

**WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WHITE PINE COUNTY PUBLIC LAND USERS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**JOINT MEETING
TUESDAY, January 21, 2020**

5:00 p.m.

**White Pine County Library Conference Room
950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301**

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Approval of November 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes PLUAC**
- V. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Approval of December 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes WAC**
- VI. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Election of Chairman PLUAC**
- VII. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Election of Vice-Chairman PLUAC**
- VIII. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Election of Chairman WAC**
- IX. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Election of Vice-Chairman WAC**
- X. Presentation - Jake Tibbitts Eureka County Natural Resources, Creating a Natural Resources Department for White Pine County and Job Description of a Natural Resource Director.**
- XI. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Recommendations for the White Pine County BOCC Meeting Agenda Item 01/22/2020 to hire a Natural Resource Director and combining PLUAC and Water Advisory Committees into one Natural Resources Board PLUAC & WAC**
- XII. *Discussion/for Possible Action - Presentation for the White Pine County BOCC Meeting Agenda Item 01/22/2020 to create a steering committee through CRM to develop a White Pine County OHV Management Plan according to Policy 17.1 of the White Pine County Public Lands Management Plan. PLUAC**
- XIII. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement**
- XIV. Public Comment**
- XV. *Adjournment**

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Public Commentary: A period devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. (NRS 241.020(2)(c)(3).)

Public Comment: Public Comment during the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee meeting on January 21, 2020 will be for all matters both on and off the agenda and be limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during the individual action items. The Board reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. The Board may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on the item at the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee meeting.

Note: All times are approximate except for items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order to promote efficiency. The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration and may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion at any time. Sponsorship of an Agenda Item by a member of the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee may not signify agreement with the requested action.

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**WHITE PINE COUNTY PUBLIC LAND USERS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, November 12, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**White Pine County Library Conference Room
950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob Carter, Dana Johnson, Bill Wilson, Mary Kerner, Mark Tefft, Craig Baker

PUBLIC PRESENT: Laurie Carson, WPC Commission, Bill Miller, and Elanie Calderwood.

- I. **Call to Order** Jacob Carter called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions**
- III. **Public Comment** None were made
- IV. ***Discussion/for Possible Action - Approval of October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes** Bill Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, Dana Johnson seconded the motion the motion passed with Craig Baker and Mary Kerner abstaining as they were absent from the meeting.
- V. **Liaison Report** Laurie Carson reported that water hearing were currently going on, she felt that it would be a good idea to have a joint meeting with the Water Advisory Committee to have both groups discuss items with updating the lands bill. Laurie also reported that Kennecott has applied for permits to for 5 drill pads in Tamberline Canyon for mineral exploration. They are under a Category exclusion which means they do not have to disclose their exact location, but it was discussed that they need to disclose their access roads. This email from the Forest Service did not get sent to WPC Natural Resources, Bill Wilson asked that Elanie send an email to both BLM and Forest asking that WPC Natural Resources is put on each of their mailing/email list so the board will get notification on items dealing with natural resources.
- VI. ***Discussion/for Possible Action** No one from the Agencies were present
 - A. ***Update/Discussion/for Possible Action – Bureau of Land Management**
 - B. ***Update/Discussion/for Possible Action – U.S. Forest Service**
 - C. ***Update/Discussion/for Possible Action – National Park Service**

D. *Update/Discussion/for Possible Action – Nevada State Parks

- VII. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Election of Vice-Chairman.** Bill Wilson made a motion to nominate Dana Johnson as vice-chairman, Craig Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- VIII. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Review The White Pine County Public Lands Management Plan, OHV Section, to establish a County-Wide OHV Policy, and send Recommendations to the White Pine County Commission.** Bill Miller talked about looking at other Counties Plans, and with looking at other plans recognizing the difference in wildlife and ecosystems of the other areas and how to put that into a WPC plan. Jacob Carter and Dana Johnson felt the focus should be a recommendation to the BOCC to give approval to move forward with a forum to complete the process establishes OHV be its own policy/management plan such as a sub-plan to the Public Lands Management Plan. Laurie Carson asked that the board have a representative from PLUAC be at the meeting to present the recommendation to the BOCC. Mary Kerner will get a copy of other county's OHV plans to share with the Committee. Craig Baker made a motion to be on the WPC BOCC meeting agenda to recommend that they create a steering committee through CRM to start development of a WP County OHV management plan according to Policy 17.1 of the WPC Public Lands Management Plan, Bill Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IX. *Discussion/Action – Updates, Issues Contained in White Pine County's Public Land Use Policies Including OHV Use, Energy, Minerals, Water, Land Sales, and Greater Sage-Grouse.** Laurie Carson reported at the next CRM meeting in December they will be discussing triggers regarding Sage Grouse issues. Bill Miller had a map showing the different trigger points. There are population triggers and habitat triggers. Soft trigger could be something such as drought; a hard trigger could be something such as a catastrophic range wildfire. Bill Wilson reported that today was the BLM oil & gas lease sale, a federal judge in Idaho withdrew approximately 500 square miles from the lease sale, which is primarily sage grouse habitat areas.
- X. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, and Appointments** There is currently one vacancy.
- XI. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement** The next meeting will be 01/14/2020 at 6:00 pm.
- XII. Public Comment** Bill Miller will bring minutes from the wild horse meeting that he attended to the next meeting which will have important information for the committee to review. This will be an agenda item on the next meeting.
- XII. *Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, December 17, 2019

5:00 p.m.

White Pine County Library Conference Room
950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod McKenzie, Gary Perea, William Butts, Norris Hendrix, Jill Perez, Dr. Frederick Partey, Steve Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Baker, Ernie Flangas, Cody Odgers

PUBLIC PRESENT: Nicole Bolton, USFS, Laurie Carson WP County Commission, James Woolsey NPS, Elanie Calderwood.

I. **Call to Order** Rod McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions**

III. **Public Comment** Laurie Carson asked if Natural Resources email received an email she forwarded regarding CNRWA with back-up material, the email was not received she will resend and Elanie will forward to the committee.

IV. **New Business**

A. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Gary Perea made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Bill Butts seconded the motion. The motion passes. Dr. Frederick Partey abstained as he was not present.**

B. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Review of Member Categories Rod McKenzie handed out a sheet showing how the categories varied over the years. This item was put on hold until after the joint meeting with PLUAC.**

V. **Unfinished Business**

A. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Updates and Edits to the White Pine County Water Resources Plan There was not discussion or action on this item.**

B. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Updates and Edits to the White Pine County Water Resources Plan Chapter 7 Mitigation/Monitoring The members of the board received the recommendation from Simeon Herskovits regarding monitory and mitigation. It was discussed as how to proceed. Steve Carter made a motion to put Exhibit A into the WPC Water Resources Plan as written, Jill Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- C. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Legislative Activities There was not discussion or action on this item.**
- D. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study Dr. Frederick Partey reported that he has been working with USGS and DRI on a two page proposal. He is going to Reno tomorrow and will go to DRI to see where they are at on in the process. Once the proposal is complete then they will have to find funding resources.**
- E. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project Bill Butts reported that the project is back on schedule and Cody Odgers will be the one working with Sidwell directly.**

VI. On-Going Business

- A. **Referral of Items from County Commission Laurie Carson reported that the first reading of the ordinance modifying the land use plan in regards to special use permits.**
- B. **Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report**
- C. **Reports – USGS, BLM, US Forest Service, National Park Service, NDOW, Division of Water Resources, SNWA, State Land Use Planning Advisory Council, Robinson Nevada Mining Company, Ely Shoshone Tribe, and The City of Ely**

Robinson Nevada Mining Company, Dr. Frederick Partey reported that the mine is continuing to pump 6700 gallons per minute into Gleason Creek, also providing zero gallons per minute to the City of Ely from 7P because they have taken the pump out and doing some testing. This will only be for a few days.

National Park Service, James Woolsey reported that the park received more money to rehab a camp ground which includes replacing the water system. USFS, Nicole Bolton reported that the Forest Service is done burning piles in Indian Creek.

Ely Shoshone Tribe, Jill Perez did not have a report.

- VII. Reports – Comments from Committee Members, Reports, Water Committee Members, and Meetings Attended
- VIII. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments
- IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement **The next meeting will be January 21, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.**
- X. Public Comment **It was discussed to have a joint meeting with PLUAC on 01/21/2020 to discuss the issues that both committees are facing including establishing a Natural Resources Department in the County with a Natural Resources Director, and combining of the two committees into one a Natural Resources Committee. Jake Tibbitts from Eureka County will be asked to give a**

presentation at the joint meeting and also the next day at the WPC BOCC meeting.

Bill Butts reported that this was his last meeting as he has resigned. He also stated that the water level meter and the GPS is in the County Clerk's Office. Someone from the committee will need to pick these items up to continuing reading the levels of the wells.

XI. ***Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.**

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