

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
JANUARY 23, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA**

Present:

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer
Board Vice Chairman Mitchell McVicars
 Shane Boren
 Steve Marquez

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Ramona Maestes

Visitors:

Adam Henriod, NDOW	Mike Simon
Heath Korell, NDOW	Ross Sandborn
Wade Robison	Jimmy Danner
Rodd Lighthouse, NDOW	Buzz Rosevear, Basin Engineering
Joe Rozich	Curt Baughman
Bill Miller	Tyrell Brown, NDOW
Jaremy Newton	Ernie Rivera III
Kody Menghini, NDOW	Brock Rowley
Jack Robb,	Dallas Lewis
Scott Giles, NDOW	Shelby Lewis
Derek Williams	Nick Marich
BJ Almborg, Basin Engineering	Fred Ahlvers
Jon Almborg, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner	Jani Ahlvers

Called to order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Bill Miller; at the commission meeting tomorrow, they will have a presentation for the Silver State Trail. Bill suggested that the board might have apprehension due to the displacement of wildlife. Critical sage grouse habitat and proximity of springs. He'd appreciate the boards consideration of these items and to express these concerns if any to the commission prior to or at the presentation.

Approval of Agenda:

Board requested agenda items 1 and 2 to be heard during commission agenda item #4.

A motion to approve the agenda for January 23, 2018 meeting with changes was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Marques**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the October 30, 2017 meeting minutes was made by board member **McVicars** seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Payment of Bills:

Request for payment was presented by board secretary Christina Sawyer for meeting agenda and minutes for October 30, 2017, meeting for \$150.00

Request for reimbursement for Travel to Wildlife Commission Meeting in Carson City, NV on November 4-5, 2018 by Steve Marques \$635.00

Request for reimbursement for travel to Wildlife Commission Meeting in Carson City, NV on November 4, 2018 by Shane Boren \$459.90

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

Correspondence:

E-Mail from James Judd with attachment letter to Michael A Wheable, atty.

Letter from White Pine County Clerk, Nichole Baldwin; requesting a progress report. Completion due date February 15, 2018.

Reports:

none

Agenda items:

1. Comins Lake Project (for possible action)

Presentation by Jack Robb, NDOW regarding improvements at Comins Lake. Current expenditures are right at 700K to complete improvements. Looking for ways to fund the improvements. Noted a 3-1 match from the Pitman Roberts Government Funding for all donations. Noted the economic drive towards tourism. Also suggested looking to local mines for donations. Robb, NDOW also suggested joining with additional neighboring CAB's to impact the request. Goal is to complete the project in full; however, if project runs short on funds, phasing or cuts may be required

Board member Boren asked if this project would qualify for the NDOW Heritage Grant funds. Robb confirmed, but reminded the board of the submission deadline as March 1.

Public comment: BJ Almberg noted that the project cost estimate will need to be updated and can be altered if not enough money is raised. Bill Miller added that there are several items on the list that can be financially adjusted/reduced. Solar over power, smaller cattle guard are just a few examples.

Wade Robinson noted that he'd like to see the project go forward regardless of the cuts that will have to be made. Jon Almborg, NDOW asked Robb to elaborate on the funding and how it can be allocated. Robb, NDOW confirmed that labor saving is also an option if we piggy back on additional projects or purchases. Board member Boren asked Bj if alternative boat dock options were available and if so would it delay the project if modifications are made. Bj confirmed that yes alternative plans are available and no it should not delay the process. Bj asked if "float funds" are available and is it an option to phase the project to address funding shortages. Robb confirmed that yes "Float funds" are available but he'd prefer not to phase out the project because it has already been delayed. Adam Henriod, NDOW reminded that there is a number of labor projects that NDOW can complete or help to complete. The 3-1 match can be affected if phase option is enacted. Wade Robison asked about SIPLMA money as an option for some of the shade, picnic projects. Rodd Lighthouse, NDOW questioned whether or not a boat launch and a dock were necessary Wade Robison noted that older generation can't get in a boat without a dock. Several options to reduce cost were shared by the public. General public consensus was in favor of the project. Robb, NDOW noted that he isn't trying to "gold plate" anything. He is after an acceptable project at an affordable cost. Henriod, NDOW commented on the sunny side floating dock; noted that during a storm in 2014 the ramp was severely damaged and remains un-repaired. It would be his recommendation to put the best possible dock in that we can afford. Almborg, NDOW asked if we are out soliciting funds as an option to "donate" selective cost ie.. picnic area for which they do material and labor would this be eligible for the 3-1 match. Robb, noted he'd have to confirm. Robison, willing to step up and volunteer labor and cost to complete the project. Board member Boren asked for volunteers to go after donations and suggested the board complete the NDOW Heritage Grant fund application. Board recommends moving forward with funding attempts and moving forward with bidding out the project as is. If the funding isn't collected then options to reduce cost will be addressed. Board Chairman Sawyer confirmed that Mitch will get on the Mt. Wheeler Power agenda for a donation request. Sawyer will reach out to the local mines for donations. Boren will complete the NDOW Heritage Grant Fund application and Jon will be the contact person for financial contributions. Robb suggested a conference call with the group next week to begin.

2. Commission agenda items:

7* Commission Policy 26, Re-establishing, Introducing, Transplanting and Managing Pioneering Rocky Mountain Elk, Second Reading – Commissioner and Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no comments or concerns

Public comments: Bill questioned why there are no county elk management plan, Kody explained these are for new.

Board has no recommendations.

8* Commission Policy 3, Appeals, Second Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no comments or concerns

Public comment: none

9* Commission Policy 66, Management and Use of Wildlife Management Areas, Second Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no comments or concerns.

Public comments: Kurt Baughman asked how much was funded for the Steptoe project. 200K 300K 2mil stat 500K state fuel tax RMEF was the facilitator. Bill noted that there might have been a political motivation.

A motion to ***approve Commission Policy 66, Management and Use of Wildlife Management Areas, as written*** was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no objections

10* Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award, First Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no concerns or comments

Public comment: none

A motion ***to approve Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award as written*** was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no objections

13 A. Commission General regulation 475, Shed Antler, LCB file No. R134-17-Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed-adoption/public comment Allowed.

Board Discussed as follows. Sawyer reiterated his concerns with enforcing a season, noted that the law-abiding citizens will be restricted while those who don't follow the rules will be reaping the sheds.

Lewis, recommends a license. Board reminded him that those options were discussed and presented to the commission previously. Miller noted that if licensing is required the revenue from the licensing should be allocated towards law enforcement.

Menghini, NDOW noted there is no consistency among the states.

Lewis, recommended that seasons are the same as neighboring states to prevent non-residents from coming to our area.

Sawyer noted the last personal contact he has had with a NDOW law enforcement agent in the field was with Williams. Scott Giles took offense to this comment, said he's seen Sawyer.

Sawyer confirmed he may have seen him but no contact has been made.

Confirmed, that as written will also allow for emergency contingencies if required. Without policy no emergency option.

Penalties for violations have not been determined.

A Motion to approved **Commission General regulation 475, Shed Antler, LCB file No. R134-17-Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed-adoption** as written with exception to Jan 1-April 15 closed sunset to 10am and from April 16-May 31 was made by board member **Boren**, seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

13.B Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Camera's and other devices, LCB File no R012-16-chief game Warden Tyler Turnipseed-Adoption/Public comment Allowed.

Board comments as follows: Has received public support.

Public comment: Kurt noted some loop holes that might be exploited, including the private property clause and the government workers clause. Board noted that this is a work in progress and needs a starting point.

Boren noted he has heartburn over 2A sub section. Robb, NDOW noted that this was put in place for spices monitoring and it includes a 1 year protection of data collected.

Lewis asked about seeing some season date suggestions.

A motion to *accept Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Camera's and other devices, LCB File no R012-16 as written* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed no opposition.

20* Draft Fiscal Year 2019 Predation Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Boren questioned project 38; how is that going to be thrown out. Robb, NDOW said that gives flexibility to adjust as needed.

Boren questioned project 44.

Mitch question problems that Uhalde is having. Robb,NDOW noted that they were sued by Defenders of Wildlife, issue is pending

Menghini, NDOW noted that they still have some options to protect livestock.

A motion to *approve Draft Fiscal Year 2019 Predation Management Plan as written* was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no objections

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

Board discussed as follows: Boren commented to allow raise the min. if cap is reached and need is still prevalent.

Public Comment: Robb, NDOW reviewed, has no comment. Noted that a lot of ideas but a direction has been established. Almborg, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner recommended not including a fixed number but maybe a percentage instead. The program has been working and in general public is happy.

No motion.

22 Commission Regulations – For Possible Adoption – Public Comment Allowed

A* Commission Regulation 18 - 02, 2018 Black Bear Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

Board's recommendations are as follows: **Agree**

Note: Board member Boren step out of the room returning prior to next item discussion.

B* Commission Regulation 18 - 03, 2018 - 2019 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

Board's recommendations are as follows: **Agree**

C* Commission Regulation 17 - 05, Amendment 2, 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Biologist Cody McKee and Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board's recommendations are as follows: Marques relayed public comment that public has expressed concern that the elk season should mimic the shed season. Almberg, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner, noted extra 5 days allows for a better success rate. Public comment: Kurt was disappointed with the reduced season. Jon noted he'd support the shorter season to avoid animal harassment.

Board recommendations are as follows: **Agree**

D* Commission Regulation 18 - 04, 2019 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action

A motion to *approve Commission Regulation 18 - 04, 2019 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas as written* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no objections

E* Commission Regulation 18 - 05, 2018 Partnership in Wildlife Tags – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action

A motion to *approve Commission Regulation 18 - 05, 2018 Partnership in Wildlife Tags as written* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **Marques**.

F* Commission Regulation 18 - 06, 2018 Silver State Tags – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action

A motion to *approve Commission Regulation 18 - 06, 2018 Silver State Tags as written* was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no objections.

G* Commission Regulation 18 - 07, 2018 Dream Tag – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action

A motion to *approve Commission Regulation 18 - 07, 2018 Dream Tag as written* was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Marques**. Motion passed with no objections.

H* Commission Regulation 18 - 08, 2018 Big Game Application Deadlines – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action

A motion to *approve Commission Regulation 18 - 08, 2018 Big Game Application Deadlines as written* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by Board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no objections.

I* Commission Regulation 18 - 09, 2018 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action

A motion to *approve Commission Regulation 18 - 09, 2018 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits as written* was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by Board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no objections.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will be in Reno/Carson City, Nevada on January 26-27, 2018

A motion to **accept travel to Reno/Carson City, Nevada to the Commission meeting on January 26-27, 2018 for two board members** was made by board member **McVicars**, seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passes with no opposition.

*The Department has added an additional teleconferenced Commission meeting in Reno and Las Vegas on Feb. 9, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. to consider taking action for adoption of Commission General Regulation 476, Processing Fees.

The next scheduled meeting for the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board will be in Ely, Nevada on Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 6pm at a new location to be confirmed.

A motion to *accept the next meeting date of Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 6pm was made* by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no objections.

Public Comment Period:

No comment

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at 8:55 pm held on January 23, 2018 was made by board member **Boren**, seconded by board member **Marques**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55