

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA

**Present:**

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer  
Board members Justin Rozich  
Bradley Block  
Brian Bennett

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

**Absent:**

Board Vice-Chairman Thomas Brunson

**Visitors:**

Kody Menghini, NDOW  
Marcus Jones, NDOW  
Mike Zahrodka, NDOW  
Heath Korell, NDOW  
Steve Marquez

**Called to order:**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Sawyer at 6:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment Period:**

Steve Marques- Concerns regarding originally designated as a trophy lake. Limits.

**Approval of Agenda:**

A motion to approve the September 22, 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 August 4, 2015 minutes were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meetings was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Payment of Bills:**

Request for payment was presented by board secretary Sawyer for secretarial services for the August 4, 2015 meeting agenda for \$50.00.

Request for payment was presented on behalf of temporary board secretary Deborah Block for secretarial services for the August 4, 2015 meeting minutes for \$100.00.

Request for payment to board member Block for travel expenses to attend the August 7-8, 2015 Commission meeting in the amount of \$.479.48

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

**Correspondences:**

Letter from Kim Toulouse, Staff Conservation Educator, from NDOW was read, soliciting nominations for the 2015 Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award.

Board secretary Sawyer has been communicating with Steve Foree and Bruce McDaniel regarding the payment of 35K to Summit Forestry for the Basque Canyon chaining project that was completed in early June. Anticipating WPC to pay by end of month.

Received letter from White Pine County confirming the appointment of Brian Bennett to serve as a White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board member. Appointment is good through June 2017.

**Reports:**

None

**Agenda items:**

**Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption**

**17 Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action**

Board discussed; after previous board discussions, the board is all in favor.

A motion to approve General Regulation 454 was made by board member **Block** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition

**18 Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**

Board reviewed and determined after previous board discussions that they are all in favor

A motion to approve General Regulation 455 was made by board member **Block** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition

**19 Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R031-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – For Possible Action**

Board discussed; Board member Bennett is in favor. Board agrees that this is best left in the hands of the commission.

A motion to approve General Regulation 456 was made by board member **Bennett** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition

**20 Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R030-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – For Possible Action**

Board discussed; Board member Rozich explained some of the changes and additions.

A motion to approve General Regulation 457 was made by board member **Block** and seconded by board member **Bennett**. Motion passed with no opposition.

**21. Commission Regulation 16 - 02 Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for 2016 - 2018 – Division Administrator Jon Sjoberg – For Possible Action**

Board opened to public for discussion. Steve Marques feels Sunny Side Lake is being over fished. Quality is deteriorating. Wants to see lower limits. Was previously designated as a trophy lake, continued over fishing will cause it to lose its designation. Would like to see the limits cut in half. Slot limits were suggested.

Board member Sawyer shared public comments as they were relayed to him outside of the meeting setting; like to see limits lowered to 5 black bass, limit 12 in. 15 other fish, for example.

Heath Korell, NDOW shared some of the details of the regulation, proposed by Mark Beckstrand, Fisheries Biologist, NDOW. Korell is in favor of the recommendations, feels it will be beneficial in the long run. Believes in the science behind the regulation recommendations.

Board member Bennett feels there will be a significant loss of revenue. Education is always needed. He is opposed to the changes. The older population don't fish after July, too warm, and don't trophy fish, they take it home to eat. Changes will adversely affect this demographic.

Marques relayed the request to stock a new strain of bass to the lake.

A motion to approve Regulation 16 - 02 with changes to include 5 black bass limit, 15 total warm game fish. Open year round, no change to trout, was made by board member **Bennett**. Board member Block and Rozich opposed. Motion failed, lack of second.

Further discussion

A motion to approve Regulation 16 - 02 with 5 black bass limit, 15 total warm game fish. Open year round no change to trout was made by board member **Bennett** and seconded by board member **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Discussion continued regarding size.

Board Chairman Sawyer recommended an amendment to the above motion.

A motion to amend the above motion for Regulation 16 - 02 to include the size limit to 10 in. minimum for black bass was made by board member **Bennett** and seconded by board member **Block**.

Board discussed the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge hours of operations.

A motion to change the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge hours of operations to 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset was made by board member **Block** and seconded by board member **Bennett**. Motion passed with no opposition.

#### **Next meeting date(s)**

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Las Vegas, September 25-26, 2015):** Board Chairman Sawyer might be able to attend on Saturday.

A motion to approve travel and lodging for board member Sawyer to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting in Las Vegas on September 26, 2015 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by **Block**. Motion passes with no opposition.

#### **White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, November 10, 2015 at 6pm):**

A motion to approve the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting in Ely on November 10, 2015 was made by board member **Bennett** and seconded by **Block**. Motion passes with no opposition.

**Public Comment Period:** Steve Marques had questions regarding the introduction of Chucker to the area. Kody Menghini, NDOW agreed to research this as a possible option felt that the winters might be too harsh to sustain. Not a lot of previous success.

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting held on September 22, 2015 at 7:33 was made by board member **Block** seconded by **Rozich** Motion was passed with no opposition.

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