

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMPLEX**

Present:

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

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Visitors:

Jon Almborg, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner
Adam Henroid, NDOW
Kody Menghini, NDOW
Anna Kopp, NDOW
Carl Jackson
Brady Burdick
Lee Brumley
Kathy Brumley
Scott Giles, NDOW
Bryant Barnson
Jani Ahlvers
Fred Ahlvers
Chris Collis
Scott Laity
Dan Hamilton
Jennifer Hamilton
Cody S. Bliss
Rick Makley
RaLeene Makley
Mele Kingston
Bill Kingston
Kevin Ashby
Steve Stork, White Pine County Commissioner
Renee Harshman
Bernice Bowman
Jake Bowman
Dolph Bowman
Hal Hollingsworth

Hal Bybee

Called to order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period: Board Chairman Sawyer advised those in attendance that the public comment period will be the only opportunity to share thoughts regarding the issue of the proposed 2 mile shooting distance topic since there was not adequate time to get it on our agenda.

Bryant Barnson; 2mile limit is ridiculous, no new laws are needed, he has no memory of anyone every being injured by a bow. Bill Kingston; lives on 5 acres of land and notices hunting / shooting all around him but it has never bothered him. Noted Public Land should be available to the public. Lee Bromley; had heard that homeowners had been feeding the deer in question, asked if any legal action would be taken regarding this illegal act? Scott Laity; Asked if NDOW is concerned with the large number of deer that have started appearing in town and what their plan is to maneuver them back out. Suggested that the public should work harder to deter the wild animals from their property with fencing. Agree's the 2 mile suggested shooting distance is ridiculous. Giles, NDOW reported that the department has no comment at this time regarding the topic but did confirm that feeding wildlife is illegal. Cody Bliss; Enough laws are already in place, what we need is enforcement of those laws. Questionable behavior is not up for discussion, it was a legal hunting area. Reiterated, no new laws are needed. Dolf Bowman; introduced himself as new in town, came her to get away from restrictions, the 2 mile suggestion is crazy. Crazy to hear people complaining about cattle grazing on open range. Kevin Ashby; agrees with the consensus of those in attendance. Raleene Makley; lives on 20 acres of land that is fenced; outside of that fence is public land. Making pets out of wildlife is unrealistic. Animals often wander on to property and come and go and sometimes don't come back. That's life. Lee Brumley; encouraged public to attend the next commission meeting. Scott Laity; asked if the WPC advisory board will meet again prior to the next commission meeting and if so will this topic be on the agenda. Steve Stork, commissioner; Requested the advisory board put the subject on the next agenda for the October meeting. He encouraged the advisory board to make a recommendation to the commission. Shane Boren; Suggested that this is more of a safe shooting issue rather than a wildlife issue and recommended the topic be directed to the sheriff. This isn't about deer hunting. Jon Almberg, commissioner; noted the 2 mile suggestion will be difficult to enforce and eliminate much of local shooting and hunting opportunities. Steve Stork, commissioner; noted existing firearm regulations have been addressed. Carl Jackson; noted the NRS statute covered bow/aiming; Scott Giles, NDOW; recalled a story about a deer killed on the 9th green at a golf course warned public that arguing, and enforcement of the statues are tricky. Hal Bybee; 35 years on his property that borders BLM land and he has never had a bullet go through his home. Careful firearm practice is what keeps people safe. Shane Boren; asked public to continue strong attendance and a strong voice. That's what reaches the ear of the commission.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to **approve the agenda for September 18, 2018 meeting** was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve minutes from the June 26, 2018 meeting and August 7, 2018 meeting was made by board member **McVicars** and seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Payment of Bills:

Request for reimbursement for Travel to Steve Marquez for the Wildlife Commission Meeting in Caliente, Nevada on August 10-11 for a total of \$404.89 was presented.

Request for reimbursement for Secretarial duties to Christina Sawyer for meeting agenda and minutes for the June 26, 2018 meeting for \$150.00 and for meeting agenda and minutes for the August 7, 2018 meeting for \$150.00 was presented.

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

Correspondence:

An email from WPC Commissioner Steve Stork requesting an amendment to the board agenda to include discussion or recommendation regarding a county ordinance regulating the discharge of fire arms in proximity to established residences and occupied structures in White Pine County.

An email from WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advising on the procedures to amend an agenda were both read for the record by board secretary Sawyer.

Reports:

Almberg, commissioner reported regarding volunteer work on the Comins Lake project. He noted that because they are in the process of writing the grant, volunteer work could jeopardize the 3-1 matching funds and is advising that no volunteer work be scheduled at this time. Henriod, NDOW reported that the plan is to break ground in the Spring of 2019, there will be meeting held throughout the winter. Can expect the Grant process to take 4-6 months. McVicars, directed questions to Henriod, NDOW regarding water delivery amounts from Sunnyside to Jensen. Noted board has requested multiple time for documentation but has not seen anything yet. Henroid, NDOW reminded the board of the good faith agreement they have with Jensen. He is working under his supervisor's directive; just trying to help them meet their needs. Boren, disagreed with Henroid, NDOW regarding the water levels in the canal, Kopp, NDOW agreed with Boren and does not recall any water in canal since 2015. Boren asked if consideration is taken to lake levels prior to distribution/appropriation. Kopp, NDOW suggested Henriod, NDOW advise the board on what to expect. Henroid, reviewed anticipated water levels and release schedule. Commented -he cringes every time he has to pull boards, "I grew up fishing there also, but I must meet demands".

Agenda items:

1. Youth Mentor-ship program (for possible action)

Board Discussed as follows: Marquez reported that the proposal will be going to the TAC committee. Almberg, Commissioner reminded the board that their attendance at the commission meeting will be critical to get this approved.

Public Comment: None

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

Board discussed as follows: pertinent information about the status of the project were previously discussed under reports above.

Public Comment: None

3. **Commission agenda items:**

7 Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) Update – Secretary Wasley and Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: no comment

18 Commission Regulations

A* Commission General Regulation 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goat Online Course, LCB File No. R151-18 – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Born likes, Kody likes the check in and eliminates the need for paper hard copies. Marquez likes the program.

Public comment: none

Sawyer entertained a motion:

A motion to accept Commission General Regulation 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goat Online Course, LCB File No. R151-18 as written was made by board member Marquez Seconded by Boren Motion passed with no opposition.

B* Commission General Regulation 479, Rosy Boa Reptile, LCB File No. R152-18 – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark and Wildlife Diversity Biologist Jason Jones – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Marquez noted he learned a lot at the last commission meeting regarding the Rosy Boa, including that there are two one in baja and one in Nevada. Is in support of the regulation.

Public comment: none

Sawyer entertained a motion:

A motion to accept Commission General Regulation 479, Rosy Boa Reptile, LCB File No. R152-18 as written was made by board member Boren Seconded by Mastes. Motion passed with no opposition.

C* Commission Regulation 18 - 01, Amendment #2, Fishing Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits, and Regulations for March 1, 2018, through Feb. 29, 2020 – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Boren didn't notice anything relevant to White Pine. Only minor changes.

Public comment: none

Sawyer entertained a motion:

A motion to accept Commission Regulation 18 - 01, Amendment #2, Fishing Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits, and Regulations for March 1, 2018, through Feb. 29, 2020 as written was made by board member **Boren** Seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

19 Yakama Tribe Pronghorn Translocation Update – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – For Possible Action

Board discussed as follows: Menghini, NDOW, transplants are doing good with only 2 mortalities. They seem to be adjusting well. Most likely will give them more if they continue to be successful.

Public comment: none

Sawyer entertained a motion:

A motion to accept Yakama Tribe Pronghorn Translocation Update as written was made by board member **Marquez** Seconded by **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Jon brought to the attention of board to review item 10A and B

Sawyer reviewed and opened for discussion.

10A Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, LCB File No. R096-18

Board discussed as follows: Board requested Menghini, NDOW to help explain the calculations, he differed to Almborg, Commissioner, shared how the equation works and noted it is a trial and error process. Marquez reported that the visual demonstration at the last commission meeting was easy to understand, even though he couldn't explain it now. Almborg reminded the board that this would only be used on an emergency basis and it is critical to have something in place. Board supported the program.

Public comment: none

Sawyer entertained a motion:

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, LCB File No. R096-18 as written was made by board member **Mastes** Seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

B* Commission General Regulation 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File No. R194-18

Board discussed as follows: McVicars asked when will we get more turkeys, Menghini, NDOW told board that it is in the works to transplant more turkeys

Public Comment:

Sawyer entertained a motion:

A motion to **support Commission General Regulation 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File No. R194-18 as written** was made by board member **Mastes** Seconded by **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will be in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 21-22, 2018.

A motion to **accept travel for Steve Marquez to the Commission meeting on September 21-22, 2018 to Las Vegas, Nevada** was made by board member **McVicars** seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passes with no opposition.

White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board Ely, Nevada on Tuesday October 30, 2018 at 6pm at WPC Emergency Response Building.

Sawyer asked if the room would be large enough to accommodate the anticipated crowd. Advised that a change of venue can be completed if done prior to the posting of the agenda. Board will consider options.

A motion to **accept the next meeting date of Tuesday October 30, 2018 at 6pm** was made by board member **Boren** and seconded by board member **Mcvicars**. Motion passed with no objections.

Public Comment Period:

Raleene Makley- wanted to know if the White Pine Commission would have a copy of tonight's minutes prior to their next meeting. Sawyer assured her the board would report comments and concerns expressed at tonight's meeting to the commission prior to their next meeting. McVicars, noted the new hunting tags are illegible. Giles, NDOW agreed and has run into issue in the field trying to read them and agrees that they are not holding up well. Plans are in place to make improvements.

A motion ***to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting at pm held on September 18, 2018*** was made by board member **Mastes** seconded by board member **McVicars**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39

Meeting adjourned at