

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
OCTOBER 28, 2019 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:

Kody Menghini, NDOW
Dana Johnson
Scott Giles, NDOW

Heath Korell
Clifford Ellingwood, NDOW
Bill Miller

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman McVicars at 6:01

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period: None

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve Agenda for October 28, 2019 meeting.

*A motion to **approve the agenda for October 28, 2019 meeting** was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member **Maestes**, motion passed with no opposition.*

***Approval of minutes:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 16, 2019

*A motion to **approve minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting** was made by board member **Maestes**, seconded by board member **Boren**. 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 September 16, 2019 meeting was presented.

Request for reimbursement for travel to Steve Marquez for the September 20-21, 2019 state commission meeting in Las Vegas \$515.39

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

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

***Correspondence:**

Email from Russel Worstonhume regarding Water Fowl

Questions from Leeland Roberts-Rio Tinto Mine regarding breaching dam in spring. Korrell, NDOW responded, acknowledged conversation with Jack Robb and indicated that they have not had any contact regarding their request.

Reports:

Report on Comin's Lake – Korell, NDOW – Everything still held up with Fish and Wildlife. Jon Almborg, Commissioner, held a meeting regarding status. Attempted to negotiate the volunteer work items be separated including power-line, trenching, cutting down picnic location, making them more accessible to shore line to allow volunteer work to begin immediately and not be confused in the bidding process. Estimating that volunteer work to be started early this spring so not to interfere with the bid work that should beginning in May 2020.

Korell, NDOW reviewed the results of the shocking treatment that occurred this fall.

Press release regarding radio tagging to help identify spawning locations. They are asking that the radio transmitters be returned to NDOW.

Cave Lake, pipe constructed and laid.

Agenda items:

9. A.* Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19 – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

Board reviewed recommendations. Questions regarding item 5 sec. 3 #1; were directed to NDOW in attendance and Almborg, State Commissioner. Menghini, NDOW explained the scenario where you are hiking in on opening day and break your leg you obviously can't request to transfer your tag prior to the hunt opening. This clause allows the hunter some time to submit your request to transfer either to another year or another hunter. Giles, NDOW feels this is a highly manipulative situation that can be taken advantage of by hunters. Marquez noted that there is virtually nothing left from our original proposal.

Board Chairman McVicars opened it up for public comment. Bill Miller heard testimony from Jack Robb that there are legitimate circumstances that would come up. Bill noted that unfortunately there is always those out there who will take advantage of those programs. Leaving the final decision up to NDOW or legal. Boren asked Menghini NDOW what it would do to demand success if a party of 4 were to transfer. Menghini, NDOW noted that the wording is designed for individuals, it is unlikely that a group would be involved in a transfer situation with the exception of a family group tag with a death in the family. Boren noted that while there is a lot of issues with this, he could support as written. Marquez appreciates that this is still a workshop. Almborg, commissioner, encouraged the board to make suggested changes now. Board made no motion for changes.

9 B.* Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19

Board discussed as follows. Marquez noted that this is just an option to allow the commission to allow for the season if they determined that it was needed. The possibility of a hunt would not be possible until 2021. Boren

asked if there were any discussions about this opening up the possibility for deer, elk ect. seasons being included. AlMBERG, Commissioner, said yes. Board made no motion for changes.

9 C *Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions, LCB File No. R060-19

Boren verified that this proposal was a cleanup project for all the live bait issues. AlMBERG, Commissioner confirmed.

18 A.* Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions, LCB File No. R060-19 Board chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions, LCB File No. R060-19 as written was made by board member Boren seconded by board member Maestes. Motion passes with no opposition.

18 B.* Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19 – Boren believes this is about as fair as it can get for landowners. Bill Miller asked in the situation where a landowner has checkerboard land, do they get 1 or 2 tags if the fields overlap. Menghini, NDOW answered just 1 tag would be allocated in that situation.

Board chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19 –as written was made by board member Maestes seconded by board member Boren. Motion passes with no opposition.

18 C.* Commission General Regulation 489, Shed Antler Regulation, LCB File No. R082-19 –

Boren noted that if you are a non-hunter, the penalties of demerits will not be a deterrent. Giles, NDOW noted that it is considered a misdemeanor. Fines for misdemeanor are regulated by judges. By elevating the demerits, it increases the fines up to \$500 before court fees prior to appearing before the judge for additional fines up to \$1000 and 6 months in jail per misdemeanor violations. It was noted by Giles, NDOW that the core issues were not addressed in this regulation including private property recovery. He pointed out several discrepancies. Giles, NDOW would like clarification regarding the course date and require physical presentation of proof of course completion. Dana asked for clarification from AlMBERG, Commissioner regarding private land exclusions. AlMBERG, Commissioner, noted that the original included private land but it did not have enough support to pass. Bill Miller asked if you get demerits in one state does it carryover to another state. Giles, NDOW clarified that it depends on the state and the demerits/revocations. Marquez asked why we stop at June 30th, he does not remember that being put in, Boren concurred, why doesn't it coincide with the season. AlMBERG, Commissioner noted that anything after June is considered an incidental take, not within the shed season.

Board chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 489, Shed Antler Regulation, LCB File No. R082-19 –as written with the **exception** to remove the wording in 503.171 prior to April 30th and the addition of the wording **must have a valid certificate course completion in their possession is required**, was made by board member **Marquez** seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passes with no opposition.

Next Meeting date:

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will be in Reno, Nevada November 1-2, 2019

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to approve travel for travel to Reno, Nevada for the commission meeting on November 1-2, 2019 was made by Board member **Maestes**, seconded by Board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting will be Tuesday January 21, 2020, at the White Pine County Library at 6pm if room is available due to the Holiday on the normal Monday meeting date.

Board chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to accept the next meeting date of Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6pm at the WPC Library was made by board member **Maestes** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no objections.

Public Comment Period:

Bill Miller wanted to invite the board to a meeting of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team, appointed by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council. It is in the best interest of the board to be aware of the sage grouse triggers.

Bill Miller reported on the Wild horse meeting, well over 300 people in attendance, Jeremy Drew was the facilitator. Picketers outside, news media in attendance. They anticipated issues, required questions be written down or submitted through an app. Excellent presentation, brought a lot of attention to the issues. Board discussed damage horses have caused locally.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on October 28, 2019 was made by board member **Maestes** seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.