

WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, June 16, 2020

6:00 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. New Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the May 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes..
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Action – Update on White Pine County Water Resources Plan Update Process
 - B. *Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study: *Send a letter to the White Pine County Board of Commissioners, asking them to contact the Congressional Delegation asking that there be federal funding appropriated to allow the USGS to conduct a second Basin and Range Carbonate Aquifer System Study.*
 - C. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project
- VI. On-Going Business
 - A. Referral of Items from County Commission
 - 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
- 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
- X. Public Comment

XI. ***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 June 16, 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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MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod McKenzie and Steve Carter, Cody Odgers, Frederick Partey, Gary Perea, Jill Ward and Dave Baker via zoom.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ernie Flangas and Norris Hendrix

PUBLIC PRESENT: Travis Godon, White Pine County Commission and Elanie Calderwood.

- I. **Call to Order** Rod McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions**
- III. **Public Comment** None were made
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the February 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Jill Ward made a motion to approve the meeting minute of February 18, 2020. Frederick Partey seconded the motion. Gary Perea abstained from the vote as he was absent. The motion passes.**

There were not meetings in the months of March or April due to COVID-19.
- V. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. ***Discussion/for Action – Updates and Edits to the White Pine County Water Resources Plan Frederick Partey commented that the current update does not have changes in the mining, the last update was from BHP days in 1996. He also didn't see much about other mines in the area. He felt that this needed to be updated at some point. He thought that it should be accepted as is and then the updates to other sections happen in the future. Gary Perea commented that mining is not the only part that would need updating continuously, he suggested that there be appendix for updating going forward, as the issues with water is always changing. Frederick Partey made a motion to approve the update and edits to the White Pine County Water Resources Plan as presented, with areas in the plan being updated on an as needed basis. Jill Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
 - B. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study Frederick Partey reported that has met with the team several times, they a proposal that they will**

present to the White Pine County Commission for budget approval. He questioned if the county would still be willing to support the study with the withdrawal of the SNWA law suit. Frederick contacted Mike Wheable regarding this; his suggestion was to get approval from the advisory committee to continue with the study. Gary Perea felt that the study would be beneficial in the future and felt that area should be increased. Frederick felt the current issue will be funding. Gary and Frederick will get together and will bring back a proposal to the next meeting to be voted on.

- C. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project There were technical difficulties with Cody Odgers being able to be heard. This will be discussed at the next meeting.**

VI. On-Going Business

- A. Referral of Items from County Commission Travis Godon reported that RCI is currently on board with the County, and they will be participating in future meetings. He also reported that the County will be reducing the amount budget to the water attorney, but will have funds set aside in contingency in the event it is needed.
- B. Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report Rod McKenzie questioned the large application from Robinson Mining. Frederick responded that it is not new water it is the renewal of their current water rights. Rod also questioned the Baker Ranches; he asked if they were in Snake Valley. Dave responded that they were just getting ahead of a speculation that might take place, they might not be used. Gary Perea made the comment that the SNWA applications should continue to be watched.
- 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 **Ely Shoshone Tribe did not have a report. Robinson Nevada Mining Company did not have any new information to report.**

- VII. Reports – Comments from Committee Members, Reports, Water Committee Members, and Meetings Attended **None were made.**

- VIII. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments

- IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement **The next meeting will be June 16, 2020 @ 6:00 pm.**

- X. Public Comment **None were made**

- XI. *Adjournment **The meeting adjourned @ 6:55 pm.**

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