

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
MARCH 21, 2017 AT 5:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA**

Present:

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer
Board Vice Chairman Justin Rozich
Board Mitchel McVicars
 Steve Marquez

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent: None

Visitors:

Kody Menghini, NDOW
Tom Donham, NDOW
Jose Noriega, Forest Service
Steve Stork, WPC Commissioner

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Sawyer at 5:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Steve Stork, County Commissioner addressed the board and encouraged them to be watching the legal section of the paper; a few upcoming items that he would like the advisory board to weigh in on. Also, would like to see the board put shed season discussion on our next agenda. Justin discussed community concern regarding shed hunters who have migrated here from Utah and Idaho due to their season being closed. Ray added that he has noticed a significant increase due to Utah closing their shed season. Concerned that the April 1 opening will generate additional problems in those states ultimately forcing the animals higher into the snow during a time they should be lower were the feed is. Mitch anticipates Utah using the April 1 date in the future as the start of the shed season and feels we should stay consistent with whatever season they go with. Ray added that the board needs to recognize overall concerns of the community members who attend our meetings and support them. Justin wants to see something on the agenda for the commission. He will send an email. Board requested it be an agenda action item for the June meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

*A motion to approve the agenda for **March 21, 2017** was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Rozich*** Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of minutes:

*A motion to approve the **February 7, 2017 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 meeting agenda and minutes for February 7, 2017 meeting of \$150.00

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

Correspondence:

E-mail from Matt Rajala requesting support for a chaining project. Board agreed to write a letter of support and requested the it be added as an action item on the May meeting agenda.

Reports:

Jose Noriega, Forest Service reporting on Ward Mountain Road Decommissioning Project. Noted a few errors 2 years of public meetings for a total of 8 meetings. They have not yet been funded to fix those errors that were made during the previous road closures. During this time, they have been reviewing existing road closures. Ward Mt. Has some issues and based on public comment they assessed concerns. Welcome public comment up until the date of the meeting is set. Sawyer asked about the Taft closure, Noriega noted this was a federal closure and outside of his jurisdiction however he is aware of the problem and has considered it himself and has made a conservative effort towards enforcement. Mitch asked about the Girl Scout Camp. He said that is designated a wilderness area. If they release it, it will have to go out for management options because the Girl Scouts have relinquished their contract. Discussed SIPLAMA approval for weed treatment.

White Pine County Commissioner Steve Stork on status of night shooting permits via request from Dan Watts. The request is to delete the last line of the ordinance to allow night shooting without a permit. Commissioner requested an agenda item or public hearing regarding the issue. Justin and Ray concur to list it as: Recommendation to Amend 10.20.010 and 10.20.020 and 10.20.030 on the May agenda as an action item.

Agenda items:

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

6* California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges Request for Up to 20 Wild-trapped Greater Sage Grouse Per Year for Up to Three Years for Translocation to the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in California – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Menghini, NDOW noted the number isn't high and should not negatively impact our population.

*A motion to approve California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges Request for Up to 20 Wild-trapped Greater Sage Grouse Per Year for Up to Three Years for Translocation to the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in California as written was made by board member **Marquez** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion Passed with no opposition.*

7* Legislative Committee Report-Commissioner and Committee Chairman Drew-For possible action

Board discussed as follows: Reviewed AB101, SB221 and AB187 no action taken.

8* Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Johnston and Wildlife Staff Biologist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

Board discussed

A motion to approve **Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan as written** was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Marques**.
Motion Passed with no opposition.

9 **Nevada Land Legislation**

A* **Nevada Lands Act – Commissioners Drew and Johnston – For Possible Action**

A motion to support the letter that was written by Commissioners Drew and Johnston on the development of new federal legislation related to SJR 1 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

B* **Washoe County Lands Bill – Commissioners Drew and McNinch – For Possible Action**

A motion to support Washoe County Lands Bill as written was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion Passed with no opposition.

17* **Second Reading, Commission Policy 26A, Transparency – Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action.**

Board discussed as follows: Board noted that Policy 26A has been suspended. Sawyer felt that the commission was in favor of finding a solution. Rozich can see the need to keep sensitive information from the public but it should but feels transparency is essential. Noted the potential for abuse of data obtained. Menghini, NDOW noted that data is collected for specific reasons and critical. Donham, NDOW noted that employees are expected to be beyond reproach and that NDOW employees are routinely reminded of the ethical standards with regards to sensitive data collection. Rozich is concerned that if the transparency policy is suspended or repealed information will be impossible to get. Board encouraged Commission to make amendments to 26A as quickly as possible.

A motion to support the decision of the commission to conduct a second reading of the Commission Policy 26A, Transparency, and take action to amend with less than one year turnaround time was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

18* **Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LCB File No. R140-16 – Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**

Board discussed: Sawyer is opposed to language; especially 9-3B -worded as May Apply for a non-resident deer tag in the PIW drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year.

Justin recalls the WP CAB opposed to this language in the beginning. Sawyer would like additional cabs to support eliminating 9-3B as written. Justin suggested that by adding the word *not* to 9-3B so it would read as **May NOT apply** for a non-resident deer tag in the PIW drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year would resolve the language issues. Sawyer agrees that would work. Sawyer noted hunters, have the opportunity, to put in for the general non-resident draw which allows them to put in for the PIW tag and Silver State tag drawing or they can put in for the non-resident guided draw which currently doesn't allow for the PIW and Silver State and he would like it to stay that way. Board agreed.

BOARD RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION TO CHANGE 3B TO READ AS MAY NOT APPLY.

19* **Commission Regulation 17 - 05, Amendment #1, Big Game Seasons 2017 – 2018, Nonresident Desert (Nelson) Bighorn Ewe Hunts – Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action**

Board discussed. Noted that this was omitted in error during the season setting.

A motion to approve Commission Regulation 17 - 05, Amendment #1, Big Game Seasons 2017 – 2018, Nonresident Desert (Nelson) Bighorn Ewe Hunts as written was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion Passed with no opposition.

- 20* **Commission Regulation 17 - 12, 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 – 2017- 2018 Season – Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action**

board discussed

A motion to approve Commission Regulation 17 - 12, 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 – 2017- 2018 Season as written was made by board member **Marquez** and seconded by board member **Rozich** Motion Passed with no opposition.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 24-25 in Las Vegas, Nevada

A motion to approve a board member to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting scheduled for March 24-25 was made by board member **McVicars**, seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion passed with no opposition.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, Nevada on May 9, 2017 at 6pm)

A motion to approve the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting in Ely 6pm on May 9, 2017 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passes with no opposition.

Public Comment Period:

Sawyer commented on the boards attempts to change the season dates for the Jr. hunts wasn't received well at the commission meeting. Recommends board better prepares for future meetings. Feels it wasn't in our best interest to include all the counties in our suggestions. Lincoln and Clark had similar proposals but Sawyer feels WP 's proposal derailed theirs. Encouraged board to gather support from additional counties before it comes up again. Board feels important changes need to be made. Justin believes the next two years of data should prove to be very forthcoming in support of our requested changes. Justin questioned if we would be getting a letter from the commission with the reasons why our recommendations were denied? Sawyer mention that they would be in their best interest to start attending surrounding area CAB meetings to gather support.

Christina mentioned the White Pine County Commission would be reviewing an application on Wednesday March 22, at the commission meeting for a new advisory board member appointment.

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at 6.59 pm held on March 21, 2017 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm