

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
AUGUST 8, 2017 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA**

Present:

Board Chairman	Ray Sawyer
Board Vice Chairman	
Board	Mitchel McVicars Shane Boren Steve Marquez
Board Secretary	Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Visitors:

Scott Giles, NDOW
Tyrell Brown, NDOW
Jon Almberg, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner
Trevor Marques
Jani Ahlvers
Fred Ahlvers
Scott McVicars

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Sawyer at 6:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

None

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to **approve the agenda for August 8, 2017** was made by board member **Boren**; seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve **the June 20, 2017 meeting minutes** with a change to the meeting adjournment time to 7:33, was made by board member **Boren** 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 meeting agenda and minutes for June 20, 2017 meeting of \$150.00

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

Correspondence:

None

Reports:

None

Agenda items:

1. Appointment of new vice chairman

Board Chairman Sawyer requested this item be addressed at the end of the agenda

2. Shed season-

Board Chairman Sawyer opened the discussion to the public.

Fred Ahlvers pleaded with the board to encourage NDOW and the commission to follow suit when surrounding states close their shed season like Utah did earlier this year. He noted the tremendous damage to landscape and the harassment of wildlife as people flooded our area in search of shed antlers. Ahlvers suggested that NDOW should be taking advantage of the revenue source creating a season would create.

Board member McVicars noted he fears that those out of state shed hunters have found a new favorite place.

Board agreed damage control needs to be addressed.

Scott Giles, NDOW encouraged the board to gain the support of southern boards. He felt these area's were detrimental in getting a solution in the past, but feels if the board can educate these area's on White Pines concerns there will be success.

Board member Sawyer noted that at 6:15 board member Marques joined the meeting.

Board member Sawyer, asked for clarification on what the public was seeking, whether it was just an emergency plan or if they were in favor of an actual season. Public responded that an emergency plan is the primary concern however all in attendance were in favor of a season.

Board member Boren shared his concerns with the harassment of the wildlife and recommends a season.

Jon requested the review of NDOW law enforcement finding of last year. Giles, NDOW noted that most were hunting on foot and did not notice an huge increase in ATV use. During discussions with shed hunters he found that money was the motivating factor. He expressed that until the bones aren't worth anything people won't stop. He noted a significant increase in traffic, because their other options had been eliminated.

Trevor Marques- noted significant damage to land.

Ahlvers agreed adding the damage to fences and trash left behind.

Giles, NDOW noted Lincoln County NDOW law enforcement did report a significant increase in ATV traffic but they had the law enforcement in place to enforce violations.

Board Chairman Sawyer asked NDOW how other states get around the private land issues? No one could say Almberg, NW Commissioner, encouraged public comments be sent to commissioners as well as our local board members. He also encouraged the public to attend the Nevada Wildlife Commission meetings and speak about their concerns during public comment periods. He forecasted that this will be an issue that the board will be addressing in the near future and that public comment goes a long way in making that happen.

Board member Boren asked the board to verbalize their stand on the issue.

Board member Sawyer admitted that he was previously opposed to a shed season but after seeing the effect that the increased traffic this past year caused he is now in support of a shed season. Board members McVicars and Marques also verbalized their support of a shed season.

Scott McVicars questioned the details on how the season will look; board noted that those details will be discussed in detail as we move forward.

Tyrell Brown, NDOW and Giles, NDOW fielded numerous questions regarding the legalities of other states. They noted the key to success is to push for the protection of our wildlife and land and voice their concerns either in writing or by attending meetings.

Board Chairman Sawyer agreed to make contact with NDOW's Law Enforcement Division Chief

Tyler Turnipseed and Board member Boren will contact Cory Lytle, Lincoln County Advisory Board in their efforts to gather support.

3. Trail Camera usage.

Board Chairman Sawyer opened the discussion to the public.

Almberg, NV Commissioner noted the problem lays with the numbers.

Ahlvers, noted walking up on a water hole only to find dozen, maybe more camera's set up.

Trevor Marques brought to the boards attention apps that are now available, these allow hunters to purchase information on the whereabouts of wildlife that have been captured on camera. The GPS coordinate are sold to the highest bidder. Public comment included the concerns of public perception as hunters' success is perceived as a money game.

Giles, NDOW noted that the use of cameras wouldn't be an issue if humanity was governed by ethics rather than the laws. The excessive use of trail camera's is a money motivated practice.

Board Chairman Sawyer called for regulation suggestions, the public in attendance as well as the board are in favor of regulations that prevent the use of Trail Camera's from July 1 through Feb 1. Sawyer will follow up with NDOW, to proceed with the issue.

Almberg, reminded those in attendance to share the message that hunting and the use of our lands is a privilege and should not be exploited for profit.

8* Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg and Wildlife Staff Specialist Karen Vargas – For Possible Action

Board has no comment

9 Administrative Procedures Regulation Policy (APRP) Committee – Commissioner and Committee Chairman David McNinch

B* Commission Policy 9, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – First Reading – APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board has no comment

C* Commission Policy 29, Draft Arbitration Process for Applicants Dissatisfied with Elk Incentive Tag Awards, First Reading - Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Board Chairman called for a motion in support of the draft.

A motion to support Commission Policy 29, Draft Arbitration Process for Applicants Dissatisfied with Elk Incentive Tag Awards as written was made by board member **Boren**; seconded by board member **Mcvicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

D* Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds, First Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch and Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action

Board disused

Board Chairman Sawyer called for a motion in support.

A motion to support Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds was made by board member **McVicars**; seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no opposition.

11* Commercial Reptile Collection – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark - For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Board was enlightened by this as an issue. Board Chairman Sawyer opened for public comment. Almberg, encourage the board to review the suggested options. Board Chairman Sawyer called for a motion. to support .

A motion to support the **Commercial Reptile Collection policy as drafted in option #3** was made by board member **Marquez**; seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

18* Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Land Parcel Disposal – Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows:

Board member Boren provided printed maps of the area for the public's review. Board member Boren feels that no real issues for White Pine County are evident he does however feel that Elko may be faced with some potential problems. Board Chairman Sawyer expressed the availability of the board to appear in support of the issue if the commission feels it would be a benefit.

A motion to support the **Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Land Parcel Disposal letter as written** was made by Board member **Boren**; seconded by Board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

19 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife Workshop Opening Comments – Informational – Chairman and Secretary Wasley

B* Evaluation and Review of the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows:

Board member Boren provided written copy of Lincoln County's comments for the public review.

Giles, NDOW noted that while there is the potential that the counting process can be abused, he once again calls on ethics to be a valuable tool in the process.

Almberg, NV Commissioner noted that until we reached the cap things were quiet. The demand on management of the program has significantly increased. He noted that the resources that the ranchers are providing has had a positive impact on wildlife and feel that hunters are benefiting from this. Landowners appear to be happy right now. The damage is real. Jon confirmed that the commission is looking for board recommendations.

Board Chairman Sawyer requested that board members continue to gather information on the topic and participated in any discussion prior to making a recommendation to the commission.

No action taken at this time.

20 Wildfire Update – Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne and Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – For Possible Action

no discussion

Board Chairman Sawyer returned to Agenda item 1. Nomination for board vice Chairman

Board Chairman Sawyer entertained nominations from the board for a new board vice chairman. Board member Marquez nominated board member McVicars. All members of the board were in support of this nomination.

A motion **to elect board member McVicars to serve as the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board Vice Chairman** was made by board member **Marquez**; seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Minden, Nevada August 11-12, 2017

Board Chairman Sawyer encouraged attendance at this meeting, and apologized for being unable to attend because he would be out of town. Board member Boren also noted he was unavailable to attend. Both board member McVicars and Marquez said they would try to attend.

A motion to approve travel expenses for both board member McVicars and Marquez should they decided to attend the Nevada Wildlife Commission meeting in Minden, Nevada on August 11-12, 2017 was made by board member **Boren**; seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, Nevada on September 19, 2017 at 6pm)

A motion to approve the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting in Ely 6pm on September 19, 2017 was made by board member **Boren**; seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passes with no opposition.

Public Comment Period:

Board member Boren requested the public to help fill the empty board seat. He expressed disappointment that the seat has been empty for nearly 3 months and encouraged those in attendance to get involved.

Almberg, NV Commissioner reminded those in attendance that community involvement is more important than ever as the commission is being inundated with anti-hunters who devote tremendous time and energy in their pursuit to eliminate our privilege to hunt our Nevada wildlife; all while the hunters remaining silent. He also expressed the tremendous influence the local board has when they appear before the commission with the full support of their community. Nevada is at a critical stage and attendance and participation of Rural Nevada residences will determine how we survive these scary times.

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at 8:03 pm held on August 8, 2017 was made by board member **McVicars**; seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.

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