

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
MARCH 22, 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 McVicars

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Brian Bennett
Bradley Block

Visitors:

Kody Menghini, NDOW
Tyrel Brown, NDOW
Laurie Carson, WPC, Commission Liaison

Called to order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

No public comment

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of minutes:

The January 26, 2016 minutes were reviewed but approval has been postponed to the May 10, 2016 meeting due to the fact that not enough board members in attendance at that meeting are present tonight to make a motion.

Payment of Bills:

Request for payment was presented by board secretary Sawyer for secretarial services for the January 26, 2016 meeting agenda and minutes for \$150.00.

Request for payment was presented by board Chairman Sawyer for travel expense totaling \$328.60 which were incurred for the January 29-30 commission meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada

A motion to approve **bills as submitted** was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars** Motion passes with no opposition.

Correspondences:

Letter from the White Pine County notifying the board that Mitchel McVicars has been appointed to serve on the board.

A copy of an E-mail from Cory Lytle, Lincoln co. regarding questions their board has on Sub-section 2 restrictions. Request that the WP board discuss.

E-mail from Darin Elmore regarding Commission General Regulation 460.

Received e-mail from Bruce McDaniel regarding the 2017 budget. Completion due by April 29, 2016

Reports:

Completed the 2017 Budget

Agenda items:

Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan (First Reading) – Committee Chairman Eddie Booth and Western Region Biologist 3 Ed Partee – For Possible Action

Board Discussed as follows: Did not see any pressing concerns that would affect White Pine County. Kody Menghini, NDOW agreed that the plan seems appropriate.

A motion to support Humboldt County's CAB's decision regarding the Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan was made by board member Rozich and seconded by board member McVicars. Motion passed with no opposition.

Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft) – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Bliss and Wildlife Staff Biologist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follow: Rozich noted that there appears to be a surplus of funds, questioned Menghini, NDOW regarding his feelings on whether or not this money is being used in the most efficient ways possible. Menghini, NDOW discussed briefly the required allocations of funds. Discussed the Raven take cap, board agrees this number needs to be increased.

Rozich questioned the Pitman/Robertson contributions. Menghini, NDOW, briefly explained the source of this contribution (firearm tax). Sawyer requested additional information form the commission regarding the clarification of the Pitman/Robertson funds and how their correlation to each project. Rozich has concerns with project 41 sub project 21-02 /second half, specifically the habitat abundance. Question to the commission, are these effective ways to spend the funds? Similar concerns were raised regarding subsection 22-16

Wildlife Damage Management Committee, Approved Revision to Existing Policy #23 on Predation Management (First Reading) – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Bliss and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Menghini, NDOW shared some background regarding policy #23 – noting that this may have come about due to a previous board decision to go with NDOWs recommendation

and not the CAB's recommendation. Revisions will require the board to provide an explanation of their decision in the event that the commission supports NDOW's recommendation rather than the CABs recommendation. He also noted the additional requirements on who can comprise the commission board. After the above explanation, the board determined that they do not see any major problems with the revision.

A motion to approve the Revision to Existing Policy #23 on Predation Management was made by board member Rozich and seconded by board member McVicars. Motion passed with no opposition.

APRPC Recommendations and Request for Commission Guidance on Policy Numbering and Policy Review Delegation to Various Committees – Commissioner and Committee Chairman McNinch – For Possible Action

Board had no comment

Rules of Practice Review, Status, and Commission Guidance – Commissioner and Committee Chairman McNinch – For Possible Action

Board had no comment

Commission Regulation 14-11 Amendment #3, 2015 – 2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed: Noted the additional Saturday's may have been what required this amendment.

A motion to approve the Commission Regulation 14-11 Amendment #3, 2015 – 2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment Guidance was made by board member Rozich and seconded by board member McVicars. Motion passed with no opposition.

Commission Regulation 16-11 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2016 – 2017 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action

Board discussed: Rozich noted the single change regarding age. Menghini, NDOW concurred that is the only change. Board believed this was to line up with the big game age requirements.

A motion to approve the Commission Regulation 16-11 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2016 – 2017 Season was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.

20. Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Informational – Public Comment Allowed – Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Regulation Speaker’s Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary

B* Commission General Regulation 460, Definition of "Spike Elk," LCB File No. R013-16 – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Board referred to the earlier mentioned e-mail from . Brown, NDOW noted that previously the spike definition was on both sides, the changes now define the one side as spike regardless of the second side size. Menghini, NDOW noted this does not have an adverse biological effect and Brown, NDOW agrees this will be beneficial to law enforcement. Board is in agreement that the wording is an improvement.

Board supports the document as written.

C* 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 – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Board discussed as follows: Board agrees with the changes and is in support of regulation 458 as written.

D* Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Board discussed as follows: Agreed with the terminology that its 48 hrs. prior to the opening of the hunt. Board is in agreement that they approve of the changes to regulation 459.

E* Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Cameras and Other Devices, LCB File No. R012-16 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Board discussed as follows: Board questioned how the regulations would affect government agencies and private property. Can this be enforced? Menghini, NDOW agrees there may be some loop holes with regards to packing minerals and the definition of baiting. Commissioner Carson referred back to the e-mail from Lytle mentioned above. Board agrees that it also appears to them as year-round and would like Clarification of August 1 date. Board directed question to Brown, NDOW regarding the law enforcement. He feels that for the most part hunters will obey the law. This will definitely eliminate the majority of the problem.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Yerington, March 24-25, 2016)

No board member is available to attend.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, May 10, 2016 at 6pm)

A motion to approve the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting in Ely on May 10, 2016 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passes with no opposition.

Public Comment Period: none

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting held on March 22, 2016 at 7:31 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.