

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
MARCH 13, 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
Ramona Maestes

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Visitors:

Kody Menghini, NDOW
Scott Giles, NDOW
Scott McVicars
Heath Korell, NDOW
Adam Henriod, NDOW
Jim Danner
Hal Hollingsworth

Called to order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

No public comment

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda for March 13, 2018 meeting was made by board member McVicars and seconded by board member Maestes Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of minutes:

A motion to *approve the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes* was made by board member Maestes seconded by board member Boren. Motion passed with no opposition.

Payment of Bills:

No bills submitted

Correspondence:

Letter to Chairman Ray Sawyer from White Pine County District Attorney Mike Wheable regarding Safe Hunting Distance CGR 473, noting his opposition.

e-mail from White Pine County Commissioner, Steve Stork, regarding Safe Hunting Distance CGR 473, noting his opposition and supporting District Attorney Mike Wheable's view point on the issue.

Letter of support from Mt. Wheeler Power, providing a 5,000 donation towards the Comin's Lake project and intentions of acquiring a matching donation from a financial partner Co-Bank.

Donation received from Bath Lumber for 300.00 towards the Comins Lake project

Donation received from Sports World for 200.00 towards the Comins Lake project

e-mail correspondence from Jim Evens, ECABMW requesting support regarding their recommendation on CR18-10 Migratory Game Bird Season.

E-mail correspondence regarding donation request came from Kinross Mine

E-Mail confirmation of donation of the traffic signs and life vest kiosk from KGHM mine. Requested a plaque noting the donation, confirmed they will fund the plaque just needs to know what the options are regarding size.

Reports:

Board member Boren requested a report from Henriod, NDOW reported on Kirch, Henriod, NDOW reviewed the temporary fix at Kirch. Board member McVicars, asked about the campground and the cows. Henriod, NDOW confirmed that he is seeking funding for fencing to make needed improvements.

Board member Boren asked about water levels. Henriod, NDOW confirmed as of the 12th that levels are relatively good considering the winter we've had.

Board member Marquez questioned if an excavator will be available to open up Cold Spring. Board member Henriod, NDOW noted that lack of man power is delaying the start of these projects. He reported that trees have been purchased and camp host is returning. Henriod, NDOW committed to being available to report on ongoing projects and requested that the board advise him in advance of specific items of interest to allow him time to prepare his report.

Agenda items:

1. Comin's Lake Boat Launch facility update (for possible action)

Board discussed as follows: Board member Boren reported the completion and submission of the Heritage application requesting 55,000 towards the Comins Lake project. Boren had questions regarding timing, start of project, pending monies, overall process going forward. Henriod, NDOW reminded the board that the Federal Government moves slow but the process is in motion. Boren reminded the board to boast about donations on social media and suggested at some point they submit a press release.

2. Commission agenda items:

6* Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan – Vice Chairman and Committee Chairman Johnston and Wildlife Staff Biologist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: No comments or concerns

A motion to approve **Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan** was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **Marques**. Motion passed with no objections

7* Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award, Second Reading – Commissioner and Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy (APRP) Committee Chairman David McNinch and Conservation Education Administrator Chris Vasey – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no comment

8* Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, First Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch and Conservation Education Administrator Chris Vasey – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: No comment

9* Status of Commission Policy Review – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: noted no recommendations given

11. A* Commission General Regulation 473, Safe Hunting Distance, LCB File No. R111-17 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

Board discussed as follows: Sawyer, personally opposed to the additional regulations, believes County Codes cover, referenced earlier correspondence from both district attorney Mike Wheable and County Commissioner Steve Stork. Board member Boren questioned the regulations in place for a township like Preston. Sawyer referenced the NRS for counties. Giles, NDOW noted zoning differences can make it difficult to enforce. Giles, NDOW noted that due to precedence, the penalties allow for a softer hit. Noted that the request for regulations was not a *knee jerk* reaction. It has been well thought out due to issues that are valid. It was noted that Washoe County is opposed. Giles, recommended if the board is not in favor they should come up with a solution. Sawyer, noted we could write our own county code that would address some of the issues, including archery situation that don't already exist. Giles, NDOW noted that NDOW law enforcement cannot enforce county code, only NRS in addition a county code violation does not carry demerit penalties. Additional issues include NRS is specific to hunting and not other potential violations.

Board member McVicars, commented that he agrees that there is a big problem in general; however White Pine County is not experiencing it as a significant issue.

Board member Boren, noted that while he understands that the NDOW is need of some teeth on this matter but doesn't feel it can be resolved with a distance restriction. he recalled a near miss story that would have been in direct violation. Board member Maestes is apprehensive regarding the enforcement only under the county codes due to the fact that they do not carry a demerit penalty.

Public comment: S. McVicars, was in favor of allowing counties to deal with the issues on their own.

The board made a recommendation to continue toward a better solution other than the one proposed in **Commission General Regulation 473, Safe Hunting Distance, LCB File No. R111-17**

12* Commission Regulation 18-10, 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 – 2018 - 2019 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Sawyer referred to the correspondence from Jim Evans. Noted that a follow up email was received explaining that they realized the issue cannot be resolved until 2020. Majority of board is in support of the county's recommendations and foresee zoning changes to be in favor. Board member Marquez relayed comments that were shared with him where date issues came up. He encouraged the board to move forward with date adjustment recommendations, does not feel this would affect the zoning restriction that are in place until 2020. Recommend moving the date back a week too better align the season recommendations that Eureka is looking for.

Sawyer noted that per correspondence with Mr. Evans, he understood changes cannot be made until 2020. Menghini, NDOW questioned why date changes were needed.

Neither Menghini, NDOW nor Giles, NDOW could verify if dates change recommendations were allowable at this time. Henriod, NDOW noted that his understanding of the reason for the zone issues is limited he would agreed that a minor date change would be feasible without interference.

Sawyer recommended that the board entertain a motion with season date suggestion that would support the other counties recommendations.

Public comment: Hal Hollingsworth would like to see the date pushed back as far as possible.

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 18-10, 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 – 2018 - 2019 Season** as written with the exception of the North East Zone to begin Sept 29-Oct 21 and Oct 24-Jan 13 was made by board member **Marquez** and seconded by board member **Maestes**. Motion passed with no objections

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

Board discussed as follows: Both board member Boren and Sawyer noted that if the tags were only worth \$50 land owners wouldn't be as demanding, but because tags are so highly valued they see this as the opportunity to recover losses. Board agrees the land owners are experiencing property loss, but don't think this level of compensation should be the only answer. Menghini, NDOW noted that the compensation program is vaguely written and the new proposal is even worse. His professional opinion would be the compensation tag program requires more definitive parameters otherwise the board will find themselves right back here in the future. Board debated equations that had the potential to solve the issue. Fearful that the cap will be set at 3.5% and all agreed that they didn't want to see that.

A motion to ***oppose the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program as written*** was made by board member **Boren**, board member **McVicars** seconded. Motion passed with no objections

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will be in Laughlin, Nevada on March 16-17, 2018

A motion to ***accept travel to Laughlin, Nevada to the Commission meeting on March 16-17, 2018 for board member Marquez*** was made by board member Maestes , seconded by board member McVicars. Motion passes with no opposition.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board (Ely, Nevada on Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 6pm at WPC Emergency Response Building.

A motion to ***accept the next meeting date of Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 6pm*** was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Maestes**. Motion passed with no objections.

Public Comment Period:

No comment

A motion ***to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at 8:04 pm held on March 13, 2018*** was made by board member **McVicars** seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04