

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
June 21, 2016 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA**

Present:

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer
Board Vice-Chairman

Board members Justin Rozich
 Mitchel McVicar
 Brad Block

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Visitors:

David Taylor
Joe Bennett Sr.
William Ilchik
Scott Giles, NDOW
Kody Menghini, NDOW
Tyrel Brown, NDWO
Jake Brunson

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by board chairman Ray Sawyer at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Joe Bennett, addressed board on behalf of the Nevada Trappers Association with concerns with season setting/protocol requesting board support their request of a 120 day bobcat season.

Bill Ilcheck, feels past criteria has been proven and has concerns with the proposed three year stretch. Bill is requesting the board support of continuing as two year.

Bill Taylor, Nevada Trapper Association addressed the board regarding the proposed 95 day season, with WPC weather the proposed 95 days limits options. Feels trappers will not use all allotted days.

Approval of Agenda:

*A motion to approve the June 21, 2016 agenda as written was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the January 26, 2016 meeting minutes was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion to approve the March 22, 2016 meeting minutes was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion to approve the May 10, 2016 meeting minutes was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Payment of Bills:

Request for payment was presented by board secretary Christina Sawyer for secretarial services for the May 10, 2016 meeting agenda \$50.00.

Request for reimbursement for expenses for attendance at the May 13-14, 2016 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting held in Reno was presented by Board Chairman Sawyer in the amount \$660.21

Request for reimbursement for expenses for attendance at the May 13-14, 2016 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting held in Reno was presented by Board member McVicars in the amount of \$528.20

A motion to approve bills as presented was made by board member **Rozich**, second from board member **Block**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Correspondence:

Letter of resignation was read into record for board member Brian Bennett.

Reports:

None presented

Agenda items:

1. Accept the resignation of board member Brian Bennett

A motion to accept the resignation of board member Bennett was made by board member **Block**, Seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.

2. Announce the open seat for the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board.

A motion to invite the White Pine County Commission to accept applications to serve as a board member on the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board was made by board member **Rozich**. Seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

3. Nomination and Election of Board Vice Chairman

Board accepted nominations for board member Rozich to serve as the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board Vice-Chairman.

A motion to accept board member Rozich to serve as the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board Vice-Chairman was made by board member **Block**. Seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

4. Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda

6* Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman and Mike Zahradka – For Possible Action

Board expressed no concerns with Duck Stamp Request.

7* Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman and Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action

Board expressed no concerns with Upland Game Bird Stamp request.

8. Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck and Deputy Director Liz O'Brien

B* Fiscal Year 2017 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – For Possible Action

Board discussed, has no concerns

9. Wildlife Heritage Committee – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Wallace

A 1 Heritage Project Extension Requests – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action

Board member Rozich updated board on last year's project. 75K contract was awarded in 2015 but weather prevented completion of project. Anticipating project to begin July 15 expected to be finished September 2016

A 3* Fiscal Year 2017 Heritage Project Proposals – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action

Board discussed, has no concerns

11 Reports – Informational

A* Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Brad Johnston

Board has no concerns Rozich noted that there will be making changes to elk and antelope. Changes to PIW

E* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General David Newton

Board had no comment.

17* Commission Policy 1, General Guidelines for the Commission, Second Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board has no concerns

18* Nevada Department of Wildlife License Simplification Strategy Update – Director Tony Wasley and Loren Chase, Chase and Chase Consulting – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no supporting material. Will inquire while at the Elko meeting.

19* Commission Resolution of Support for the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources – Chairman Drew and Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows, both Rozich and McVicars noted their support.

20.* Amendment of Biennial Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 Upland Game Release Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows, Menghini, NDOW discussed in further detail. Possible trap and relocation. Mariani are more adaptable. Interest was generated because of increased reports for turkeys in the park.

A motion to approve the 2016 and 2017 Upland Game Release Plan as written was made by board member Block, seconded by board member McVicars. Motion passed with no opposition.

21.* Commission Regulation 16-13, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits- Wildlife Staff Specialists Shawn Espinosa and Russell Woolstenhulme- For Possible Action.

Board discussed as follows: Menghini, NDOW discussed further details of regulation. Joe Bennett Sr. representing the Nevada Trappers Association reiterated their concerns with the changes. Requested board consider supporting season dates of November 1 thru the end of February.

A motion to accept Regulation 16-13, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Upland Game and Furbearer Season and Bag limits with season dates as November 1 through the last day in February for both grey fox and bobcat was made by board member Rozich, seconded by board member McVicars. Motion passed with no opposition.

22.* Commission Regulation 16-03 Amendment #1, 2017 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

Board has no concerns

23* Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action

Board shared details regarding the regulation with those in attendance. Giles, NDOW recalls the loss and waste of animal with the higher caliber weapons. Fair chase and what is ethical is under question with the gadgets now available to hunters.

A motion to approve Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15 as written was made by board member Rozich, seconded by board member Block. Motion passed with no opposition.

24.* Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB FILE NO. R145-15 -Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Reviewed dates. Noted the demerits for violations. Giles, NDOW investigated two cases in Elko, Co. Noted that the date will match up with other entities and be easier to enforce.

A motion to approve General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No R145-15 as written was made by board member McVicars, seconded by board member Rozich. Motion passed with no opposition.

25.* Commission General Regulation 460, Definition of "Spike Elk," LCB File No. R013-16 – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows. Board chairman Sawyer is disgusted with the new definition. Both Menghini and Giles, NDOW noted the original designation of a spike hunt was to harvest yearling bulls. The proposal has the potential to include 3-4 year old bulls possibly up to 4pt. Board is not in support of general regulation 460.

*A motion to consider the adoption of the Utah definition of spike elk was made by board member **Block**, seconded by board member **Rozich**.* Motion passed with no opposition.

26.* Commission General Regulation 461, Industrial Artificial Pond Permits (IAP), LCB File No. R014-16 – Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: NDOW representatives discussed details. Board had no additional concerns. Board supports the regulation.

27.* Commission General Regulation 462, Issuing and Verifying Hull Numbers of Vessels, LCB File No. R015-16 – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: NDOW representative discussed details. Board had no additional concerns.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (June 24-25 Elko)

Board Chairman Sawyer said he might be able to travel over for Saturday's portion of the meeting.

*A motion to approve travel and lodging for board member Sawyer to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting in Elko on June 24-25, 2016 was made by board member **Block** and seconded by **Rozich**.* Motion passes with no opposition.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, August 9, 2016 at 6pm)

*A motion to approve the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting in Ely on August 9, 2016 was made by board member **Block** and seconded by **Rozich**.* Motion passes with no opposition.

Public Comment Period: None

*A motion to adjourn **the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at 7:29pm held on June 21, 2016 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **Block**.*** Motion passed with no opposition.