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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

**DATE:** May 12, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to reappoint, per NRS 501.260, Steve Robinson and Ryan Browne to the Wildlife Sportsman positions, defined as individuals who are hunters, trappers, anglers, or are engaged in ranching or farming in the county, to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), with terms beginning June 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

On June 30, 2025, the terms for the two Wildlife Sportsman seats held by Steve Robinson and Ryan Browne will expire. There are no term limits for these seats. Both board members have notified staff of their interest in being reappointed.

In addition, the Public Seat held by Jim Rhea will also expire on June 30, 2025. Mr. Rhea has informed staff that he does not wish to be reappointed; therefore, staff is currently recruiting for that upcoming vacancy.

If reappointed, the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW) would consist of the following members:

- 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 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. They must also be hunters, trappers, anglers, or engaged in ranching or farming in the county. Members are appointed upon the recommendation of organized sportsmen and residents of Washoe County, with recruitment promoted through the Washoe County website and related press releases.

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County. Per NRS 501.285, members of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife 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 reappoint, per NRS 501.260, Steve Robinson and Ryan Browne to the Wildlife Sportsman positions, defined as individuals who are hunters, trappers, anglers, or are engaged in ranching or farming in the county, to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), with terms beginning June 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.”*