

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Present:

Board Chairman Mitchell McVicars
Board Vice Chairman Steve Marquez
Ramona Maestes
Shane Boren

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent: Ray Sawyer

Visitors:

Bill Miller
Kody Menghini, NDOW
Commissioner Jon Almberg

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman McVicars at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

None

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve Agenda for August 10, 2020 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for August 10, 2020 meeting as written was made by board member Mastes seconded by board member Marquez, motion passed with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 22, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2020 meeting was made by board member Mastes, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

Request for reimbursement for secretarial duties to Christina Sawyer for meeting agenda and minutes at \$150.00 for the June 22, 2020 meeting was presented.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

*A motion to approve **bills as presented** was made by board member **Mastes** and seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

***Correspondence:**

The board of commissioners sent an email request to review the NAC 501 and NAC 502(3) with an excel sheet attachment.

Questions regarding Basset Lake; The supervisor of this area has been transferred out and a new supervisor has recently toured the dam, new vision that looks promising. Board member Marquez toured and noted it is very dry, no flow. Board Chairman McVicars will reach out to the new supervisor and get some questions answered.

Reports:

Report on Comin's Lake – Menghini, NDOW reported on behalf of Korell, NDOW. A redesign was necessary due to handicap requirements. Shane questioned why a redesign was needed when the original design included handicap requirements. The redesign will delay approval, hoping for winter construction with volunteer work sooner.

Mid Nov. a design should be approved for the Cave Lake repairs.

CAB review and recommendations to the NAC 501 and 502 (3) – No comments, no recommendations

Agenda items:

9. A.* Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

Board discussed; None

Public comment: None

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

*A motion to accepted **Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification** as written was made by board member Boren, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.*

10. A Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19 – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kim Munoz and Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

Board discussed; Boren interpreted the NAC 502.4187 (2) to mean that in the event the hunter turns the tag in he loses his bonus points. Questioned if this was correct. Commissioner AlMBERG reviewed along with board members. AlMBERG confirmed that bonus points are lost unless everyone in the party returns their tag. All excuses were eliminated. Board confirmed that is what they wanted.

Public comment: Bill Miller; clarification on NAC 502.4215 (3) clarified that if you are not eligible then you are not allowed to apply during your waiting period. Commissioner AlMBERG, confirmed yes.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

*A motion to accepted **Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19** as written by board member Boren seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.*

10. B Commission General Regulation 491, Notification of Draw Results, LCB File No. R058-20 – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kim Munoz – For Possible Action

Board discussed None

Public comment: None

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accepted Commission General Regulation 491, Notification of Draw Results, LCB File No. R058-20 as written by board member Boren, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

10. C Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics, LCB File No. R035-20 – Chief Game Warden Mike Maynard – For Possible Action

Board discussed: Boren recalled a story where a gov. tag hunter purchased thermo imaging equipment valued at \$30K for his guide and preceded to wait for sunset to track/locate the animal for the next morning's hunt.

All board members are opposed to thermal imaging optics.

Public comment: None

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accepted Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics, LCB File No. R035-20 as written by board member Boren seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

11D. Update on the Fallon Naval Range and Training Center and Nevada Test and Training Range- Informational only.

Commissioner Almborg could not confirm that it is completely off the table.

12. Mule Deer Enhancement Program – Game Division Administrator Mike Scott – For Possible Action

Board deferred to Menghini, NDOW for clarification. Action items will be developed to improve habitat, using advice from local experts. Envisions group gets together regularly to develop a plan to turn mule deer quantities /quality around. Boren praised the departments success with big horn and is enthusiastic regarding the attention they are now showing Mule Deer. Menghini, NDOW is hopeful for both short- and long-term goals. Much of the work the department is doing goes un-discussed, looking forward to sharing their discoveries as well as hearing from the public. Boren would like to see collaring. McVicars sees opportunity for ranchers to assist with water options. Board concurs this will open a lot of positive opportunity

Public comment: Commissioner Almborg, noted how lucky we are in this area. Sees a potential issue with managing all of the great ideas that will come from this program. Boren questioned the process. Will the ideas ever come back to the CAB's for input? Menghini foresees that happening.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accepted Mule Deer Enhancement Program concept by board member Boren, seconded by board member Masetes. Motion passed, no opposition.

13. Big Game Season Setting- Informational Only.

Menghini reviewed. Noted that in the past season recommendations can become overwhelming / often confusing so they are proposing that NDOW /Public / CAB have more time to debate seasons prior to the January meeting. Allowing more opportunity to make changes/suggestions. Board is in favor of the concept. Not necessarily more opportunity, but different opportunities.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for August 14-15 Virtually

Board discussed having the next meeting Monday September 21, 2020 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accept next meeting date Monday September 21, 2020 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library was made by board member Mastes, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

Public Comment: none

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on August 10, 2020 was made by board member Boren seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned 7:00 pm.