**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Monday, June 6, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Richard Bryan Building, Tahoe Conference Room 2nd Floor**

**901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701**

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1. **Call to Order –** Chair White Calls the meeting to order at 10:01 AM on June 6, 2022
2. **Roll Call of the Commissioners**

Chair Maurice White - Present

 Vice Chair Kevin Malone - Present

 Commissioner John Glenn - Present

 Commissioner Scott Spero - Present

 Commissioner James Eason - Present

 Commissioner Robert Adams - Present

 Commissioner Ken Ravago – Absent

 Commissioner Brian Parks -- Absent

Commissioner James Eason is publicly introduced as the new Commissioner of Sportsmen Interests. He describes his background as the town manager of Tonopah, a business owner, and experience hunting in Nevada.

1. **Public Comment:** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition, and limit your comment to three minutes per person.

Gregory Pheasant, an accomplished racer and organizer, takes this time to state his achievements and how proud he is to represent OHV motorcyclists. Gregory runs out of time.

Shari Pheasant, a local business owner, voices her concern over recent seat appointments. Shari asks the Commission to be mindful of their choices and to keep the community’s best interests at heart.

Michael Stephens, a long standing member of the OHV community, states his frustrations with the current state of the OHV community and believes that Gregory Pheasant should be made a member of the OHV Commission.

Gilbert Grieve expresses his frustration with the decision to remove Gregory from the Commission and wishes to know why the choice was made. Gilbert agrees to receive his answer through email later.

Karen Boeger, voices her concerns about the poor sportsmen and conservation organization of the board. Karen states that she believes that there needs to be three new changes to the OHV legislature. These being OHV registration simplification, a modification of the OHV license application, and an added requirement to the Conservation Seat of the Commission.

Dustin Burrell states his support for Gregory as a Commissioner.

Robyn Orloff asks for clarification on the agenda about having grantees being required to have letters from agencies. Robin asks for the public to be included more in in site assessments and have public comments answered more readily. Robin additionally asks about the Conservation seat and its definition while also voicing her concern over the current Conservation seat and offers an alternative to be considered.

1. **Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles Roundtable:** OHV Commissioners will have an opportunity to share updates and concerns. New OHV Commissioners will provide introductions.

Robert Adams, the Commissioner seat of Conservation, introduces himself and his background as a conservation manager and history of OHV advocacy in Nevada.

1. **Overview and Discussion of Proposed Changes to NAC Chapter 490**:

<https://ohv.nv.gov/assets/etc/meetings/R122-20P.PDF>

Nikhil Narkhede introduces the next topic of regulations drafted by the Nevada state legislature on Sept 29th, 2021. The intent behind these changes is to provide the program more flexibility for assigning technical advisory committees and soliciting requests for grant applications. These changes will provide the Commission opportunities to modify how often grants are awarded, how much funding is available, and other parameters of the grant process. The Program will also be able to carry out tasks at the Program level.

Chair White points out that his original concerns over subsection two have been relieved with the suggested clarifying language to Section 19:

 Sec 19. NAC 490.1385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

490.1385 **Following direction from the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles**, The Program shall ensure that a request for grant applications issued pursuant to NAC 4901335: …

Nikhil Narkhede asks for Anthony Walsh to clarify if the changes discussed would be clerical or substantial changes.

Anthony Walsh confirms that these are clerical changes related to allowing the Commission to make changes to its own program and grant process.

Nikhil Narkhede introduces the next proposed change which would allow incomplete applications to be returned to the applicants to resubmit before the deadline. This would also remove the 30 day rebuttal period. The final change proposed is to allow the commission to appoint their own choices to the technical advisory committee. This committee provides guidance and advice on grant proposals.

Commissioner Glenn clarifies that the commission, not the program, is still an autonomous board and still able to reward funding. Chair White states that the clarifying language at the top of Section 19 addresses this interpretation. Chair White goes on to say that the Commission sets the parameters, and the program carries them out.

Chair White raises concern about Section 16 which was originally mentioned by Robin Orloff. This is about letters of support and which agencies need to be consulted for grant projects.

Anthony Walsh says that the language states that any project must consult governing agencies. He goes on to say that the applicant is required to follow all laws and requirements for a project dictated by governing agencies.

Commissioner Eason asks if there are people available to provide guidance to applicants on which agencies to contact.

Nikhil Narkhede says that there are resources available however this process needs to be done before the final deadline.

Chair White opens the discussion for public comment.

Mathew Giltner states that the Northern Nevada Off-Road Association has resources and is working with applicants to address agency issues.

Robin Orlaf states that it can be hard to know which agencies are needed to contact. Robin continues on to address including the public on site reviews and changes.

Laura Butcher introduces herself as the Nevada Program Manager for Tread Lightly!

Rayette Martin suggests a handbook that is developed for agency contacts and provided to applicants.

1. **Adoption of regulation R122-20 \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION\*:** The commission may vote to adopt the regulation without substantive changes.

Nikhil Narkhede looks for a motion to adopt regulation R122-20 with the one change to Section 19 previously discussed.

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Commissioner Malone makes the motion to adopt.

Commissioner Glenn seconds.

The vote is unanimous.

1. **Public Comment:** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three minutes per person.

 Gregory Pheasant continues his comment from earlier. He clarifies when he received his letter of support and when he was informed of his removal from the commission. He goes on to reassure of his commitment to the commission.

Mathew Giltner mentions that he is waiting on guidance for the equipment purchased in the last grant cycle. He asks for an agenda item for the next meeting.

Chair White suggests putting together a policy statement.

Nikhil Narkhede states that they need to be able to answer questions about grants for the next cycle. He goes on to say there needs to be discussion on proposed bills.

Monday June 13, 2022 at 10AM is agreed upon.

1. **Adjournment**

Chair White adjourns the meeting.