

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE
WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
MARCH 21, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY.**

Present:

Mitchell McVicars (Board Chairman)
Steve Marquez (Board Vice Chairman)
Adam Ruesch (Via phone call)
Jake Rosevear

Kayla Couch (Board Secretary)

Absent:

Ray Sawyer

Visitors:

Kody Manghini (NDOW)
Matt Jeffress (NDOW)
Adam Henroid (NDOW)
Samantha Fino (NDOW)
Jon Almberg
Nicholas Brunson (NDOW)

Called to order:

Board Chairman McVicars called the Meeting order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Chairman McVicars welcomed the new Board member Jake Rosevear and thanked him for volunteering.

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the agenda for the March 21, 2022 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for March 21, 2022 meeting as presented was made by board member Ruesch seconded by board member Marquez, motion passed with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the January 24, 2022 special meeting minutes for approval.

Board Chairman entertained a motion

A motion to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2022 special meeting as written was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Rosevear, motion passed with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

Board was presented a bill for Kayla Couch, for secretary services for the January 24, 2022 and March 21, 2022 meetings in the amount of \$300.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve the payment of bills to Kayla Couch was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Ruesch, motion passed with no opposition.

***Correspondence:**

Email- Chairman McVicars received an email from Nye County regarding the youth water fowl season dates and temperature impact on the species. Member Marquez explained that the Sunnyside area is located in the southern region and cold temperatures during the February youth season effect the hunt. Marquez wondered if the season dates could match the northeastern region. Adam Henroid informed the Board that in order to make the recommended changes to the crutch waterfowl seasons they would have to reconfigure zoning in the southern region to a new region, to accommodate the season dates desired.

Email- Secretary Kayla Couch presented an email from Christina Sawyer, regarding the 2023 travel budget and deadlines. As it appears there is not meeting scheduled for the CAB to meet before the 2023 budget is due. Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to approve the budget as is filled out and finished before the deadline of May 1st, 2022.

A motion was made to accept the fiscal year 2023 budget as it is being completed, by board member Marquez. The motion was seconded by board member Rosevear and the motion passed with no opposition.

Reports:

Kody Manghini, representing NDOW reported that Comins Lake is nearly complete. McVicars reported he's been in contact with the State and Gust Electric to complete secondary deliverables and shade structures. Jon Almberg reported that he received a request to see if there is an option to gather volunteers to remove straw waddles. Questions on sage grouse seasons were mentioned for the time frame of removing the straw waddles. Jon Almberg also reported that there is still a need for brush removal around the north bathroom area. Kody Manghini also reported that the construction at Cave Lake will begin the summer of 2023 along with proposals to initiate a bass habitat for small mouth bass. Nicolas Brunson reported he has seen an increase of public out, to prepare for antler shed season. Brunson stated he is currently working on a case involving failure to abide by season dates and regulations for shed hunting.

Commission Agenda items:

6. Draft Fiscal year 2023 Predation Management Plan.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: Jon Almberg stated it will be essentially the same with an additional discussion on Mule deer enhancement.

A motion to accept Commission agenda item 6, Draft Fiscal year 2023 Predation Management Plan as written was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Ruesch, Motion passed with no opposition.

7. Approval for Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: Kody Manghini stated that there is a consistent herd of elk ranging from 100-150 head that reside on the Granite Peak ranch, crossing back and forth along the state line. Manghini stated that anything exceeding \$10,000 must be brought to the State Commission, but any amount below can be paid with out action taken. Chairman McVicars asked if the Pleasant Valley area, herds were being managed in the same manner. Manghini responded that with private land, management is directed differently. Manghini stated that he has been in touch with the Utah and tribe officials pertaining to elk herds crossing boarders in Pleasant Valley. He mentioned that there are a few ranches in that area that are enrolled in elk incentive programs and are not bothered by the elk herds. Board member Marquez asked if this was only for the year 2022. Manghini responded that the current agenda item is for the year 2022 and will potentially be revisited for the year 2023. Chairman McVicars asked how the State came up with the dollar figures to cover damage. Manghini responded that a formula is designed based on the pounds of hay eaten each day and the number of head in each herd, paying a fair market value of hay per ton. Manghini also mentioned that potential fencing damage and materials to repair damages may be paid out as well.

A motion to accept Commission agenda item 7, Approval for Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000 to the Granite Peak Ranch in White Pine County as written was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Rosevear, Motion passed with no opposition.

8. Appeal- Mr. James Collard-Sub Guide Denial.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: Nicolas Brunson explained the process of a suspension on a guide license. Brunson stated it will interesting to see how the process is reviewed, as a report from the officers and convictions made against James Collard will be discussed. Discussion on the same outfitted guide service, violating similar laws was mentioned.

14 A. Department Activity Report.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

14. B. Litigation Report.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

14. C. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Oversight Committee.

Board discussion: Chairman McVicars stated he would try to attend meeting.

Public comment: None.

14. D. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee.

Board discussion: Chairman McVicars stated he would attend the TAAHC meeting on Wednesday March 23, 2022 to discuss the youth change/transfer.

Public comment: None.

14. E. Wildlife Heritage Committee.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

14. F. Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. A. *Commission Policy 10, Heritage Tag and Vendors

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. B. *Commission Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. C. *Commission Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. D. *Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. E. *Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. F. *Commission Policy 34, Input on Land Sales, Transfers and Exchanges.

Board discussion: None.
Public comment: None.

15. G. *Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: Adam Henroid reported a clerical error in the region containing Landor County, being listed as western, when the area is actually considered eastern. Henroid explained it should have no effect on the discussion action item.

15. H. *Commission Policy 67, Federal Horse and Burros.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: Nicolas Brunson reported that 5 horses were killed last year out in Jake's Wash this year, during the end of the early rifle bulk elk hunt. The public and Board discussed previous gathers in the White Pine County areas and the number of overwhelming herds of horses in Butte Valley. Concerns of horses moving into the Duck Creek range was also discussed.

16. A. *Commission Regulation 22-10 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migrator Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2022-2023 Season.

Board discussion: Board Member Marquez stated that he understates the concern from Nye County regarding the temperatures and season dates regarding crutch waterfowl.

Public comment: None.

A motion to accept Commission agenda item 16. A, Commission Regulation 22-10 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migrator Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2022-2023 Season as written with the support of Nye County's proposed recommended changes, was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Rosevear, Motion passed with no opposition.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for March 25-26, 2022 the location of the meeting is subject to change due to direction of the Governor during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairwoman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

A motion to approve travel and expenses for any board member that can attend the State Commission meeting, on the dates of March 25th and 26th, 2022 in Boulder City, Nevada, was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Rosevear. Motion passed, no opposition.

Board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion.

A motion to accept the next meeting date of Monday March 21st, 2022 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Ruesch. Motion passed, no opposition.

Public comment: Samantha Fino introduced herself to the Board as the new wildlife biologist for areas 13 and 14. Fino stated she will get an email chain for the mule deer enhancement meeting. Board member Marquez recommended that Jake Rosevear join the mule deer enhancement committee. McVicar's reported that the archery barn project, in McGill is moving forward with updates.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55.

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on January 24, 2021 was made by board member Marquez seconded by board member Rosevear. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.