

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
JUNE 17, 2019 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Present:

Board Chairman Mitchell McVicars
Board Vice Chairman Steve Marquez
Romona Maestes
Shane Boren

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent: Ray Sawyer

Visitors:

Kody Menghini, NDOW
Bill Miller
Clifford Ellingwood, NDOW
Fred Ahlvers

Jani Ahlvers
Adam Henriod, NDOW
Jon Almborg, Nevada Wildlife Commissioner

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Sawyer at 6:01

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Rancher Clarence Henriod is having trouble with the Elk. Field damage is extensive. Asking the board what kind of help they can provide. Boren noticed some damage. Asked NDOW -can you have a depredation hunt that includes Utah property? Menghini, NDOW validated the problem but said that his concerns have to end at the border. Henriod asked if there is the option of having a combined hunt? Menghnin, NDOW indicated that Utah doesn't have a cow hunt. Henriod has counted 500 head causing damage that is way beyond what tags can fix. Fencing is an option on the Nevada side. Meghnini, NDOW did make contact with the reservation in an attempt to work towards a mutually beneficial plan. Meghnin, NDOW confirmed his count was closer to 700.

Jani Alvhers- shared information about an outing. They went out on the quads. They noted the animals were down low, roads were good. No tracks, no trash. Animals looked happy. Credits this to the lack of pressure on the animals due to the shed season.

Conversation returned to Henriod's Elk issue. Almborg, Wildlife Commissioner, added that while they'd like to help, options are so limited because it is on the Utah side of the border.

No further public comments

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board reviewed, no comments

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to approve the agenda for June 17, 2019 meeting was made by board member **Boren**, seconded by board member **Mastes** Motion passed with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed, no comments

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to approve minutes from the April 29, 2019 meeting was made by board member **Mastes** and seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

Request for reimbursement for secretarial duties to Christina Sawyer for meeting agenda and minutes for the April 29, 2019 meeting for \$150.00 was presented.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

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

***Correspondence:**

Board secretary Sawyer read letter from Richard Bustos dated April 25, 2019 regarding shed season

Letter from Debbie Bustos dated June 11, 2019 regarding shed season

Email from NDOW with Amendment to item #16

Mitch noted getting several calls regarding wild horse encroaching into the Duckcreek area. Suggested that Forest service enforce their rule. Board is in support of sending a letter.

Board Charirman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to draft a letter supporting Forest Service enforcing the boundaries to prevent wild horses encroaching into the Duckcreek basin was made by board member Marquez, seconded by Mastes. Motion passed with no opposition.

Reports:

Comins Lake – Korell, was not in attendance to report.

Board member Marquez reported complaints regarding speeding boats at Comins Lake.

Board Chairman McVicars asked Almborg, Wildlife Commissioner what happened with the Youth Mentorship Program. Almborg said that it was completely altered in the legislation behind the scene. Not clear what happened. We will have to wait for 2 years to make changes.

Silver State Trail Status – Bill Miller reported Wildlife Commission submitted letter supporting Alt. D, no action. Several other boards submitted similar support. We will know more after August meeting.

Agenda items:

1. White Pine County Shed Season

Elko Cab sent over their proposal for our review. Board reviewed/discussed as follows:

Board member Boren, not a fan of the “penalties’ recommendation, not sure how that will work. Called out NDOW for their comments on social media when comments turned negative regarding a citation that was being given to someone who was caught picking up sheds prior to the season opening in another county. He noted that in response to the comments, NDOW threw CAB’s under the bus, pointing fingers that the season was their (CAB’s) idea.

Boren complimented Marquez regarding his comments made during the previous meeting when he reminded the public that our primary responsibility is to manage wildlife, not to bend to the demands of the public. Board member Marquez has issues with the shorter season. If he were to support the shorter season he would suggest starting in Feb. Noted, Ethics can't be taught regardless if they pass a class.

Board member Mastes would support a shorter season by closing later (February)

Board Chairman McVicars, agrees with the February closure date. He agreed there are problems with the idea of the ethic course, but at least we would have a number of people who took the course and an idea of what kind of interest there is in shed hunting.

Board Chairman Mcvicars opened discussion to public comment.

Bill Miller noted that the Ethics course is useful in court and provides law enforcement some grounds to stop and ticket. Miller noted that there was definitely people out prior to the season opening. Feels that weather really played a role this year to road damage. Menghini, NDOW noted that law enforcement has been beefed up by 7-8 additional wardens coming over to help out but agrees it happened a little late to make a significant impact. It is hard to catch and enforce but they did try. Menghinin, NDOW also did a lot of research regarding the allocations that there is no scientific evidence. He found 8-9 research documents regarding the evidence of what hiking and other low impact activities have on wildlife.

Board member Marquez also noted that he completed some research and supported what Menghini had discovered.

Almberg, Wildlife Commissioner questioned the intentions of the Elko CAB regarding their proposal. He also commended the White Pine CAB for maintain their priorities with regards to the management of wildlife, He reminded the board that there will always be a group of individuals who simply do not understand the concerns for the animals. Reminded the board that they may not make the public happy but if you support the protection of the animals you will gain public approval in the long run.

Board Chairman McVicars reminded the board they have options with regards to the Elko proposal, they can support the Elko recommendations as is, they can support in part or draft a proposal of there own but recommends taking a stand one way or another.

Board member Boren changed his mind regarding the ethics course, based on McVicars comments. Would like to see the number of people who are taking the course.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion **to support the Elko petition recommendation of a required Ethics course and the increased fines for violations** was made by board member **Boren**. Seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

2. Commission agenda items:

7.* Duck Stamp Request

Board Discussed as follows: Shane asked how the commission can approve to share funds with Canada but we can't help a local rancher with an Elk problem? This was in regards to the Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation funding request of 10,000. No response was given.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **accept the Duck Stamp Request as written with the exception of the Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation support** was made by board member **Boren**, seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

8 B * Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals

Board Discussed as follows: Lincoln County projects keep the money 100% local and for that reason Boren recommends the board fully supports their project.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **support Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited proposal** was made by **Boren**, seconded by **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

8 c*Extension Requests

Board discussed as follows: Reviewed the extensions but could not find an extension for the Comins Lake Boat Dock project.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion in **support of an extension for the Comins Lake Boat Dock** was made by **Boren**, seconded by **Mastes**. Motion passes with no opposition.

8e*Fiscal Year 2020 Heritage Project Proposal

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **approve Fiscal Year 2020 Heritage Project Proposals** as written was made by board member **Marquez**, seconded by board member **Mastes**. Board member Boren abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion passed with no opposition.

15.* Upland Game Bird Stamp Request

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **approve Upland Game Bird Stamp Request** as written was made by board member **Marquez**, seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no opposition.

16* Commission Regulation CR18-12, Amendment 2, 2019- 2020 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **approve Commission Regulation CR 18-12, Amendment 2, 2019-2020 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and bag limits as written** was made by board member **Marquez**, seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

17* Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 21

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **approve Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 21 as written** was made by board member **Marquez**, seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

19B *Fiscal Year 2020 County Advisory Board Budget Requests

Board discussed as follows: No comments

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion

A motion to **approve Fiscal Year 2020 County Advisory Board Budget Requests as written** was made by board member **Mastes**, seconded by board member **Marquez**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Next meeting date(s)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will be in Hawthorn Nevada on June 21-22, 2019

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion for travel to attend commission meeting.

A motion to **accept travel for Steve Marquez to attend the Commission meeting on June 21-22, 2019 in Hawthorn, Nevada** was made by board member **Mastes** seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passes with no opposition.

Next Meeting date:

Board discussed as follows: Mitch suggested that since the Wildlife Commission meeting will be held in Ely in August the board host a dinner for the commissioners on Thursday night. Location suggestions included the Steptoe Valley trap club. Board supported the idea. Noted that this will be Commissioner Almberg's farewell meeting. Both board member Sawyer and board secretary will be out of town for the August meeting. Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

A motion to **accept the next meeting date of Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6pm** at the WPC Library was made by board member **Mastes** and seconded by board member **Boren**. Motion passed with no objections.

Public Comment Period:

No public comment.

Board Chairman Mcvicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion **to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting** was made by board member **Marquez** seconded by board member **Maestes**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

