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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 8, 2025

DATE: June 26, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action under the Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedures Section 6.7, as requested by Commissioner Michael Clark at the June 24, 2025 Board meeting to reconsider the Board vote on June 17, 2025 for the appointment to the Public Seat of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW). (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is for the Board to determine under their Rules of Procedures if they will re-consider the decision made by the Board on June 17, 2025 for the appointment of Caron Tayloe to the Public Seat on the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW).

Pursuant to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedure (Section 6.7), Commissioner Clark has formally requested that the Board reopen and reconsider the June 17, 2025 vote due to concerns regarding the application process.

The Board will not take any action on the appointment item at this meeting. If the Board approves a motion to reconsider, a separate item properly noticed will be considered by the Board at a future properly noticed meeting. If the Board does not approve a motion to reconsider the item will not be heard in the future.

It is important to note that under the Rules of Procedure, if the Board approves the motion to reconsider, the exact same item from the June 17, 2025 meeting will be presented to the Board for action, there is no procedure to solicit additional applicants unless the Board finds no suitable candidate among the existing applicants at a potential future reconsideration.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

- Caron Tayloe – Public Seat
- Matt Melarkey – Wildlife Sportsman

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 17, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners voted to appoint Caron L. Tayloe to the Public Seat on the WCABMW, with a term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

On May 27, 2025, the Board reappointed Steve Robinson and Ryan Browne to Wildlife Sportsman seats.

Various other appointment actions related to the WCABMW have occurred as outlined in the staff report dated June 17, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Michael Clark, who voted on the prevailing side of the motion, has requested reconsideration of the appointment in accordance with Section 6.7 of the BCC Rules of Procedure.

The rules permit reconsideration of an item at either the same meeting or the next regularly scheduled meeting, if the request is made by a commissioner on the prevailing side.

The June 17, 2025 BCC appointment was made following consideration of 15 applicants to fill the Public Seat previously held by Jim Rhea, with the request for reconsideration occurring on the regularly scheduled BCC meeting on June 24, 2025, the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Upon learning Mr. Rhea did not wish to be considered for re-appointment to the Board to Manage Wildlife, Washoe County staff initiated the process of receiving applications from the public interested in providing service to Washoe County. In April of 2025 the application process was opened and posted on the Washoe County website, the application period ran from April 18th through May 9th, 2025. On April 18th an email blast containing the information for the recruitment was sent to 7,692 subscribers and 1,563 subscribers opened the announcement. Again, on May 5th the notices were re-sent to a total of 44,264 subscribers with 5,859 subscribers opening the announcement. This opportunity was also posted county wide on Nextdoor on April 21st garnering 5,468 impressions.

The results of the recruitment were provided to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration at the June 17th meeting and consisted of fifteen applicants.

This information has been provided for the Board to utilize while considering the reconsideration of the item. It is important to reiterate the exact same item from the June 17, 2025, meeting will be presented to the Board for action. If reconsideration is approved, there is no procedure to solicit additional applicants unless the Board finds no suitable candidate among the existing applicants at a potential future reconsideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for appointments or reconsideration of appointments to the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

RECOMMENDATION

It is Recommended that the Board Discuss and provide direction to staff pursuant to Section 6.7 Reconsideration, of the Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedures, as requested by Commissioner Michael Clark at the June 24, 2025, Board meeting to reconsider the Board vote on June 17, 2025, for the appointment to the Public Seat of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the request, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve the request by Commissioner Clark to reconsider the June 17, 2025 appointment of Caron L. Tayloe to the Public Seat on the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW), in accordance with Section 6.7 of the Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedure.”*