

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE
WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
August 7, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Present:

Mitchell McVicars (Board Chairman)
Ray Sawyer
Jake Rosevear

Kayla Couch (Board Secretary)

Absent:

Adam Ruesch
Steve Marquez

Visitors:

Adam Henroid (NDOW)
Heath Korell (NDOW)
Josh Kirk (NDOW)

Called to order:

Board Chairman McVicars called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period: No public comment.

***Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the agenda for the August 7, 2023 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for August 8, 2023 meeting was made by Board member Rosevear. The Motion was seconded by Board member Sawyer and the motion carried with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the June 20, 2023 special meeting minutes for approval.

Board Chairman entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2023 special meeting, was made by Board member Rosevear seconded by Board member Sawyer. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

The Board was presented a bill for Kayla Couch, for secretary services for the August 7, 2023 meeting in the amount of \$150.00.

Board Chairman entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the payment of bills to Kayla Couch in the amount of \$150.00 was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Correspondence:** Chairman McVicars mentioned the upcoming Mule Deer Summit. Board member Sawyer read aloud a letter regarding informational agenda item 11. Winecup Gamble Land Exchange, from Tom Smith.

***Reports:**

Cave Lake Project-Heath Korell (NDOW) stated that the project is coming along quickly and the outlet pipe is feeding into the reservoir. Korell stated that the roads are in poor conditions and that there could possibly be a delay in the project, about 2 months, while the Public Works group repairs the damage. Korell also stated that he has some trail cameras posted around the project and would like to see how the pictures of the progress has turned out.

Comins Lake- Heath Korell (NDOW) explained that acid contaminates from vegetation and the temperature of the water has slowed fishing for trout. Korell stated that the temperature of the water remains at an average of 73 degrees, 3ft from static water. Chairman McVicars asked about the concrete proposal. Korell stated that last he knew it was sitting on the engineer's desk, and doesn't see the department denying the concrete proposal. Korell stated that lots of pike came out of Comins in June, but has slowed down with the lack of anglers on the lake.

Commission Agenda items:

11. Winecup Gamble Land Exchange.

Board discussion: Board member Sawyer stated that he strongly opposes the agenda item. Board members Rosevear and McVicars both oppose the agenda item as well and see no positive outcome for wildlife in that area. Heath Korell (NDOW) is competent that Elko members, local to the Winecup area will object, especially if there is a negative impact.

Public comment: None.

22* Commission Policy 23, Predation Management

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to approve Commission Policy 23, Predation Management, as written was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

23.* Commission Policy 24, Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunting Groups.

Board discussion: Board member Sawyer stated that it should be a pick your own weapon vs. a mix and match. Josh Kirk (NDOW) stated he understands that the policy would be getting rid of the old demands of success in doing a 3 year average vs. a 5 year average. Chairman McVicars confirmed that it would be a new data collecting system for success rate. Kirk stated that he and Kody Menghini both have not received clarification on whether or not it is state wide or unit specific.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Policy 24 Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunting Groups on form that the White Pine County CAB Board receives more information on whether or not the policy is state wide or unit specific before the next meeting, was made by Board member Rosevear, and seconded by board member Sawyer. The motion carried with no opposition.

24.* Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas.

Board discussion: Adam Henroid (NDOW) explained that policy 66 is the guide lines in how the area will be managed and follow. Policy 65 designates areas to manage. Henroid speculated that the policy would designate priority for the areas to be managed by the department. Board member McVicars asked if it would be similar to the Black Rock area? Henroid responded that the Black Rock area is not a WMA. Henroid stated WMAs area designated for recreational purposes and Black Rock is not solicited as recreation due to an endangered species of fish.

Public comment: None.

A motion to approve Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas as written was made by Board member Sawyer, and seconded by board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for August 11th, and 12th, 2023 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 support the attendance of the State Commission meeting that will be held on June 23rd and 24th at the Bristle Cone Convention Center by any White Pine County CAB members, who are available

Board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00pm at the White Pine County Library.

A motion to approve the next CAB meeting date of September 18th, 2023. was made by Board member Sawyer seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

Public comment: None.

Board Vice Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on August 7th, 2023 was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.