

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON  
March 16, 2020 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

**Present:**

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

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

**Absent:** Shane Boren

**Visitors:**

Bill Miller  
Dana Johnson

**Called to order:**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment Period:** Chris Dailey, regarding Basset Lake. Feels like we have spent a great deal of our resources to maintain the lake and recently found out they are considering breaching the damn. He has discussed this with many McGill residents who all want to know what they can do to save the lake. Bill Miller offered background to the cost and history. Board Chair McVicars noted this topic has been discussed extensively over the past year. Dana Johnson shared the history on their attempt to purchase but the deal was hung up over water rights. Bill Miller suggested the board keep the Bassett Lake on their agenda and encouraged the public with concerns attend and ask questions on a regular basis.

Sawyer has concerns for the Elk population. Johnson agreed has seen tremendous concern in Cave Valley. Quantity and Quality have all been compromised. Dana questioned why the Elk management plan hasn't been revisited. Bill Miller added to the conversation by mentioning he has been doing the homework. Remembered the agreement included a provision to review the plan every 5 years but no one has ever done this. The plan was written 20 years ago and has never been reviewed or updated. During that time millions of dollars have been invested yet no recommendations or changes have ever been incorporated. Why?

Board recommended putting it on a future agenda.

**\*Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve Agenda for March 16, 2020 meeting.

*A motion to **approve the agenda for March 16, 2020 meeting** was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member **Maestes**, motion passed with no opposition.*

**\*Approval of minutes:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 22, 2020

*A motion to table the **minutes from the January 22, 2020 meeting** was made by board member **Sawyer**, seconded by board member **Masets**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

**\*Payment of Bills:**

Request for reimbursement for secretarial duties to Christina Sawyer for meeting agenda and minutes at \$150.00 for the January 22, 2019 meeting was presented.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

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

**\*Correspondence:**

Letter to board from John V Zenz was read into record regarding changing the big game tag drawing. Board member Sawyer questioned if his proposal was for all species or just for some. noticed some holes in his proposal. Sawyer agrees this would work for elk, sheep and goat but thinks there are issues with it working for deer. Board agreed that this will likely go to TAC and is a long way out. Feels many of his suggestions are good. Mitch offered Mr. Zenz phone number to any of the board member who would like to contact him to discuss his idea's further. Dana Johnson agreed with Sawyer. Referenced this being a concern for a number of years.

**Reports:**

**Report on Comin's Lake** – Korell, NDOW – NDOW offices are currently closed due to the COVID-19 so no NDOW employees are available to report.

Mitch reported that Jon is looking for volunteers to complete dirt work at Comins Lake project. He is waiting to get the approval to proceed with the volunteer portion of the work.

**Agenda items:**

1. Nomination request for a board member to serve as a committee member for the WPC OHV Management planning subcommittee of the Coordinated resource Management Steering Committee.

Board discussed as follows:

Policy 17.1 is going thru the CRM process. They have identified several people to serve on the committee. Jose Noriega to lead the committee. Also serving is Bill Miller and Dana Johnson. Sawyer questioned why we need trail designation. Miller noted that is the reason for the committee, they want to avoid designated trails and want to be prepared to make recommendations to the commission. They are asking for a White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board member to serve on the board. All local boards have representations except WPCWAB.

Board member Sawyer nominated Board member Maestes to serve on the Steering Committee. Seconded by board member Marquez. Mastes accepted nomination.

A motion to appoint White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Board member Ramona Maestes to serve as a committee member for the WPC OHV Management planning subcommittee of the Coordinated resource

Management Steering Committee was made by Board member **Sawyer** seconded by **Marques**. Motion passed with no opposition.

Board Chairman McVicars requested secretary Sawyer to email Lori Carson and Stephine Burdick with Ramona's contact information.

**6. A Commission Regulation 20-10 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designed State Lands 2020-2021 Season.**

Board discussed as follows: A community member had reached out to Mitch regarding an interest in starting a Ducks Unlimited Chapter. He was not in attendance at tonight meeting to discuss further.

Board confirmed that the change to the designation of the North East region for the county was addressed in the changes and is included in 20 A.

Public Comment: none

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

*A motion to accept **Commission Regulation 20-10 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designed State Lands 2020-2021 Season** as written, was made by board member **Marquez** seconded by board member **Sawyer**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

Motion to **accept the next meeting date** of April 27, 2020 was made by Sawyer, seconded by Mastes

**Public Comment Period:** None

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on March 16, 2020 was made by board member **Sawyer** seconded by board member **Mastes**. Motion passed with no opposition.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.