

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Present:

Board Chairman Mitchell McVicars
Board Vice Chairman Steve Marquez
Ramona Maestes

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Ray Sawyer
Shane Boren

Visitors:

Bill Miller
Kody Menghini, NDOW
Heath Korell, NDOW
Scott Giles, NDOW
Kellie Dobrescu, BLM

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman McVicars at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Kellie Dobrescu, Range and Wildlife Conservationist project implementation coordinator, Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever. Just getting local projects started wanted to introduce herself, attending meetings to get better acquainted with local concerns.

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve Agenda for September 21, 2020 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for September 21, 2020 meeting as written was made by board member Mastes seconded by board member Marquez, motion passed with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 10, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2020 meeting was made by board member Mastes, 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 at \$150.00 for the August 10, 2020 meeting was presented.

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion.

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

***Correspondence:**

Board Chairman McVicars received an email correspondence from Becky Dwire regarding support of dog tracking wounded game bill.

Board asked for public comment. Miller noted that the Arkansas terrain is much different than Nevada. Marquez has reservations regarding supporting as written without protection measures being addressed against future pushes to use dogs for hunting. Mastes, concurs. Feels it opens the door for hunting with dogs. Board requested email reply to Dwire regarding their concerns.

Board Chairman McVicars received an email correspondence from Karen Boeger regarding the adoption of the Healthy Nevada Lands Resolution.

Board asked for public comment. Miller encouraged board members to get involved and stay in touch with Rebekah Stetson regarding the issue. Board is in support and requested a letter of support be emailed to Karen Boeger.

Board Chairman McVicars received written correspondence from board member Shane Boren announcing his resignation from the Wildlife Advisory Board.

Board thanked Boren for his years of service to the board.

A motion to accept the resignation of board member Boren was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed with no opposition.

Reports:

Report on Comin's Lake –Heath Korell, NDOW. Basin engineering should be completing the design of the boat launch soon at which point they will begin the bid selection. Anticipating bid will be completed by December. Dire Engineering working on the design work for Cave Lake dam. This should be completed by November. Bassett Lake update, not unusual that it is almost dry this time of year. Anticipates by November this should begin to fill again. Board Chairman added, Rio Tinto did take soil samples to test for concerns. Historically fish did not return when heavy metals were found.

Commission Agenda items:

6 A. Commission Regulation 20 – 01, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 – For Possible Action

Board discussed; chairman McVicars confirmed no changes to local regulations covered in Amendment 1

Public comment: None

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accept Commission Regulation 20 – 01, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 as written was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

8 A. Commission General Regulation 494, NAC 501 Simplification – For Possible Action

Board discussed.

Public comment: Miller questions regarding maintaining copies of records. Is that time frame after record of decision? Are these records later archived? Korell, offered answer retained records on a local level.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

Board decided to abstain from support until questions regarding the records can be answered.

8 B. Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification - For Possible Action

Board discussed; Outside of a guided hunt previously there was no regulations. Giles, NDOW was disappointed that the statistics were not released. He pushed for language in 502.370, regarding a surrogate picking up tag. Feels if you are going to go hunt, hunter must pick up tag. In Sec. 3 of 502.370 the previous 72 hours timeline was changed to 5 business days and requires jaws propped open and unfrozen. This timeline is more consistent with other species. Also noted regarding sec. 4-E, the definition is borrowed verbatim from other states. Language was needed. These issues have all occurred and without protective language law cannot be enforced. Feels we owe it to our future generations to protect the species for future hunter experiences.

Public comment: Miller reminded the board of verbiage 502.333, is no longer included regarding youth hunters. Menghini, NDOW noted NAC 502.345 regarding big horn sheep, regardless of species or gender. NDOW is no longer checking in Ewes. It should read Big Horn Ram, any species.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accept Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification with a changes to NAC 502.345 sec. 3; a person who kills a big horn sheep ram regardless of sub species shall within 5 business days present the skull and horns of the animal to a representative of the department for inspection was made by board member Marquez, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition

10. Reports – Informational

D. Mule Deer Enhancement Program – Game Division Administrator Mike Scott – Informational

The Department will provide an update on the Mule Deer Enhancement Program that was approved by the Commission during the August 2020 meeting. Mike Scott will be doing a presentation and should anticipate more within the next 6 weeks. Chairman Neice requested Almberg to be on the board.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for September 25, virtually

Board discussed having the next meeting Monday November 2, 2020 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library. Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion.

A motion to accept next meeting date Monday November 2, 2020 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library was made by board member Mastes, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

Public Comment: none

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on September 21, 2020 was made by board member Mastes seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.