

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
AUGUST 4, 2015 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA

Present:

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer
Board Vice-Chairman Thomas Brunson

Board members Justin Rozich
Bradley Block

Board Secretary
(Temporary) Deborah Block

Absent: Ray Sawyer
Christina Sawyer

Visitors:

Kody Menghini, NDOW

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairman Brunson at 6:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

None

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the August 7-8, 2015 agenda as written was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of minutes:

Approval of the June 16, 2015 minutes were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meetings was made by board member **Block** and seconded by **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Payment of Bills:

Request for payment was presented by board secretary Sawyer for secretarial services for the June 16, 2015 meeting agenda for \$50.00.

Request for payment was presented by temporary board secretary Deborah Block for secretarial services for the June 16, 2015 meeting minutes for \$100.00.

Request for payment to board member Sawyer for travel expenses to attend the June 19, 2015 Commission meeting in the amount of \$123.87.

A motion to approve bills as submitted was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by **Block**. Motion passes to pay aforementioned bills as presented.

Correspondences:

Brunson read the letter of interest in the vacant position on the White Pine County Advisory Board submitted by Brian Bennett to the Board. Mr. Bennett was advised to send his letter to the White Pine County Commission before the next meeting.

Reports:

None

Agenda items:

1. Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners were discussed as follows:

6A. Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Should the Commission consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery and muzzleloader regulations, including language changes from AB 136 of the 78th Legislative Session? *The Board agreed that the language in General Regulation 454 is acceptable. **Block** made the motion to accept as written, seconded by **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

6B. Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Should the Commission consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid period? *After review, the Board determined to be no problems with Regulation 455 as written. A motion was made by **Block** made and was seconded by **Rozich** to accept Regulation 455 as written. Motion passed with no opposition.*

6C. Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R031-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Should the Commission consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and other matters relating thereto? ***Brunson** commented that it is better to have the Commission be the arbitrators as opposed to someone locally appointed. Motion to approve as written by **Block**, seconded by **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

6D. Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R030-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Should the Commission consider a permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags? ***Rozich** asked **Menghini** if he thought it would affect WP County. Multiplying factor from the year before, spike success is around 15-20%, therefore if they are included in the incentive tags it would inflate the quotas. It is trying to find the middle ground. **Brunson** said there may be an issue there the statement made of the total number of spikes harvested from private landowners. He thinks there should be clarification in one passage, due to possible issues by landowners. The recommended amended language reads as follows: "The total number of spike elk harvested in spike-only hunts in the*

previous year in the unit or units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located". **Brunson** made the motion to accept LCB File No. R030-15 as written except for the passage indicated, which was seconded by **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.

15. Commission Regulation 16 - 01 Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2015 - 2016 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action

Rozich asked **Menghini** about the 3 day space between seasons. **Menghini** explained that a season can only run for a specific amount of time, which is separated by 3 days to give a "break" between each season. **Rozich** asked if he saw anything out of order in the Regulation, to which **Menghini** stated he saw nothing wrong. Motion was made by **Rozich** to accept CR16-01 as written, which was seconded by **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.

16. Annual Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox – For Possible Action

Rozich asked **Menghini** if the Desert Bighorn would be taken from the Garfield Hills area. **Menghini** wasn't sure where they would be coming from. Garfield Hills was taken off as a selection area due to an outbreak of disease in the sheep population in that area. They all had the same strain of microorganism. Because the disease was only the single strain, and since the herd is showing positive signs of improvement (with the normal ebb and flow) he didn't know what the outcome would be of this area regarding the release. **Rozich** asked if there would be animals taken from Units 205 and 206. Also, if all the sheep had the same strain, would they need to be completely disease-free before reintroduction? **Menghini** said they wouldn't introduce clean sheep into a diseased herd. A herd with the single strain of the disease would ONLY be introduced into a herd with the same strain. The same would apply regarding clean sheep with clean sheep. **Rozich** moved to accept the fiscal release plan for 2016 as written, **Block** seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Next meeting date(s):

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Fallon, August 7-8, 2015): **Block** said he will attend the Fallon meeting, both days.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, September 22, 2015):

Brunson stated he would not be available to attend this meeting, **Block** will be available, **Rozich** may be on a hunt during that time period, he is not sure exactly when he will be gone. A motion to hold the Next White Pine County Advisory Board meeting on September 22, 2015 was made by board member **Block**, seconded by **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Public Comment Period: None

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting held on August 4, 2015 at 6:49pm was made by board member **Brunson**, seconded by **Block**. Motion was passed with no opposition.