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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: June 17, 2025

DATE: May 29, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Alexandra Wilson, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, 775-386-7420, alwilson@washoecounty.gov

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint, per NRS 501.260, one candidate to the Public Seat on the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), with a term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028. Candidates include: Thuy Carpenter, Luke Elliott, Brian E. Erbis, Kaylie Hardy, Jesse Huntsman, Julie Karabelas, Brandon Karatyz, Wayne M. Lund, Kristie Marchese, Rob Pierce, Daniel C. Scinto, Frederick Shafer, Shea Sliter, Caron L. Tayloe, and Brian Ward. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

On June 30, 2025, the term for the Public Seat held by Jim Rhea will expire. Mr. Rhea has informed staff that he does not wish to be reappointed; therefore, staff actively recruited for the vacancy.

The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW) current roster includes:

- Coby Rowe (Chair) – Wildlife Sportsman
- Ryan Browne (Vice-Chair) – Wildlife Sportsman
- Steve Robinson – Wildlife Sportsman
- Vacant – Public Seat
- Matt Melarkey – Wildlife Sportsman

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 27, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Steve Robinson and Ryan Browne to the Wildlife Sportsman seats, with terms beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

On August 27, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Matt Melarkey and Coby Rowe to the Wildlife Sportsman seats, with terms beginning August 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 2027.

On June 28, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Steve Robinson and Jim Rhea to their existing positions and appointed Ryan Browne to a Wildlife Sportsman seat, with terms beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On August 17, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Matt Melarkey and Coby Rowe to Wildlife Sportsman seats, with terms beginning August 17, 2021, and expiring August 1, 2024.
On October 8, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Jim Rhea to fill the general public vacancy and reappointed Steven Robinson and Arnold Pitts to the Wildlife Sportsman seats, with terms effective October 9, 2019, through June 30, 2022.

On August 23, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Miles Humphreys Jr., Catherine Smith, and William Tamblyn, with terms ending on June 30, 2019.

On June 23, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Michelle Spencer and Sean Shea with terms ending on July 1, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Per NRS 501.265 and 501.270, individuals appointed must be citizens of Nevada and bona fide residents of the county from which they are appointed and be hunters, trappers or anglers or engaged in ranching or farming in the county. Members are appointed upon recommendation of the organized sportsmen and residents of Washoe County advising of the recruitment through the Washoe County website and related press release.

Effective July 1, 2013, per AB168 passed by the Legislature, membership of each county advisory board to manage wildlife to include one qualified member who represents the interest of the general public.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for appointments to the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. As per NRS 501.285, members of the board shall serve without salary or compensation.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with this recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve, per NRS 501.260, the appointment of [selected candidate] to the Public Seat on the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), with a term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028."*