

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE
WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
June 21, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY.**

Present:

Mitchell McVicars (Board Chairman)
Steve Marquez (Board Vice Chairman)
Adam Ruesch (Via phone call)
Ray Sawyer
Jake Rosevear

Kayla Couch (Board Secretary)

Absent:

Visitors:

Kody Menghini (NDOW)
Adam Henriod (NDOW)
Kenny Mull (NDOW)
Samantha Fino (NDOW)
Tom Donham (NDOW)
Nick Brunson (NDOW)
Shane Boren
Jon Almberg

Called to order:

Board Chairman McVicars called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

No public comment.

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the agenda for the June 21, 2022 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for June 21, 2022 meeting was made by Board member Sawyer. The motion was seconded by Board member Rosevear and motion carried with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the May 2, 2022 special meeting minutes for approval.
Board Chairman entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2022 special meeting, was made by Board member Ruesch, seconded by Board member Sawyer. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

The Board was presented a bill for Kayla Couch, for secretary services for the June 21, 2022 meeting in the amount of \$150.00.

Travel expense bill was presented for Board member Marquez, for the May 6th and 7th, 2022 Commission meeting in the amount of \$595.20.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the payment of bills to Kayla Couch and Steve Marquez was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Correspondence:**

No correspondence.

Reports:

Comins Lake Project-

No updates. Item maybe removed from the agenda.

Cave Lake Project-

Nick Brunson (NDOW) stated the bid is out for work beginning in September for refill. Board member Marquez recommended reducing the speed limits to 5mph through the narrows for safety.

Commission Agenda items:

12.* Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action

Board discussion: Kody Menghini (NDOW) stated the changes will include an augmentation of sharp tailed grouse in Elko County, on translocation for the population. Kody mentioned that the turkey release on Mt. Mariah is still anticipated. Board member Marquez asked about mountain quail. Kody Menghini responded that currently they do not have a source to increase the population, but knows from survey data that there are still some quail there. Kody stated that it is hard to monitor quail due to the size and how they scatter and may look into repopulating in the future.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission agenda items 12, Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, was made by Board member Marques. The motion was seconded by Board member Sawyer and the motion carried with no opposition.

13A.* Finance Committee Report-Committee Chairman Shane Rodgers

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

13B.* Fiscal Year 2023 County Advisory Board Budget Requests-Committee Chairman Shane Rodgers

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission agenda items 13A. and 13B. was made by Board member Marques. The motion was seconded by Board member Sawyer and the motion carried with no opposition.

14A* Wildlife Heritage Committee Report- Committee Chairman Tom Barnes-Informational

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

14B* Heritage Project Extension Requests – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

14C.* Heritage Funding Reallocation – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

14D.* Fiscal Year 2023 Heritage Project Proposals – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

Board discussion: Board member Sawyer asked, if the state acquires the Sprouse properties, will they be available for public use as far as camping and recreational. Kody Menghini (NDOW) responded that camping is still to be determined, and that some locations are experiencing erosion may be closed off for safety.

Chairman McVicars asked what the process will look like for the Flint Spring habitat restoration. Kody Menghini responded that it will just include a tree cutting and clearing. Kody stated that the Flint Spring's project is an extension to the Eagan/Johnson project from last year to meet the anticipated acreage clearing.

Chairman McVicars asked where the Duck Creek aspen restoration was at. Shane Boren responded that the Duck Creek projects went through the conservation district. Shane stated that one of the polygons is located inside the high fenced area of the Uhalde's property and will be moved when determined.

Public comment: Shane Boren asked who will be responsible for all the pipelines as far as maintenance. Kody Menghini stated that it is still to be determined and a working progress. Kody Menghini stated that it will likely coincide with the grazing permits and that upgrades or improvements to the pipelines, will need to go through an application process. Some responsibilities like the troughs and pipelines will fall on the permittee but believes the state will have some involvement as well. Shane Boren confirmed that maintenance will not be going through a bid process similar to WMA.

14E.* Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission agenda items 14A. through 14E. was made by Board member Rosevear. The motion was seconded by Board member Marquez and the motion carried with no opposition.

15.* Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission agenda item 15, Duck Stamp Request. was made by Board member Rosevear. The motion was seconded by Board member Sawyer and the motion carried with no opposition

16.* Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission agenda item 16, Upland Game Bird Stamp Request, was made by Board member Rosevear. The motion was seconded by Board member Sawyer and the motion carried with no opposition

23A.* Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

Board discussion: Board member Rosevear stated that death certificates can take minimum of 30 days if all goes without issues, and has concerns with the time frame of submitting paperwork required to obtain a tag transfer.

Public comment: Jon AlMBERG stated “Don’t give up!” he has seen the agenda item go through 2 legislatives. Jon mentioned that other programs may step in to help support the CAB’s opinions. Nick Brunson stated that designating a beneficiary in a last-minute accident would be unlikely.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer with possible consideration of the youth transfer program, was made by Board member Marquez. The motion was seconded by Board member Rosevear and the motion carried with no opposition

23B.* Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Serve Prevention of Unfair Advantages, was made by Board member Sawyer. The motion was seconded by Board member Rosevear and the motion carried with no opposition

23C.* Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22 - Petition Process – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22-Petition Process, was made by Board member Sawyer. The motion was seconded by Board member Rosevear and the motion carried with no opposition

24A.* Commission Regulation 22-12, 2022-2023 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialists Shawn Espinosa and Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action

Board discussion: Board member Sawyer asked if there has been and an issue with the sealing of bobcat pelts. Kody Menghini (NDOW) stated that he believed that it was to give those who wanted to have a cat mounted the convenience, by allowing one pelt sealed per furbearer, outside of the season seal dates.

Public comment: Shane Boren stated his concerns with the number of kittens surveyed in areas 12,13,22 and 23 in the last year and foresees a decrease that is worrisome for the future population. Board member Marquez asked if furbearers report a method of trap, and if those using cage traps, release kittens. Shane Boren stated that in his experience, that even if a kitten is caught and released the success rate of survival is very low. Tom Donham spoke to the season date matrix of 3 different seasons and their averages. Tom stated the reason that this year’s matrix, is labeled as a standard season is because, 2 of the last 3 years, they have had the lowest number of trappers. Tom stated that historically when gas prices increase the number of trappers will decrease. In agreeance with other trapping associations, Tom stated that there would be no point in a short season if the number of furbearers is anticipated low.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 22-12, 2022-20223 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, was made by Board member Rosevear. The motion was seconded by Board member Sawyer and the motion carried with no opposition

24B.* Commission Regulation 22-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Heritage Tag Vendors – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes and Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support Commission General Regulation 22-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Heritage Tag Vendors, was made by Board member Sawyer. The motion was seconded by Board member Marquez and the motion carried with no opposition

26.* Petition – Mr. David Flanders – Use of Air Rifles - For Possible Action

Board discussion: Board member Sawyer asked if air rifles were legal for big game. Nick Brunson (NDOW) stated the air rifles are used more for small game, such as birds and rabbits. Board member Marquez stated that in other states air rifles have the potential to become lethal and are used to hunt wild boar. Concerns of felons have access to lethal air rifles was mentioned. Both Board members Sawyer and Marquez stated they are against the use of air rifles.

Public comment: None.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2022 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.

Board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library.

A motion to accept the next meeting date of Monday August 15, 2022 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library and approve travel and expenses for an available Board member to attend the State Commission meeting, on the dates of June 24th and 25th, 2022 in Elko, Nevada, was made by Board member Marquez, seconded by Board member Sawyer. Motion passed, no opposition.

Public comment: No public comment.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on June 21, 2022 was made by Board member Sawyer seconded by Board member Rosevear. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm