

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE
WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY
LIBRARY.**

Present:

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

Kayla Couch (Board Secretary)

Absent:

Visitors:

Heath

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:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the agenda for the September 19, 2022 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for September 19, 2022 meeting was made by Board member Sawyer. The motion was seconded by Board member Marquez and motion carried with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the August 15, 2022 special meeting minutes for approval.
Board Chairman entertained a motion.

A motion to approve the minutes for the August 15, 2022 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 19, 2022 meeting in the amount of \$150.00.

Board Chairman McVicars 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 Sawyer. The motion carried with no opposition.

***Correspondence:**

No correspondence. Chairman McVicars addressed concerns with the guzzler located in the “Medicines”. Board member McVicars reported that there are 4 large tanks that contain about 125 gallons of water below the drinkers and that the valves are not accessible. McVicars stated that during his evaluation the 3 drinkers were dry and that one of the tanks was completely full with nowhere for the water to go. McVicars recommended capping the hoses to allow the wildlife to access the water. Heath Korell asked if it seemed like any easy fix. Chairman McVicars responded that it seems easy enough and that if he had the right tools during his evaluation, he could have repaired it then. Korell stated that Sam Hughes would likely address the issue.

Reports:

Cave Lake Project- Heath Korell reported that with all contracting going through the state, it delayed the bids that were anticipated in August. Korell explained that engineering plans contained issues along with financial agreements not met. Korell stated that after speaking with engineer Rod Lighthouse all issues have been addressed and will start the bids in November. Korell explained that with conservation bonds, November would be a perfect time to begin the process, allowing work to begin in the spring of 2023. Korell explained that finding materials such as rip-rap locally could be an issue, along with the increase of rates on materials, impacting cost could delay the project. Starting the bid process in November would allow time for logistic coordinating allowing work to begin in the spring. Korell also reported that the rain from this year has been a blessing, as it has decreased the number of fish kills and kept water temperatures lower.

Commission Agenda items:

7A.* Commission Policy 24- Appeals – Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups-Second Reading- For Possible Action

Board discussion: Board member Marquez stated that the youth junior hunt would be split into two hunts. Board member Sawyer confirmed that the youth could put in for any legal weapon/rifle tag or a muzzleloader/archery tag. Both members Sawyer and Marquez believe that this would give the youth a better opportunity especially with the number of juniors that apply. Board member Marquez disagreed with the wording on c. juniors can apply for five years and be awarded three tags before the age of 18. Marquez voiced that it may cause confusion in the sense that the youth would be guaranteed three tags before the age of 18, when the wording should state that it is a draw and can only be awarded three tags if drawn before the age of 18. The Board discussed an appropriate way to word the policy for less confusion. Board Member Sawyer recommended that the word “May” in the policy. Chairman McVicars stated that before the weapon classes for the junior hunt was separated, he would like to see statistics and data, as he feels it could be a disadvantage to some youth. Board member Ruesch agreed with McVicars statement and would also like to see data.

Public comment: None.

A motion to disagree and recommend changes to State Commission agenda item 7A Commission Policy 24, under mule deer- allocation of projected harvest by weapon group, 3.A.) Would like to be provided with data, and statistics for splitting weapon classes and change the wording to 3.C.) in the policy to clarify that juniors “may” be awarded no more than three tags before the age of 18 .was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Ruesch. Motion carried with no opposition.

7B.* Commission Policy 25- Wildlife Damage Management-Third Reading- For Possible Action

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support State Commission agenda item 7B. Commission Policy 25, was made by Board member Marquez, seconded by Board member Sawyer. The motion carried with no opposition.

12A.* Commission Regulation 21-15 Amendment #1. Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.-For Possible Action.

Board discussion: None.

Public comment: Heath Korell stated that they are changing limits on ponds to be consistent with southern regions ponds and the hours at the Ruby Marshes to be consistent with the wildlife refuge hours.

A motion to support State Commission agenda item 12A. Commission Regulation 21-15 Amendment #1, was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Ruesch. The motion carried with no opposition.

13A.* Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt and Turkey Program-For Possible Action

Board discussion: Board member Marquez expressed the that wording in the junior hunt is more specific and well written under this regulation.

Public comment: None.

A motion to support State Commission agenda item 13A. Commission Regulation 502, was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Marquez. The motion carried with no opposition.

13B.* Commission General Regulation 508, Antler Points and Spike Elk Defined-For Possible Action.

Board discussion: Board member Sawyer disagrees with how the definition of a spike elk is written in the regulation. Sawyer stated that three antlered points goes outside the criteria of a “spike” and could lead sports man to harvest potential bulls, defeating the purpose of decreasing the number of young true “spiked” elk. Board member Marques stated that brow tines or points below the ear has caused confusion in the past for the definition. Chairman McVicars recommended looking at other state’s definition. Board member Sawyer recalled seeing a 4/5year old bull with a with a branched point near the top of the main beam that should not be classified as a “spike”. Chairman McVicars read aloud another state’s definition that he is more in agreeance on. The Board discussed a better way to define a “spike” elk.

Public comment: None.

A motion to disagree with and recommend changes to State Commission agenda item 13B. Commission Regulation 508. 's definition of a “Spike” elk to read, A “Spike” elk means an elk with at least one antler with a single unbranched beam. was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Rosevear. The motion carried with no opposition.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for September 23th, and 24th, 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.

A motion to allow and approve travel and expenses for an available Board member to attend the State Commission meeting, on the dates of September 23rd and 24th, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was made by Board member Marquez, seconded by Board member Sawyer. Motion passed, no opposition.

Board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library.

A motion to accept the next meeting date of Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library, was made by Board member McVicars, seconded by Board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

Public comment: No public comment.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on September 19, 2022 was made by Board member Sawyer, seconded by Board member Marquez. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.