

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE
WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
September 18, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Present:

Mitchell McVicars (Board Chairman)
Jake Rosevear (via phone call)
Steve Marquez

Kayla Couch (Board Secretary)

Absent:

Adam Ruesch
Ray Sawyer

Visitors:

Kody Menghini (NDOW)
Heath Korell (NDOW)
Kenny Mull (NDOW)

Called to order:

Board Chairman McVicars called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period: No public comment.

***Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the agenda for the September 18, 2023 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for September 18, 2023 meeting was made by Board member McVicars. The Motion was seconded by Board member Marquez and the motion carried with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the August 7, 2023 special meeting minutes for approval.

Board Chairman entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the minutes for the August 7, 2023 special meeting, was made by Board member Marquez seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

The Board was presented a bill for Kayla Couch, for secretary services for the September 18, 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 Marquez, seconded by board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Correspondence:** Chairman McVicars mentioned the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange and that an email was sent to inform CABs to write letters of opposition. McVicars stated he will draft a letter to the White Pine County Advisory board to review and send it out.

***Reports:**

Cave Lake Project-Heath Korell (NDOW) stated that the project is still moving along and that the department has had some change orders, one in particular is the large cave that the old dam was built into was quoted around 1.5 million dollars. Korell stated that the department is trying to dampen the costs and is still waiting to hear back. Korell informed the board that the contractors are still busy working on the spill way and other aspects of the project and will begin testing the low levels to put in concrete, once they hear back on the cave/dam change order. Korell stated that they are on schedule to complete the project by the end of the contract term, which is May of 2024.

Comins Lake- Heath Korell (NDOW) reported that the contractor that built the boat launch and concrete pad along with the shade structures is returning to repair items under warranty and also tasked with extending the concrete pad near the boat launch toward the west. Board member Marquez asked if White Pine County experiences another winter like last winter, will Comins Lake suffer the same issue with tannic acid? Korell explained that the water level has stayed relatively close to the same, and that the tannic acid was caused by the rehydration of vegetation that hasn't been that hydrated in years. Korell stated that Comins Lake is expected to spill over early and if given several months of spill it will dilute the concentration of acid in the water. Korell stated he doesn't anticipate a problem like Comins experienced this year.

Commission Agenda items:

8D. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAHCC).

Board discussion: Chairman McVicars reported that the next TAHCC meeting will be held Friday September 22, 2023 at 7:00am. Kody Menghini (NDOW) stated that the discussion will include making sheep and goat tags a "once in a life time" tag with only 2 choices rather than 5. Board member Rosevear stated that he is in opposition of this particular discussion. Menghini mentioned other discussion would include the youth/junior tag allocation.

Public comment: None.

8E. Corner Crossing Report.

Board discussion: Board member Marquez stated that if Nevada gets on board it will be good for the State.

Public comment: None.

8F. Executive Order 2023-008.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

10. Winecup Gamble Land Exchange.

Board discussion: Chairman McVicars stated that he will draft a letter of opposition for the White Pine County Advisory Board to review and send it out.

Public comment: None.

11*. Commission Policy 23-Predation Management.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission Policy 23-Predation Management as written, was made by Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

12*. Commission Policy 65-Designation of Wildlife Management areas.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission Policy 65-Designation of Wildlife Management areas as written, was made by Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

19A*. Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries.

Board discussion: Heath Korell (NDOW) reported that the changes would include, a definition and clarification of possession limits being 2 times the daily limit for that body of water and species within it. Korell stated that there will be a lot of changes to waters but not drastic changes, and will likely not affect White Pine County. Korell gave an example of residents of Clark County obtaining limits out of Sunny Side. Korell reported that NDOW would like to put into place harvest and tackle restriction on Baker Lake and Johnson Lake, within the Great Basin National Park, for cut-throat trout.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries as written, was made by Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

19B*. Commission General Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Designations.

Board discussion: Kody Menghini (NDOW) reported that the Steptoe Valley area that contain the Blue Diamond Estates will be managed by the WMA. Chairman McVicars asked if it would restrict the public from using the camp sites on Success Loop? Menghini stated that the department has no intention of restricting the camp sites for recreation with the exception of sites that are potentially dangerous or eroding. Menghini brought to the Board's attention that under this workshop the regulation it states that blinds are prohibited unless contact with the department has been made. Menghini stated that in the valley this policy would be beneficial, but with a large portion of the area being in mountainous terrain the policy would be over barring for the department. Marquez asked if predator control with lead or toxic shot would be allowed? Menghini stated that the workshop currently states it would be illegal. The Board agreed that under the workshop's current regulation as a WMA managed area, there needs to be clarifications made for Nevada Administrative Code 504-140, the areas that include the Steptoe Valley/Blue Diamond Estates.

Public comment: None.

A motion to oppose Commission Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Designations; due to the broad range of areas within NRC 504-140, specifically the Steptoe Valley/Blue Diamond Estates area, that contains vague clarifications to regulations that include blind construction in mountainous terrain, camping and recreational areas, and predator control with toxic shot rifles, was made by Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

19C*. Commission Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23 as written, was made my Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition

20A*. Commission Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain A Tag, LCB File No. R038-23.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain A Tag, LCB File No. R038-23 as written, was made my Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition

21A*. Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2025.

Board discussion: Heath Korell (NDOW) reported that changes will include a catch and release in the “Snakes” and would simplify limits, mentioning that not much will change in White Pine County. Korell also stated his awareness to the Eureka County’s proposed changes to a reservoir on bait restrictions and limits of 2 instead of 5, along with boating restrictions. Korell stated that the limit proposal from Eureka will likely not be supported by the department. Board member Marquez explained that in the current regulation it allows a large possession of fish during the months of April-June and 5 slot possession of fish after June and doesn’t understand the effects of the regulation proposed in the Sunny Side area. Korell responded that the regulation is intended to align with possession limits mentioned in agenda item 19A. Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations For January 1, 2024- December 31, 2025 as written, was made my Board member Marquez and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition

Next Commission meeting scheduled for September 22nd, and 23rd, 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 September 22nd and 23rd at the Clark County Government Center by any White Pine County CAB member who is available to attend, was made by Board member Marques and seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

Board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00pm at the White Pine Convention Center.

A motion to approve the next CAB meeting date of October 30th, 2023. was made by Board member Marquez 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 7:09pm

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on September 18th, 2023 was made by Board member Marquez, seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.