

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON  
MAY 9, 2017 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA

**Present:**

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer  
Board Vice Chairman Justin Rozich  
Board Mitchel McVicars  
Shane Boren

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

**Absent:** Steve Marquez

**Visitors:**

Kody Menghini, NDOW  
Scott Giles, NDOW  
Clint Garrett, NDOW  
Scott Roberts, NDOW  
Jon AlMBERG, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner  
Steve Stork, WPC Commissioner  
Trevor Marques  
Jani Ahlvers  
Fred Ahlvers

**Called to order:**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Sawyer at 6:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion to approve the agenda for **May 9, 2017** was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars** Motion passed with no opposition.*

**Approval of minutes:**

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

**Payment of Bills:**

Request for payment was presented by board secretary Christina Sawyer for meeting agenda and minutes for March 21, 2017 meeting of \$150.00

Request for payment was presented by board chairman Ray Sawyer for travel expenses to attend the commission meeting in Carson City on February 11-12, 2017 for \$726.89

Request for payment was presented by board member Steve Marquez for travel expenses to attend the commission meeting in Las Vegas on March 24-25, 2017 for \$436.20

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

**Correspondence:**

Letter from White Pine County Clerk regarding the appointment of Shane Boren to the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board.

Letters submitted by Ray Sawyer, Mitch McVicars, Shane Boren and Steve Marquez requesting reappointment to the board.

Verbal correspondence from Justin Rozich that tonight's meeting will be his last, he will not be seeking reappointment to the board.

Letter to the Governor's office from Ray Sawyer was shared, regarding his support of Nevada Wildlife Commissioner Brad M. Johnston for reappointment to the Nevada Wildlife Commission.

**Reports:**

None

**Agenda items:**

**1. Review and make recommendations regarding night shooting permits county code; 10.20.010, 10.20.020 and 10.20.030**

Board discussed as follows: Board member Boren commented regarding the law enforcement of night shooting. Sawyer indicated that the same permit holders renew on a regular basis. S. Giles, NDOW, said the county code is irrelevant compared to his federal regulations. He indicated that he is routinely enforcing spot lighting. Commissioner, Stork indicated that the request came from the White Pine County Sheriff's office in an attempt to reduce paperwork. A request has also come from the Steptoe Valley trap club. The commission is looking for a recommendation from the board. McVicars noted additional county's that do not allow night shooting including Lincoln, Nye. Sawyer reviewed the county codes. Commissioner Almberg questioned if the routine applicants are primarily local. Sawyer believes so.

A motion *to extend the permit to a 1 year term* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion Passed with no opposition.

Commissioner Stork requested a letter will be sent to the commission with the board's recommendation.

**2. Recommendation requested on public land access in regards to an elk compensation land owner tag, per Paul R. Dixon and Ken Wellington**

Board discussed as follows: Rozich requested a review of this issue. The landowner is requesting stipulations including 2 week notice and hold harmless agreement. Board Doesn't feel that the definition of reasonable access is clearly defined. Requesting a petition to the commission for a formal review of the program. Boren questioned if this has been an issue in the past. Rozich asked if they had a problem with an individual. S. Roberts, NDOW said that was unknown. Rozich noted that limited access to vehicles is unreasonable. Stork feels that two weeks notice is unreasonable. Boren agrees.

A motion *to reevaluate reasonable access* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Motion Passed with no opposition.

**3. Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda**

**6\* Legislative Committee Report – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Drew – For Possible Action**

Commission Alberg reviewed -101 predator control has passed and trapping and guzzlers bills are close. Boren questioned if the board of commission is taking a neutral stand on trapping. If so, he is adamantly opposed to this.

No action taken

**7\* Presentation of Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Predation Management Plan (Final Draft) – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action**

Board discussed as follows: Boren questioned 22074 – is this just monitoring? S. Roberts, NDOW confirmed the estimated number. Additional collars are already in place with text notification on mortality available. Since collars have been put into place there have been no confirmed mortality's. Disease is the primary cause of mortality. Targeted mountain lion harvest can protect the herds.

A motion to approve Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Predation Management Plan was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Rozich**. Board member Boren opposed. Motion Passed.

**8\* 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 as follows: Noted that White Pine board seemed to be the minority with our concerns regarding the PIW and Silver State tags from our March 21, 2017 meeting. Board reviewed their feelings for opposing the regulation to the public in attendance. Commissioner Alberg noted he didn't realize that hunters didn't have to hire a guide with the PIW tag if they drew the PIW or Silver State tag under this nonresident guided draw. Board is still opposed.

**16\* Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action**

Board discussed as follows: Rozich noted that it is unlikely to get voluntary returns. C. Garrett, NDOW noted discussion came up at the Eureka meeting they brought up Senator P. Goicoechea Bill 507 would be a band aide and sportsman response was the same. Boren is unclear what the other options would be. Deer incentive is designed as a damage compensation plan. Elk incentive was more of a program to get landowners to live with elk. Not intended as an incentive to encourage wildlife onto landowner's property. Potential for abuse is high. McVicars suggested a cap option. S. Roberts, NDOW noted that nothing in the program addresses the migration route that brings several thousand deer over a short period with little damage compared to a small quantity of deer who migrate continually over a long period causing a large amount of damage. Board took no action.

Board took 5 min break. Back in session at 7:40

**17\* Commission Regulation 17- 13, 2017 Big Game Quotas for the 2017 - 2018 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Cody Schroeder, Cody McKee, and Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**

Refer to recommendation worksheet attached.

1. Resident and Nonresident Black Bear hunts 6151 and 6251 – Board agrees with recommendations
- 2 and 3. Resident and Nonresident Antelope-Hunts 2151 and 2251 – Board agrees with recommendations
4. Resident Antelope Muzzleloader hunt 2171 – Board agrees with recommendations
5. Resident Antelope, Archery Hunt 2161 -Board recommends adjustments to units 115, 231, 242.

A motion to support recommendations with the exception of units 115,231,242 to maintain the 2016 quota of 10 was made by **McVicars** and Seconded by **Boren**. Justin opposed. Motion passed.

6. Nonresident Antelope Horns longer than ears-Archery Hunt 2261- board agrees with recommendations
7. Resident Antelope-Horns shorter than ears- Any legal weapon hunt 2181- board agrees with recommendations.
8. Resident Elk-Antlered-Any legal weapon Depredation Hunt 4102- Board agrees with recommendation
- 9 and 11. Resident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon & Muzzleloader Hunts 4151 and 4156-. Sawyer recommends equalizing the quotas for archery and muzzleloader. Rozich noted that until demand success is removed from the equation then adjusting the numbers won't provide the results board is looking for. C. Menghini, NDOW noted that if board continues to move tags around you are artificially manipulating the demand success equation. Sawyer noted that until weapon is chosen demand success shouldn't be considered. Menghini, NDOW agrees that demand success isn't working but this should have been brought up in season setting. Justin noted that he'd like to see a better community turn out to determine the needs of the hunters. Rozich and McVicars support the recommendations. Sawyer would like to see a more equal allocation for muzzleloader hunters.

A motion to reduce tags in unit 111-115 Early by 6 to 104, reduce tags in unit 111-115 Late by 6 to 84, reduce tags in unit 221-223 Early by 4 to 71, reduce tags in unit 221-223 Late by 4 to 61 and increase tags for hunt 4156 in unit 111-115 by 18 to 33 and increase tags in unit 221-223 by 8 to 18 was made by board member **Boren**. Seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

10. and 12. Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon and Muzzleloader hunts 4251 and 4256 – board agrees with recommendations.
- 13, 14 and 15 Resident / Nonresident Elk- Antlered-Archery Hunts 4161 and 4261 and Spike Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651– board agrees with recommendations
- 16 and 17. Resident Elk hunt 4181 and 4181 Wilderness only-board agrees with recommendations
18. Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Any legal weapon hunt 4281 – board agrees with recommendations
19. Resident Elk-Antlerless-Muzzleloader hunt 4176 – board agrees with recommendations
20. Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Muzzleloader Hunt 4276-Board agrees with recommendations
21. Resident Elk-Antlerless-Archery Hunt 4111-Board agrees with recommendations
22. Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Archery Hunt 4211-Board agrees with recommendations
- 23 Resident Elk-Antlerless- Any legal weapon Depredation Hunt 4107-Board agrees with recommendations
- 24 Resident Elk-Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481-Board agrees with recommendations
- 25 Nonresident Elk-Antlerless Elk Management-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481-Board agrees with recommendations
- 26 Resident Elk-Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader Hunt 4476 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1371 -Board agrees with recommendations
27. Resident Elk-Antlerless Elk Management Archery 4411 Hunt 4476 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1341 Board agrees with recommendations
- 28 Resident Junior Elk-Antlerless Elk Management Hunt 4407 Option for Junior Mule Deer Hunt 1107 Board agrees with recommendations
29. Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon hunt 3151- board agrees with recommendations

30. Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any Legal weapon hunt 3251- board agrees with recommendations
31. Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep-Any Ewe-Any legal weapon hunt 3181- board agrees with recommendations
32. Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep-Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon hunt 3281- board agrees with recommendations
33. Resident California Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any-Legal Weapon Hunt 8151- board agrees with recommendations
34. Nonresident California bighorn sheep-Any Ram-Any-Legal Weapon hunt 8251-board agrees with recommendations
35. Resident California Bighorn Sheep-Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8181-board agrees with recommendations
36. Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any legal weapon-hunt 9151- board agrees with recommendations
37. Resident Mountain Goat-Any Goat -Any Legal Weapon hunt 7151-board agrees with recommendations
38. Nonresident Mountain Goat Any Goat -Any Legal Weapon hunt 7251-board agrees with recommendations
39. Resident Junior Mule Deer-Antlered or Antlerless-Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon hunt 1107-

Board discussed: Rozich noted that overall adult hunts dramatically reduced numbers with a dramatic increase in junior tags. Menghini, NDOW reported this is based on increased deer population. Board opposed to the high numbers in the junior and late hunts. Rozich noted that if this is truly about hunt opportunity then the allocation of tags should be more evenly distributed. Commissioner Almberg discussed the need for the junior hunt based on the experience and the affect it has on the popularity of hunting. He agrees there are flaws in the tag allocation however if that's the hook that keeps them then he will continue to support. Sawyer isn't opposed to junior opportunity he just feels that the youth are allowed to hunt into their late teens which puts too many youth into the hunt. This prevents younger youth from opportunity.

A motion to revert to 2016 quota recommendations for units 111-113 and units 131-134 made by **Rozich** seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

40. Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181-board agrees with recommendations
41. Resident Mule Deer-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon hunt 1331-

A motion to adjust the board's recommendation for units 111-113 Early by increasing tags to 464 and reducing tags in unit 111-113 Late to 51 was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **McVicars** motion passes.

42. Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered-Any Legal Weapon hunt 1331- board agrees with recommendations
43. Resident Mule Deer -Antlered-Muzzleloader Hunt 1371-board agrees with recommendations
44. Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered-Muzzleloader hunt 1371 – board agrees with recommendations
- 45 and 46. Resident / Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered-Archery hunts 1341- board agrees with recommendations

**18\* Commission regulation 17-14, 2017 Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Quotas.**

No action

**Next meeting date(s)**

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Reno, Nevada May 12-13, 2017**

A motion to approve board chairman Sawyer to travel to Reno, Nevada to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting scheduled for May 12-13, 2017 was made by board member **McVicars**, seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.

**White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, Nevada on June 20, 2017 at 6pm)**

A motion to approve the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board meeting in Ely 6pm on June 20, 2017 was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passes with no opposition.

**Public Comment Period:**

Commissioner Stork asked the status of the boat dock. Alberg noted it is a legal issue regarding who owns the land. Trevor Marques asked about the status of the trail camera issue. Rozich noted that he and Sawyer previously disagreed on the issue however Rozich has changed his mind. Sawyer is completely opposed to the use of trail cameras. Commissioner Alberg suggested getting this back on future agendas. Boren noted that other advisory boards need to be educated on our issue. Participation of the cabs is critical to addressing issues of trail cameras and shed hunting. Based on previous public perception public attendance is low and board is determined to rectify. Board discussed options for increasing public attendance including using social media and location of agenda's.

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at 10:15 pm held on May 9, 2017 was made by board member **Rozich** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm**