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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 27, 2024

DATE: August 13, 2024

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 reappoint, per NRS 501.260, Matt Melarkey and Coby Rowe to the Wildlife Sportsman positions which are defined as individuals that are hunters, trappers or anglers, or engaged in ranching or farming in the county, to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), with all terms beginning August 1, 2024 and ending on August 1, 2027. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

On August 1, 2024 the two Wildlife Sportsman seat held by Matt Melarkey and Coby Rowe expired. Both board members have notified staff that they are interested in being reappointed. The listing of members, if reappointed, for the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW) is as follows:

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 28, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Jim Rhea to the public seat, reappointed Steve Robinson to the Wildlife Sportsman seat, and appointed Ryan Browne to the Wildlife Sportsman seat, will all terms effective June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

On August 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Matt Melarkey and Coby Rowe to the Wildlife Sportsman seats, with terms effective August 17, 2021 through August 1, 2024.

On October 8, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Jim Rhea to fill the vacancy for the general public and reappoint Steven Robinson and Arnold Pitts to the wildlife seat(s), with a term 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 for terms to expire on June 30, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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 reappoint, per NRS 501.260, Matt Melarkey and Coby Rowe to the Wildlife Sportsman positions which are defined as individuals that are hunters, trappers or anglers, or engaged in ranching or farming in the county, to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), with all terms beginning August 1, 2024 and ending on August 1, 2027.”*