more cash on hand and received an additional \$500 on the budget request.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised most of the money is spent in travel (*airplane, train, rental car driving*) and the other Per Diem, hotel. He stated in Clark County, Washoe, these counties have recording secretaries, these counties are required to have recording secretaries therefore recording Secretary Darlene Kretunski is paid for her time as well as the recording secretary for Washoe County and this is the reasoning of why these counties budgets are much larger than the other counties.
- Public Comments: (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*): He stated when viewing the budget request for the 17 counties and he asks the question if these counties already much money have too given at the activity level due to when the time approaches for attendance at the Commission meeting, he stated it is luck to receive 6 out of the 17 counties to attend. He stated these CABs are required to be in attendance per NRS 501.303. He stated he does not have knowledge of when these counties meet, and these counties do not all attend as required by statute and the question is he stated why we are funding these counties if they are not being active and attending these meeting that they are required to do so. He stated in fact, we should be taking away this money if thes counties are not truly active in performing their duties in attending the Commission meeting and informing the public in the recommendations given at these meetings. He stated this is simply not being done on a regular basis.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*) he would recommend that when the

finance meeting takes place next year he should attend and stated this year there were no members of the public present. He advised that (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*) comments stated are well taken and this concerns him as well. He stated he would like (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*) to please attend next year's meeting and if he remembers he will send an invite directly to (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*). He stated he feels his input would be very valuable at next year's meeting.

- Public Comments: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated he would like to see as many counties as possible budget especially on the state level with the State Wildlife Commission, so that all of these meetings are broadcasted publicly to share on Teams. He advised that he lives in Logandale therefore to drive to this meeting is 1 ½ each way, but due to online ability if it is made accessible there will be more public participation leading to better public policy in the long run. He stated he would encourage for Chair Paul Dixon to push in that direction on his behalf.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 County Advisory Board Budget Requests as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

c. Heritage Project Extension Request, Funding Reallocation, Completion Reports

(For possible action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Heritage Project Extension Requests and Heritage Funding Reallocation.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised in some scenarios the money from previous years was not all spent. He stated they are looking to say if the funds were extended or approved from the projects and the money left over from this, they can choose to either leave the funds to complete the project or reallocate the funds to another project. He stated there is a (*Wildlife Heritage Committee Meeting on Friday June 23, 2023 @ 7 am; Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 W 6th Street, Ely, NV 89301*) to go through all expenditures and allocations and state if they feel that something should be different. He stated in the last Wildlife Heritage Committee Meeting (*May 4, 2023, at NDOW, 6980 Sierra Center Prkway, Reno, NV 89511*) there was approval of the Heritage Projects for the year 2024, this meeting will be reviewing for the previous year where there are unspent funds and decide whether the funds will be left to continue the project or reallocate the funds for another project.
- Board member John Hiatt stated he has no issue with the extension in this year or previous years and whether it has been a problem with some planning and so on. He stated he has questions about setting out thousands and thousands of container plants and aging them which is expensive and makes no sense.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member John Hiatt which Wildlife Heritage Proposal he was referring too.
- Board member John Hiatt stated in the Northern Mountains Corta Fire Habitat (**FYI-Heritage Proposal Number: H24-08; Project Number 841 FY24 Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Phase II \$60,000.00; Other Funding Sources: HCF 24 (\$35,000, UGBS (\$25,000).**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is an attempt to reestablish.
- Board member John Hiatt stated bitterbrush and sagebrush.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated there is attempt to get this area reestablished and going before allowance of animal species on this area.
- Board member John Hiatt asked Chair Paul Dixon if any type of caging on this area this would not make this labor intensive. He stated there is simply

- plastic shields around it.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if he knew what is done for caging if it is metal or plastic, wood.
 - Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he has seen both methods plastic and metal and he suspects that shrubs would suffice.
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he wanted to discuss that Cave Valley collaboration, and he was not able to find any details on this. He stated he is anti-Cave Valley funding advocate because they have massive amount of funding, and he is curious to learn of what changes were made on this.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised this is Heritage Proposal H 21-21
 - (*FYI Heritage Proposal Number H21-21, Awarded Amount \$50,000.00; Total Expenditures as of 6/2/2023 \$11,622.68; Balance: #38,377.32; Recommended action to address unspent balance: Project completed with pending charges*). **Project Manager: Lauren Williams; Organization/Agency: DCNR, Conservation Districts Program Type of Work Completed with Measurable Metrics (Associated Acreages, Linear Feet, Number of Animals, etc). This project started as a 478-acre pinyon and juniper removal project but was modified due to time restraints coupled with contractor availability issues. In total, 117.81 acres were treated between 2020 and 2023. Summary of the Project's Accomplishments and Wildlife Species that Will Benefit: Greater Sage-grouse will benefit from decreased predator perch points and increased water availability from PJ removal. Forage for GRSG as well as other wildlife is also expected to increase as existing understory recovers. This will also benefit deer and elk as they utilize Cave Valley year-round for forage and seasonal habit.**
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that by policy more can be spent than 75% in new funds and interest on Heritage Projects they can go into the reserve more than half if needed therefore if request is made on any given year these requests have been funded with maybe a little adjustment. He stated the focus is on one project, but they decrease budget on some other projects on the basis on the amount they are going to spend. He stated example if the request was for 100,000 the amount received will be for only \$84,600 due to that amount being the cost and stated there are minor adjustments done. He stated if there is area where Heritage work is needed and is not done for small game and duck stamp hunting then CAB should be getting together with local representatives and working with NDOW to submit Heritage requests for these things. He stated in Northern Nevada there are projects needed there and stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the CAB should get together with the local biologist to make sure to put in Heritage proposal. He stated when private landowners are doing measures to support wildlife at this point tend to receive a favorable ear.
 - Board member John Hiatt advised that one does not see contractors drilling through Russian thistle even putting in preemergent roadside leaving the potential to be stuck with no success and this which will affect other seeds thus wasting money and time with this process. He stated must get rid of the Russian thistle.
 - **FYI- Russian thistle, aka tumbleweed, scientific name is *Salsola tragus* aka *Salsola iberica*, *Salsola kali* and *Salsola australis*. It is invasive and depletes soil moisture, interferes with tillage operations, and serves as a shelter or food source for many insects, vertebrate pests,**

and crop diseases such as curly top, and can also threaten native plant ecosystems. It prefers sandy, saline soil which has resulted in a strong presence of this invasive species along stretches of sandy, semiarid regions.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that the morning doves love thistle.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the morning doves love other things a lot more.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that is true.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She advised that she had a follow up to board member John Hiatt's comment and would like to know what the most efficient method is to rid area of Russian thistle.
- Board member John Hiatt advised to (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*) that it depends on the amount of Russian thistle, soil type, by burning it, this will get rid of the biomass but may not kill all seeds, it can also be scarifying seeds. He stated what really should be done is to rid the area of it and let this area sit dormant for atleast a year then come out and herbicide it and then plant. He advised it is extremely difficult to deal with Russian thistle. He stated to her should ask the Department of Transportation, he stated they have been attempting to deal with Russian thistle for quite some time. He stated when driving up Highway 93 North from I-15 that herbicide is used on Russian thistle up to the area in which they had in the past graded.
- FYI- (scarification involves weakening, opening, or otherwise altering the coat of a seed to encourage germination. Scarification is done mechanically, thermally, and chemically. The seeds of many plant species are often impervious to water and gases thus preventing or delaying germination).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Heritage Project Extension Request Funding Reallocation, Completion Reports as presented.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

d. Wildlife Heritage Proposals Submitted for FY 2024 Funding (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about approving up to \$1,540,135.58 for Heritage projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Heritage committee.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised there is a total of 19 projects with a total amount of \$1,540,135.58 dollars in requests.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to board member Jacob Thompson that there was only one page on this action item for support material.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to both Vice Chair Dan Gilbert and Board member Jacob Thompson that he could locate this supporting document on the table behind tonight's agenda. He advised he still has the proposals from the previous CAB meeting on May 2, 2023. He advised some of the proposals that were submitted are **Wildlife Heritage Proposal**: (Heritage Project H24-01/ Project Number 863: ***FY24 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Restoration and Management***) which was submitted by Mike Cox and

has matching funds taken in the amount of \$186, 090.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-02/Project Number 856: *FY24 Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase*), Submitted by Mark Freese for \$150,000 with matching funds total of \$1,495,000.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-03/Project Number 849: *Parrado Partners Community Park and Ponds Land Acquistition*), submitted by Madi Stout requesting funds of \$100,000.00 with matching funds totaling \$485,000 dollars to create a park.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-04/Project Number 855: *Gilbert Creek Fencing and Habitat Restoration*) submitted by Katie Andrie for \$50,000.00 dollars with matching funds of \$250,000 dollars from Lander County.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-05/Project Number 840: *Walker Spring Habitat Restoration*) submitted by Moira Kolada for \$65,000.00 with matching funds of \$977, 445.00.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-06/Project Number 861: *FY24 Nevada Srping Protection Project*) submitted by Matt Maples for \$100,000 dollars, with matching funds of \$125,000.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Project** is (Heritage Project H24-07/Project Number 845: *Bald Mountain PJ Thinning*) submitted by Sarah Hale for \$100,000.00 with matching funds of \$163,465.00 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-08/Project Number 841: *FY24 Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Phase II*) submitted by Matt Glenn for \$60,000.00 dollars with matching funds of \$60,000.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-09/Project Number 831: *FY24 Wildcat Fire Mule Deer Migration Corridor Bitterbrush Planting*) submitted by Brittany Trimble for \$82,000 dollars with matching funds of \$35,000.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-10/Project Number 832: *FY 24 Lake Tahoe Fish Management Structure Phase I*) submitted by Sam Sedillo for \$80,000 dollars with matching funds of \$110,000 dollars).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-11/Project Number 862: *FY24 Nevada Water Developments*) submitted by Matt Maples for \$50,000.00 with matching funds of \$50,000 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-12/Project Number 848: *Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement*) submitted by Matt Glenn for \$31,000 dollars with matching funds for \$30,000 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-13/Project Number 842: *Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area Water Enhancements*) submitted by Adam Henroid for \$117,277.58 with matching funds of \$213,722.42 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-14/Project Number 843: *FY24 Izenhood Mountains Habitat Improvement*) submitted by Matt Glenn for \$64,000 dollars with matching funds of \$26,000 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (Heritage Project H24-15/Project Number 847: *FY 24 Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor*

Fence Modification) submitted by Travis Allen for \$70,000 dollars with matching funds of \$50,000 dollars.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (*Heritage Project H24-17/Project Number 851: Pole Canyon Fence*) submitted by Madi Stout for \$100,000 with matching funds for \$50,000.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (*Heritage Project H24-18/Project Number 853: Success Ward Habitat Improvements*) submitted by Moira Kolada for \$50,000 dollars with no matching funds.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (*Heritage Project H24-19/ Project Number 852: FY24 MA13 Mule Deer Collaring*) submitted by Josh Kirk for \$30,000 dollars with matching funds of \$15,000 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next **Wildlife Heritage Proposal** is (*Heritage Project H24-20/Project Number 839: FY24 Warmwater Fisheries Enhancement*) submitted by Brad Bauman for \$130,858.00 with matching funds of \$15,000 dollars.
- Board member John Hiatt asked about Pole Canyon.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt, that is (*Heritage Project H24-17/Project Number 851*).
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he thinks it is located where NDOW's new conservation easement is located.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he is heartwarmed when he sees hunters that step up and contribute to the Wildlife Heritage Proposals, when looking at the total of \$1,540,135.58 that is coming into the Wildlife Heritage Proposals it is clear where the money originated from. He stated when viewing the NGOs from the different organizations and their contributions it is amazing what the sportsmen are doing to improve the habitats in conservation with the long-term benefit. He stated this is just a humbling thought.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it is humbling thought, and it is real money therefore between PIW, Silverstate and Dream Tag and Heritage clearly shows lots of funds going into wildlife restoration and habitat restoration in the state of Nevada. He stated it is great to see habitat that has been taken over by climate, by and large fires.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert agreed with Chair Paul Dixon and stated even in the purpose of (**Wildlife Heritage Proposal** *Heritage Project H24-03/Project Number 849: Parrado Partners Community Park and Ponds Land Acquisition*)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised his moment in Bald Mountain, NV in the easement.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to Chair Paul Dixon that it was at that time to build their corridor.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated yes to build their corridor. He stated outside of Winnemucca there was a public pond built. He stated there was also a desire to have a public pond in Washoe and advised that Clark County has public ponds that they have upkeep and use as well. He stated to the CAB that there was an organization that raised funds for youths in which any youth who paid for a fishing license would receive their license for free.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated oh really to Chair Paul Dixon.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to both Vice Chair Dan Gilbert and Chair Paul Dixon that there were about three hundred kids.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that there were three hundred kids

from five different retirement units for the fishing license.

- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve Wildlife Heritage Proposals submitted for FY 2024 Funding.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

e. **Commission Regulation 23-10, Amendment #1, 2024 Heritage Tag Vendors (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2024.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is recommendation to have 13 Heritage tags.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised **Mule Deer**: Quota (2); Organization: WHIN (Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised **Pronghorn Antelope**: Quota (2); Organizations: NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited in Reno & Mule Deer Foundation).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised **Rocky Mountain Elk**: Quota (2); Organizations: Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited & NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited in Elko).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised **Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep**: Quota (2); Organizations: NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited Reno & Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised **Wild Turkey**: Quota (5); Organizations: WHIN (Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada & Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited & Pershing County Chukars Unlimited; SCI (Safari Club International Las Vegas & Muley Fanatic Foundaiton).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked Chair Paul Dixon if he stated that there were having foundation of Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that currently that bot of these organizations goes together this year and will again next year.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the current tags are always auctioned off stating sheep.
- Chair Paul Dixon reinterated that the tags are auctioned off as wild sheep.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Chair Paul Dixon yeah correct.
- Board member Alexander Harper asked Chair Paul Dixon for clarification on how this committee makes recommendations and decisions.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Alexander Harper that in previous years and added he is not presently on this committee but did so for 9 years. He explained the metrics on this: he advised many years ago and used the information from studying the total number of applicants and in many years the total number of applicants for a tag is equivalent to but not greater than the number of tags that they have. He stated we have greater than giving example: if there are four organizations attempting to obtain mule deer tags in which we only may have quota of 2 tags therefore he stated the following things are reviewed: looking at the size of the banquet and the timing of the banquet and we are reaching these banquets in order to maximizing in Heritage space to get the correct people who will get the right amount of money at these banquets. He stated this has been the method used in the past.
- Board Brian Patterson asked Chair Paul Dixon for clarification and asked if these groups

do not receive any funds after receiving the opportunity to auction off their banquet and receive some new members after their event as well. He stated the actual Heritage tag funds received is all going into the Heritage Wildlife and nothing from these funds will go to any of the organizations whose banquet it is.

- Board member Alexander Harper stated to board member Brian Patterson that he appreciated his clarification.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that people purchase these tags with the mindframe of less to receive the trophy and more in the aspect of giving money to the wildlife. He stated these tags are worth seventy thousand to half a million dollars therefore this is how the donation is made to the wildlife. He stated these funds lead to Heritage proposals. The banquet is a method of getting these people engaged and making sure that they are present at these banquet events and receive recognition. He stated Chris Finley has given close to two million dollars and does not ask for recognition.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised a motion to accept Commission Regulation 23-10 Amendment #1, 2024 Heritage Tag Vendors as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

f. **NDOW Small Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this is discussing about the release plan for the following small game: California quail, Chukar Partridge; Mountain Quail, Rio Grande Turkey, Merriam's Turkey, Gray (Hungarian) Partridge; Ruffed Grouse, American Beaver.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated the plan states California quail is TBD on Proposed Introductions/Proposed Augmentations & Chukar Partridge TBD on Proposed Introductions/Proposed Augmentations; the Mountain Quail has (1) Proposed Introductions/ zero Proposed Augmentations; the Rio Grande Turkey there is no information on the Proposed Introductions/ (7) Proposed Augmentations; The Merriam's Turkey has (2) Proposed Introductions; (1) Proposed Augmentations; the Gray Partridge has (1) Proposed Introductions/zero Proposed Augmentations; The Ruffed Grouse has (1) Proposed Introductions/ (1) Proposed Augmentations; American Beaver has no Proposed Introductions & TBD on Proposed Augmentations.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he feels we are speaking about turkey introduction into private lands. He stated that he asks that there is no Proposed Introductions/Proposed Augmentations on private land until a policy and procedure is put in place.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he agrees with Chair Paul Dixon's statement.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated that there is Merriam's Turkey there is (2) Proposed Introductions in which both Proposed Introductions is with a private landowner and (1) is in Mount Moriah in White Pine County. He advised that in short, he has no issue with the small game release plan but would prefer to not have Proposed Introductions onto private land.
- Board member John Hiatt stated he has question under **Wild Turkey (*Small Game Release Site Planning and Approval Summary*) Under Release Site: Deer Lodge, County: Lincoln; under Transplant Stock: it states the following (*Nuisance turkeys from Lincoln County or from southern Utah*)**. He stated he did not realize that there were nuisance turkeys from Lincoln County.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He advised to board member John Hiatt that there are only a few places in Area 24 where the landowners need nuisance turkeys are these turkeys are relocated. He stated there are only two locations in Utah in south Utah and drought conditions have stopped it from being much growth therefore there has been a large amount of transporation of the turkeys.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) what qualifies a nuisance turkey exactly.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised he was going to ask the same question.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if there was a NDOW definition of this.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated bird that is going everywhere, causing scat to be everywhere then NDOW receives these calls from the landowners who are quite upset.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated interesting.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if all the turkeys are Merriam turkeys in Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there are Rio Grande Turkeys and that Merriams Turkeys do better in higher elevation and the Rio Grande Turkeys do better in lower elevation, he stated finding indicate in the state of Nevada and Northern California these birds do not do well in these states. He stated the difference is in the tail feathers, Merriam Turkeys have off white tip and the Rio Grande Turkey have brown tips. He stated that (Kensen Lee, member of the public) showed him how to do the tail feathers.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion for approval of NDOW Small Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 except for the portion for Wild Turkeys with Proposed Introductions or Proposed Augmentations until there is a policy and procedure implemented for the management of turkeys on private land.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

g. Fiscal Year 2024 Duck Stamp Funding Requests (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about approving up to \$100,000 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this was a Progress Report on Duck Stamp Projects Funded in FY 2023.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements**) FYI- *The purpose of this project was to enhance forage and cover for waterfowl, shore birds, and upland birds on Nevada's Western Complex WMA's.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Western Complex WMA Water Control Repair**) FYI- *Project funds were used to replace five water control structures along with the necessary fittings and culvert piping. The existing structures had reached their useful life expectancy and no longer provided efficient water irrigation.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvements**) FYI- *This project was setup to purchase materials for replacement of the wildlife fence along with devices to measure Truckee-Carson Irrigation District water delivery flows.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project**) FYI- *Licking Ranch was purchased and established as the Argenta WMA in the spring of 2022. This property represents a significant biological resource for the State and local community. Due to incredibly dry conditions in 2022, coupled with record-breaking water levels in spring of 2023 at the Argenta WMA, many of the habitat improvement projects which were slated to be completed had to be put on hold because of lack of moisture or over abundance of water (flooding).*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support**) FYI- *NDOW donated \$35,000 to (DU) Ducks Unlimited during FY23 to help them implement the migratory bird projects that were developed because of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Estimated Balance at End of FY 2023 was \$247,750.06 and out of that amount \$100,000 would be going into the Proposed Duck Stamp Projects for State Fiscal Year 2024.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following are **Proposed Duck Stamp Projects for State Fiscal Year 2024**: *Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support 7 Carson Valley Conservation District - Carson Riverbank Stabilization & Fernley WMA Dam Repair and Wetland Habitat Design Plan & Mason Valley WMA Wildlife Seed.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he did not have request for funding from either Key Pittman, Kersch, Overton.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated not that he was aware of.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to accept Fiscal Year 2024 Duck Stamp Funding Requests as presented.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- *Discussion after the motion was passed: Board member John Hiatt stated that Nevada is a fence out state, meaning if the landowner does not want cows or animals on their property then they are responsible for fencing their property to prevent this from occurring. He stated the ranchers have no obligation whatsoever to control these animals, and advised it seems only fair that the ranchers contribute some amount financially for the WMA (Wildlife Management Areas) to control the cattle, for this not solely the responsibility of members of the public and hunters, wildlife individuals who keep the rancher's cows out.*
- *Chair Paul Dixon asked board member John Hiatt why he asked this question.*
- *Board member John Hiatt advised that the landowner's fence must be legal as prescribed in the Nevada statute.*
- *Chair Paul Dixon indicated that he would ask this question from board member John Hiatt and thanked him for that input.*

h. Fiscal Year 2024 Upland Game Bird Stamp Funding Requests (For possible action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about approving up to \$330,680 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this is Progress Report on Upland Game Bird Stamp Projects Funded in FY 2023.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated the projects are as follows: **Soil Herbicide Monitoring: FYI- These funds are intended to assess the effects of landscape-scale herbicide use on soil health by sampling soil before herbicide application, immediately after, and at various time intervals after application and to send to labs for herbicide residue analysis and soil biological analysis.**
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring: FYI- Project Accomplishment Summary; Since 2011, the USGS, along with the help of the Great Basin Bird Observatory (GBBO) has captured and marked 1,085 sage-grouse with very high frequency and Global Positioning System transmitters across nine subpopulations of the Bi-State DPS. As part of a broad long-term monitoring program, they used an integrated population model to estimate finite rate of population change of each subpopulation from 2008 to 2021, and demographic vital of each subpopulation through 2022.**
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Effects of Mineral Development on Greater Sage-grouse: FYI- Project Accomplishments: Cortez Range; Trapping in the Cortez Range centered around one late-summer high use area that could be impacted by future mining operations. For the initial capture effort, the goal was to deploy enough radio transmitters to meet minimum sample sizes for survival estimation. In future seasons, trapping can be spread to important locations so that samples are obtained at geographically pertinent locations. In spring seasons, leks will provide geographic locations to concentrate trapping efforts.**
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements: FYI- The purpose of**

this project was to enhance forage and cover for waterfowl, shore birds, and upland birds on Nevada's Western Complex WMA's.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Western Complex WMA Water Control Repair: FYI-** *Project funds were used to replace five water control structures along with the necessary fittings and culvert piping. The existing structures had reached their useful life expectancy and no longer provided efficient water irrigation.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Rangeland Restoration for Greater Sage-grouse: FYI-** *The purpose of this project is to complete an experimental rangeland restoration in partnership with Agricultural Research Service (ARS) on a private parcel in northern Washoe County. Using a Lawson soil aerator, the goal of this project is to knock down decadent sagebrush and establish a plant community of greater balance, to the benefit of Greater sage-grouse and other species.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Big Lake PJ Removal-Cleanup: FYI-** *The purpose of this project is to complete a final clean-up of a previously completed pinyon-juniper removal project in the Pine Nuts. During the previous project, there was a mismatch between maps, which led to the contractor not clearing a small acreage. This is a project in partnership between NDOW and Smith Valley Conservation District.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Overton WMA Food Plots: FYI-** *A total \$8,819.60 was spent from the Upland Game Bird Stamp funds, \$4,609.60 was used to purchase seed and \$4,210.00 was used to purchase herbicides. Herbicides were applied to areas prior to being planted where needed to remove noxious/evasive weeds and undesired vegetation.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project: FYI-** *Licking Ranch was purchased and established as the Argenta WMA in the spring of 2022. This property represents a significant biological resource for the State and local community. Due to incredibly dry conditions in 2022, coupled with recorded-breaking water levels in spring of 2023 at the Argenta WMA, many of the habitat improvement projects which were slated to be completed had to be put on hold because of lack of moisture or over abundance of water (flooding). Most of the ranch remains flooded. As soon as flooding subsides, NDOW plans to complete the delayed projects including irrigation control structure installation, seeding of desirable species for game birds and other wildlife and installation of solar controlled well pumps.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring: FYI-** **Rio Grande Turkey Augmentation- Walker River Recreation Area-** *In December 2022, a trapping operation was initiated at the Bar O Ranch in Pilot Valley in Hunt Unit 091 along the west side of Pilot Mountain near the Utah border to alleviate high use on private lands. Volunteers were used to bait turkeys and over the course of three days, 40 birds were trapped using a combination of walk-in traps and a drop net. Following disease testing protocols, 20 birds were released the same day at the Walker River State Recreation Area to augment birds released at the State Park in 2022 (the other 20 birds went to the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area). The 2022 effort to establish birds here consisted of two releases totaling 25 turkeys. FYI- **Rio Grande Turkey Augmentation- Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area-** *In December 2022, a trapping operation was initiated at the Bar O Ranch in Pilot Valley in Hunt Unit 091 along the west side of Pilot Mountain near the Utah border to alleviate high use on private lands. Volunteers were used to bait turkeys and over the course of three days, 40 birds were trapped using a combination of walk-in traps and a drop net. The first 20 birds captured were disease tested and quarantined at a holding facility on the Mason Valley WMA where they were released on site after disease results were negative for various diseases. This release was intended to augment the existing population on the Mason Valley WMA. FYI- **California Quail Augmentation and Establishment-** *During the winter of 2022/2023, NDOW placed an emphasis on capturing California quail in more urbanized setting around the Reno, Sparks, Carson City and Dayton areas for translocation to more wildlife settings. Over the course of two months, 223 California quail were captured and translocated to various portions of north-central and central Nevada. Thirty birds were tested for coccidia, Mycoplasma gallisepticum, Mycoplasma synoviae, Salmonella pullorum and Avian influenza. All birds tested negative for these diseases except for coccidia, which is common and can be managed with medicated feed or water, which was providing during holding. FYI- **Argenta Wildlife Management Area Augmentation-** *On February 8, 2023, 68 California quail were retrieved by****

Sarah Hale from the NDOW Valley Road holding facility that had been trapped in Virginia City. Birds tested negative for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza prior to translocation. Of the 68 quail retrieved, 67 were released alive on February 9, 2023, at the Argenta Wildlife. The quail were released from the transportation crate directly adjacent to the creek. The birds immediately ran and flew short distances into the thick cover. The plentiful food and water in the area should allow the birds to quickly acclimate to their new surroundings. All birds appeared to be in very good conditions upon release. FYI- Kingston Creek, Lander County Augmentation- Kingston Creek located on the eastern slope of the Toiyabe Range provides good quality habitat for California quail. The release complement totaled 54 quail and was comprised of 26 males and 28 females. The quail were released into thick stands of Russian olives and buffalo berry and willow that lined the drainage. Upon release significant green-ups of forbs and grasses were observed along the creek as well as on the uplands surrounding the release site. Large continuous stands of sagebrush and willow cover will provide important escape and thermal cover for the quail. Russian olives will provide the quail with adequate olive crops for the winter months.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring- FYI- Lek Count** Technician was hired in early March to survey leks in the Eastern Region based out of Elko, NV. Snowpack and muddy roads limited access across much of the region. The Eastern Region technician was able to conduct 30 lek surveys in Elko County. Of those 14 leks were active across three PMU's: Tuscarora, South Fork, and East Valley. Many days were spent checking access to lek sites for biologists throughout the region. In addition to sage-grouse lek surveys, a week was spent counting and searching for Columbian sharp-tailed grouse leks in north-western Elko County.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Key Pittman Wildlife Food Plots- FYI-** A total of \$6393 was expanded from Upland Stamp funds on seed. Approximately 60 acres were planted in October with winter wheat, fall cereal-rye, barley, alfalfa, Austrian winter pea and hairy vetch as a winter cover crop and to enhance hunter success on the Key Pittman WMA. An additional were planted in March with intermediate wheat grass, sand dropseed and sandberg bluegrass to enhance desirable vegetation in areas where the removal of noxious weeds left areas lightly vegetated or in areas where improved vegetation cover and variety is needed. Approximately 70 acres were over seeded in March with Spring wheat, oats, Ladak, Alfalfa, Rocky Mountain bee plant, sorghum, and native annual sunflower. The cereal grains planted in the fall are tall and robust and nearing maturity, the spring crops are growing and filling in nicely.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Corners for Quail- FYI-** the purpose of this project is to make funding available for various Corners for Quail projects throughout the state. The Corners for Quail Program was developed by NDOW several years ago, with the purpose of working with producers in Nevada to increase habitat for upland game birds in agricultural settings. Previously, flood irrigation was primarily used by producers when growing crops. Flood irrigation generally results in full use of fields and the development of woody vegetation along field borders, which provided good habitat for upland game birds. Over the past several decades, agricultural producers have largely transitioned to the use of pivots for watering crops. Pivots are effective watering mechanisms that keep water on the crops and only the crops-these have resulted in an elimination of that field border habitat, which is now replaced by barren pivot corners. Under the Corners for Quail Program, NDOW Habitat Biologists work with producers to grow habitat for upland game birds on these corners. Under this program, NDOW provides technical expertise and seed while producers provide the labor of prepping sites and seeding them. Partnerships with producers are currently being developed with seeding projects expected for fall 2023. After seedings, NDOW biologists and the producers work together to monitor the seeding success and evaluate for future action.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Corta Fire Habitat Improvement- FYI-** Progress is being made on the Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Project and all treatments remain on schedule. The logistics of seeding planting can be complicated and the plants themselves take approximately one-year to grow out. As such, the manager of projects like this must secure funding, deliver seed to the nursery that fall, wait one year for the plants to grow out, then contract the planting nearly a year and a half to two years from the time funding the secured. At present, seed has been delivered to

the Lucky Peak Nursery in Idaho where approximately 50,000 antelope bitterbrush, seedlings will grow out and ready for pick up/planting this fall. However, because the window for planting is incredibly variable and critical to seedling to success, the actual planting may not be implemented until the spring of 2024.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement- FYI-** *Materials for the project have been purchased, however implementation is currently on hold until the Forest Service completes their SHPO consultation which was unexpectedly delayed. We anticipate this being completed by summer 2023 at which time we plan to complete fencing and other activities to protect springs within the Butler Basin complex.*
- Chair Paul Dixon indicated that the amount for the budget request totals \$330,680.00 and the estimated balance at end of FY 2023 totals \$100,267.83.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Proposed Upland Game Bird Stamp Projects for State Fiscal Year 2024 are as follows: **(Corta Fire Habitat Improvement North (Phase 1) FYI-** *Project ID: (802); Project Manager: (Matt Glenn); Requested from UGBS Account: (\$17,250); Other Funding Sources only quantified in-kind contributions included): HCF \$17,250 & Other NDOW \$35,000.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Corta Fire Habitat Improvement South (Phase 2) FYI-** *Project ID (841); Project Manager: (Matt Glenn); Requested from UGBS Account: (\$25,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included): HCF \$35,000 & Heritage \$60,000.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification) FYI-** *Project ID: (847); Project Manager: (Travis Allen); Requested from UGBS Account (\$25,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) \$70,000 Heritage & \$25,000 HCF.*
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he does not know where this area is, and the name is great.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement) FYI-** *Project ID (848); Project Manager: (Matt Glenn); Requested from UGBS Account (\$15,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) \$31,000 Heritage & \$15,000 HCF.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Argenta Wildlife Management Area Improvement) FYI-** *Project ID (858); Project Manager (Jeremy Lutz); Requested from UGBS Account (\$35,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) \$35,000 HCF & \$30,000 USFWS.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control) FYI-** *Project ID (868); Project Manager (Adam Henriod); Requested from UGBS Account \$4,500); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) \$48,000 SNPLMA & HCF \$5,000 & USFWS \$12,000. Chair Paul Dixon advised this would be Key Pittman and Overton.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Greater Sage Grouse Monitoring) FYI-** *Project ID (888); Project Manager (Shawn Espinosa); Requested from UGBS Account (\$46,330); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included): USFS \$175,245.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Bi-State Sage Grouse Coordinator) FYI-** *Project ID (889); Project Manager (Shawn Espinosa); Requested from UGBS Account (\$10,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) BLM \$10,000 & IWJV \$42,775 & USFS \$10,000.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **(Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring) FYI-** *Project ID (891); Project Manager (Shawn Espinosa); Requested from UGBS Account (\$30,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) FWS \$90,000.*
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that this is located directly by Toe Jam Creek.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Jacob Thompson to repeat his comment again.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised it is located directly by Toe Jam Creek of course. He stated he is continuing to zoom in and out on the map for this area and nothing.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised this is Area 6.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that this area is called Mason and Smith Valley Conservation Districts. He stated he likes the fact of the overage and the progress report to display funds from previous year, which he stated this had not been done previously and still giving updates on new projects and what the status is on these projects. He stated that he has never heard of Toe Jam before.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated draw a straight line between Elko and Paradise Valley

somewhere in the middle.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Jacob Thompson is this located north or south of 80 then.
- Board members Brian Patterson and Jacob Thompson both agreed on the location of north.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised is it, Lovelock.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised the location will be Independence Range. He asked board member Jacob Thompson what the range is west of Independence Range.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated by Tuscarora Range
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised it is located Independence Range on the western side of Tuscarora.
- Board member John Hiatt stated regarding the project pertaining to Soil Herbicide Monitoring stating this information should have been available as part of the federal registration for the pesticide and stated is expensive studies on this, and it should be registered with the federal government on the herbicide, and he stated why are we reinventing the wheel. He asked the question is the soil in Nevada indeed different.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if he knew the answer to board member John Hiatts question on herbicide.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he is not going to pretend to know the answer to this question.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) on the Greater Sage-Grouse Monitoring and habitat, he asked how close in the state of Nevada to getting sage-grouse listed in his viewpoint.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated the last time when having this discussion, he stated it was warranted but precluded with current declines seen in previous years it must be the thought process of supply and not just a Nevada century stated it will be extremely hard justification if this matter arises again.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): but with drought and fire issues.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated and the mineral development.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the mineral development is happening in all key habitat areas and wind and solar.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated yes, the death of 1,000 units.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he is bringing this up because he would like the CAB to think about this going forward due to dramatically changing hunting in this state.
- Board member John Hiatt advised to Chair Paul Dixon that it will change more than that.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated it will change everything.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that it changes ranching.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it will change from ranching and if the Greater Sage-Grouse become listed it will forever change the method in which things are done in a lot of areas.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he does not have a crystal ball to predict things, but the trend is not great.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if this was for the subspecies that they are attempting to identify.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated the bi-state on the California border and Tonopah area clearing north, and he advised he would be really surprised if the Greater Sage-Grouse does not become listed.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if NDOW has seen any decline in population of anything other than ungulates or bird species during the drought; disproportionately.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that he guesses that depends on the location of where you are. He stated some

areas where hit harder than others and regarding thinking about proportionally maybe with numbers yes, but ultimately you are talking about different strategies such as life history strategies there.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated that one must realize that the state of Nevada has the greatest raven population that this state has ever had therefore Greater Sage-Grouse are easy target for these smart predators.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that forging would be more difficult and advised that he does not feel that these issues are man made causes but in the last few years have been perfect storm for difficult life for most of the industry.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Greater Sage Grouse like mule deer are very ditch-oriented animals. He stated whereas a white tail can adapt to things, and turkeys can adapt as well but Greater Sage Grouse and mule deer tend to be specific to their environment that they thrive in therefore these environments are impacted.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated these species are very strong site fidelity style of mule deer. He stated it doesn't take much to affect attendance among other things even habitat and nesting and just a combination of issues from even noise monitoring around geothermal plants and different things. He stated these effects have been astounding for lack of disappearance and the effects that it has on the entire segments of the population.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated in this state with a lot of lithium besides gold there is lithium which is the big thing is that we are mining the crap out of this state.
- Board member John Hiatt stated tht we are not dling much mining yet, its more exploring. He stated between the years 2008 to 2021 there was a 5 percent annual decrease relation that is a downward curve.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated this is expediential.
- Board member John Hiatt stated which indicates that this is leading to large problems.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that the same could be said about the mule deer and elk population experiencing drought conditions which were persistent and go back to the year 2008.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the difference between sage grouse and antelope or mule deer, is that both do well next to agricultural and alfalfa fields. He stated sage grouse does not work that way.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he sees the mule deer quite often in the alfalfa fields.
- Board member John Hiatt stated but there are not huge concentrations of sage grouse in agricultural barriers as far as his experience goes.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt that he had a difference experience for sure. He stated he is saying that the view is on one single portion and on one species or are we looking at all species and how the effects of that persistent drought effected all species.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He advised this can be seen in all management strategies that NDOW does with all species, and stated luckily NDOW is resilient and generalized and when there are no replacement levels to equal what is dying then you will see a decline. He stated each time sage grouse is collected in its natural state of wing data the growth rate is below its placement.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised the hope for hugh cluthes this year.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated there was a discussion about possibly some sage grouse species or subspecies being listed as endangered.
- Chair Paaul Dixon advised yes.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She asked the question of why Nevada is allowing any hunting of species if it is going to be listed as endangered. She asked the question if we do not allow these species to be hunted would that not allow these species not to be on the endangered list if they were just allowed to hunt a few.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that hunter data is hard to collect any other way therefore it is better to monitor the population growth, and this declines the other issues to change what they are doing to

the management practices simply by having hunting and states that outlaw hunting are now struggling much more than we are attempting to manage their sage grouse populations.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that is one spectrum of the equation. He stated other things that are factored are attendance, and the trend and the trend before the emails due to high site fidelity. He stated when we have the discussion on that section of the agenda, that a large number of areas have been closed to Huntington, and we do not need the populations being sustainable, and the areas are open and attendance has been great and proves that the level of harvest is relatively low. He stated that the data helps with managing the species. He stated he would not state that NDOW is irresponsible by the areas that they have open because there will be level of mortality of the sage grouse. He stated the mortality from under harvest is very additive and stated one could get the jist.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Mineral Development Effects on Greater Sage Grouse**) FYI- *Project ID (892); Project Manager (Shawn Espinosa); Requested from UGBS Account (\$30,000); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) IDF \$30,000 & FWS \$180,000.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Mason & Smith Valley Conservation Districts Walker River Region Noxious Weed and PJ Restoration Treatments**) FYI- *Project ID (895); Project Manager (Tori Cernoch); Requested from UGBS Account (\$20,000) Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) HCF \$20,000.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring**) FYI- *Project ID (896); Project Manager (Matt Jeffress); Requested from UGBS Account (\$62,600); Other Funding Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) N/A.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated (**Mosquito Valley Range Improvements**) FYI- *Project ID (900); Project Manager (Katie Andrie) Requested from UGBS Account (\$10,000) Other Fundings Sources (only quantified in-kind contributions included) HCF \$15,000 & FWS (\$70,000).*
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Upland Game Bird Stamp Funding Requests as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

i. **Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, Small Game Season Changes for the 2023-2024 season (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider and adopt changes to seasons, bag limits and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, and furbearers. This amendment modifies Greater sage-grouse open and closed hunt units, adds hunt units for wild turkey and modifies quotas for wild turkey. This amendment also proposes changes to bobcat pelt sealing dates.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated last year there were two amendments but this year the amendments only deal with Sage grouse, turkey, bobcat counseling dates.
- FYI- Greater Sage-grouse the proposed changes are summarized as follows: (Reopen hunt unit 075 in Elko County, Re-open hunt unit 101-102 in Elko County, Re-open hunt units 172 and 173 in Nye and Lander County, close hunt units 161 and 162 in Nye, Eureka and Lander County; Re-open hunt unit 015 in Washoe County.
- FYI- Wild Turkey- the proposed changes for the 2024 spring turkey season are summarized below: decreasing junior tag quota for Mason Valley WMA from 3 to 2; removing hunt unit 103 from the junior tag hunt unit group that includes 102 and 065. Reducing the junior tag quota for Lincoln County from 5 to 4, developing a hunt for unit 091 of Elko County with a proposed quota of 2, developing a hunt for units 103 and 108 of Elko and White Pine County with a proposed quota of 4,

separating the Lincoln County hunt into two hunt areas including hunt unit 231 of Lincoln County with proposed quota of 4 and hunt units 241 and 242 with a proposed quota of 10, reducing the tag quota for the Mason Valley WMA from 3 to 2 for each hunt period and eliminating the non-resident tag, reducing the tag quota for Moapa Valley from 4 to 3 for each hunt period.

- FYI- Bobcat Pelt Sealing Dates: a few modifications were necessary for available bobcat pelt sealing dates during the winter months of early 2024 these changes are as follows: change the January sealing date in Ely from the 18th to the 17th and conduct the sealing and facilities there are more accommodating for pelt sealing than the Ely NDOI office, eliminate the Eureka pelt sealing date as this is no longer a manned station, alter the time frame for the January 17th and February 28th Las Vegas pelt sealing dates from 8 am to 5 pm to 8 am to noon, alter the February 7th pelt sealing date in Tonopah from 8 am to 5 pm to 1 pm to noon.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, Small Game Season Changes for the 2023-2024 season as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

IX. Authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at the June 23, 2023 & June 24, 2023, meeting (*For possible action*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to give authority to prepare and submit tonight's recommendations from The CAB on the action report which will be submitted tomorrow for approval and thereafter be used for submission at the next Wildlife Commission meeting on June 23, 2023 & June 24, 2023.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

X. *Comments by the General Public- A period devoted to comments by the public about matter relevant to the CCABMW's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken on this matter not listed on the posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the CCABMW wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.*

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated that the next Commission meeting which will be held in Ely and will not have zoom access, she asked if Chair Paul Dixon could bring this up at the meeting and ask if they could work on this for the next meeting in August which will be held in Fallon, NV.
- FYI- *Commission Meeting (6/23/2023 & 6/24/2023) Location: Bristlecone Convention Center 150 W 6th Street, Rly, NV 89031.*
- FYI- *Commission Meeting on (8/11/2023 & 8/12/2023) Location: Churchill Administrative Complex, Commission Chambers, 155 N Taylor St, Suite 145, Fallon, NV 89406.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) that previously there

was live stream in place.

- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She advised at this time nothing is being utilized.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated oh, nothing is being done. He stated he would ask due to the travel time for both locations being 4 to 5 hours.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*); She asked if Chair Paul Dixon could make sure that something is in place for Fallon, NV Commission meeting and stated it is too late for the Ely Commission meeting. She stated that if they could at the Fallon location check the situation to make sure that there are no surprises, and everything could work without any issues.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the County Commissioners chambers will be used at the courthouse and stated that this venue should have the capabilities for zoom but unfortunately it does not. He stated this is great point and he realizes that (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*) has previously stated this same argument.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised today after COVID, then everyone should have access, if everyone has a cell phone then one can get a connection and can listen at least, even if they cannot visually see the meeting they can listen.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*): She stated she agrees with Chair Paul Dixon and stated that not having access is the problem. She stated this is a public agency which should allow public access and it is not. She stated the reasoning to hold these meeting in rural areas is to give the rural locals the ability to attend. She stated she would like to see some statistics of how many rural locals attend these Commission meetings being held in Ely, and all points in between.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he could advise that after serving as Chair for 15 years he has knowledge that the greatest attendance occurs in Clark and Washoe counties.
- Public CommentsL (*Stepanie Myers, member of the public*) she stated that is where the meetings should be held then.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised there is a different makeup, when the meetings are held in areas such as Elko and Ely, but the attendance will not be the same as Clark and Washoe. He stated he use to move to different counties to do the CCABMW meetings, but he stopped for the reasoning of the amount of attendance not being as large as Clark and Washoe counties. He stated that he has video as a fallback, and it gives individuals the ability to attend.
- Public Comments: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated that the idea of not having meetings in these areas due to smaller attendance is incorrect and the fix is to give more access to these areas and it does not matter where you have these meetings because the individuals will be able to have access regardless. He stated the rural individuals need to know that the Commission cares about their opinion and them as well. He stated he feels we should not have the meetings in Vegas or Reno due to the amount of wildlife in these areas is small are a small portion of the wildlife here in the state of Nevada. He stated the wildlife is in areas such as Elko, Winnemucca, Eureka, this is where the wildlife will be, and we need to be focused and as a Commission there needs to be attendance in these areas to see firsthand the issues of the wildlife in these areas. He stated he gives kudos to the Chair for his constant push for moderationization of these boards and praise Chair Paul Dixon for his continued help and hard work.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he attempt while in Ely, Nevada to have wi-fi

connection and be given the wifi password. He stated he will get the assistance from his wife to see when facing timing him what challenges they will have to make sure there is not problem. He stated if people have a phone, they should have the ability to set up and obtain access using methods of WebEx, Teams, Goggle Meet). He stated if he gets to the meeting, and he can successfully connect with his wilfe then it can be set up successfully. He stated at the Commission meeting the information given is nowhere near what the CCABMW meetings has or what NDOW gives the CAB as supporting materials. He stated if the Commission meeting will be making a public meeting then it should be just that.

- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this topic is hereby closed.**

XI. The next CCABMW board meeting will be scheduled for August 8, 2023, in the Clark County Government Center (*Pueblo Room*) Address: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.

XII. Adjournment.

(POSTING) The agenda for this meeting was legally noticed and posted at the following locations:

- Nevada Department of Wildlife: 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, NV89120
- Clark County Government Center: 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV89108
- City of Henderson: Henderson City Clerk: 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV89015
- Laughlin Regional Government Center: 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV89028
- Moapa Valley Community Center: 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, NV89040
- Mesquite City Hall: 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027
- Boulder City: Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV89005

ONLINE:

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/environment_and_sustainability/ccabmw_meeting_11-11-2020.php