

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE  
WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON  
OCTOBER 30, 2023, AT 6:00 PM AT THE BRISTLECONE CONVENTION  
CENTER**

**Present:**

Mitchell McVicars (Board Chairman)  
Ray Sawyer (via phone call)  
Steve Marquez

Kayla Couch (Board Secretary)

**Absent:**

Adam Ruesch  
Ray Sawyer

**Visitors:**

Kody Menghini (NDOW)  
Heath Korell (NDOW)  
Adam Henroid (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 October 30, 2023 meeting.

*A motion to approve the agenda for October 30, 2023, meeting; was made by Board member Sawyer. The Motion was seconded by Board member Marquez and the motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the September 18, 2023, special meeting minutes for approval.

Board Chairman entertained a motion.

*A motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2023, special meeting, was made by Board member Marquez seconded by Board member Sawyer. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*Payment of Bills:**

The Board was presented with a bill for Kayla Couch, for secretary services for the October 30, 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 Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*Correspondence:** No correspondence.

**\*Reports:**

**Cave Lake Project-**Heath Korell (NDOW) reported that there is nothing new to report and that the project is still moving forward. Chairman McVicars commented on the size of the spill way. Korrell responded that the spill way will contain water up to static levels.

**Commission Agenda items:**

**\*5. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence)**

**Board discussion:** Board member Sawyer stated that he is in support of the present emergent items. McVicars stated that he had started a draft letter but was unsure who to send it to.

**Public comment:** None.

*A motion to support agenda item 5. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence as written, was made by Board member Sawyer and seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*7B. Litigation Reports.**

**Board discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**\*7C. Wildlife Trust Fund Annual Report.**

**Board discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**\*7D. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC).**

**Board discussion:** Chairman McVicars announced that the TAAHC committee anticipates their next meeting to be held this Thursday November 2, 2023, and items will consist of differed tags, Junior transfer of tags, and Junior weapon classes. McVicars encouraged any member of the White Pine County CAB to attend.

**Public comment:** None.

**\*7F. FY 2024-2025 Biennial Big Game Release Plan.**

**Board discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

*A motion to support agenda item 7F. FY 2024-2025 Biennial Big Game Release Plan as written, was made by Board member Sawyer and seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*7G. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Oversight Committee.**

**Board discussion:** Chairman McVicars stated that the Mule Deer Enhancement Program Oversight Committee anticipates their next meeting to be held this Wednesday November 1, 2023. Kody Menghini (NDOW) reported that projects would include mule deer collaring in area 12 and predator control, along with the habitat project in Cooper Canyon related to de-mastication and hand cutting of trees.

**Public comment:** None.

**\*8. Commission Policy 22- Predation Management.**

**Board discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

*A motion to support Commission Policy 22- Predation Management as written, was made by Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Sawyer. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*9. Commission Policy 24- Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunter Groups.**

**Board discussion:** Kody Menghini (NDOW) Explained that the quota calculation is based on the demand success and that the department wants to change the process for the percentage to a “fixed allocation” calculation to meet the objective. Menghini broke down the current calculation’s formula to explain the difference between the demand success process vs. the fixed allocation process, for better understanding. Menghini stated that it would allow more tags to be given. Board member Sawyer expressed his concerns with the REMOVAL of language stating that only 3 tags would be awarded to juniors during the 5-year period. Sawyer stated that the language should be kept in the policy. Board members McVicars and Marquez both agreed, as it would allow other junior sportsmen an opportunity, who have not been as successful. Board member Marquez had concerns with the new fixed allocation process and how it would affect the junior hunt percentage along with the other hunt percentages. Menghini responded that the 25% for the junior hunts (for all weapon classes) would be pulled first and that the other hunt’s percentages would be adjusted accordingly.

**Public comment:** None.

*A motion to support Commission Policy 24- Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunter Groups with changes made to 3C on page 7. of the support material, leaving the language as is (and be awarded a maximum of three junior tags) was made by Board member Sawyer and seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**\*18A. Commission Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review.**

**Board discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**\*18B. Commission Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Regulations.**

**Board discussion:** Board member Marquez asked if the public could still camp in the designated camping areas purchased by the department (Blue Diamond estates properties). Marquez stated that there were still signs posted on Success Loop. Kody Menghini stated that the designated camping areas will be accessible to the public and that the signage will remain until the properties sales are final. Marquez stated that he had concerns about the verbiage pertaining to the distance in which the public can camp in those areas. Marquez expressed that it is not clear whether the public is able to camp in the designated areas or not. Adam Henroid (NDOW) stated that he has submitted his own personal

concerns to the department on many of the topics. Henroid expressed that many of the regulations state what you “can” do rather than what you “can’t”, making it difficult to clarify and understand. Henroid also mentioned how one section states that you can only use one type of caliber but contradicts itself in another section allowing buck shot and slugs to be used. Chairman McVicars asked the department how they felt about the blind regulations. Henroid stated that he also voiced concerns regarding the blinds. Menghini stated that the blind regulations would need better clarification on the type of terrain. Board member Marquez asked if trapping would be permitted, and that the verbiage is unclear whether sportsmen can trap in these areas highlighted on the map, regarding the Blue Diamond estate properties. Henroid responded by explaining that no trapping would be allowed within ½ mile of a designated camping area. Marquez asked what is defined as a designated camp area. Menghini responded that the designated areas would have signage indicating that they are designated as camp sites. The Board agreed that many of the regulations, particularly those within the Steptoe Valley Mountain units, are unclear.

**Public comment:** None.

*A motion to support Commission Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Regulations with potential changes and concerns regarding all regulations and restrictions to areas within the Steptoe Valley Mountain units, was made by Board member Sawyer and seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

#### **\*19A. Commission Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds.**

**Board discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

#### **\*20. Bighorn Sheep Ram Specialty Tag Regulation Review.**

**Board discussion:** Board member Marquez stated that there was not enough information on this agenda item to understand changes and feels that the County Advisory Boards should be allowed to give an opinion on the agenda item. The Board agreed, due to the lack of support material and information, changes should not move forward without the County Advisory Board’s input on the topic.

**Public comment:** None.

*Next Commission meeting scheduled for November 4th, and 5th, 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 November 4th and 5th at the Washoe County Administrative Complex by any White Pine County CAB member who is available to attend, was made by Board member Sawyer and seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**The board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Monday, January 22, 2023, at 5:00pm at the White Pine County Library.**

*A motion to approve the next CAB meeting date of January 22nd, 2023. was made by Board member Marquez seconded by Board member Sawyer. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

**Public comment:** None.

Board Vice Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm

*A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on October 30th, 2023, was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion was carried with no opposition.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.