

## **Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of 4/25/2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the Herb Mansavage, Chair.

Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Neil DeWitt, Chad Lipse, Dan Montgomery, Terry Nininger, Steve Bartelli, Danny Lewis, Hans Nordstrom, Birch Yuknis, Austin Manelick

Members Absent Excused: Tim Stephens, Chris Alderman

Members Absent Unexcused: Mike Buirge, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Jr, Bob Marshall, David Young

Public Present: Mont Mahoney, Meghann Lipse, Bill Folsom, Joan Nininger, Gordon Bissell, Don Dygert, Israel Payton, Jennifer Payton, Robert Caswell, Wayne Kubat, Doug Sanderlin, William Schenk, Glenn Helmuth, Cassandra Niddles, Carolyn Helmuth, Brian Watkins, Ken wolter, Alexandra Becker, Lyle Becker, Rich Burns, Tracy B. Vrem, Tracy Vrem, Lane Wraith, Ed Soto

Staff Present: Tim Peltier, Sherry Wright

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Herb Mansavage.

Public Testimony - none

Elections were held with the following results:

Birch Yuknis, Dom Nickles, Mel Grove, Jr, Herb Mansavage, Chad Lipse were elected for the three-year regular seats with terms that expire 6/21. Don Dygert and Mont Mahoney were elected for the one-year alternate seats with terms that expire 6/19.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Herb Mansavage, Chair; Chad Lipse, Vice Chair Fish; Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game; Birch Yuknis, Secretary.

Discussion of Proposals to submit – Dan Montgomery checked on Upper Eagle River permits issued – proposal to split the area

Joint Board – Terry Nininger mentioned the deadline of May 1st.

Update from BOF April 24 meeting was provided from Austin Manelick. The board met primarily to discuss a Tsiu River issue that was deferred from the SE region meeting. Mt Yenlo AC and Tyonek AC submitted emergency petitions based on the Emergency closures prescribed by the department. Those have been deferred to a May 14 BOF teleconference.

Member comments: Herb Mansavage talking to Fairbanks, and wanting to have similar, Facebook with social media for more outreach. Asked committee if they had things they want to add for the public to make comments. It would be more of an alert for meetings.

Neil – thanks for public participation. Request they attend regular meetings as well and welcome to new members.

Austin Manelick – thankful to attend BOF meeting and great opportunity. He learned a lot. Pretty exciting. Good luck hunting fishing.

Chad Lipse – Possibility of new meeting location?

Herb – Thanks for showing up – we have a good crew. Will keep AC noticed on meeting location.

Birch – Thanks for department for being here.

Dan – Welcome new members. Generally, alternates will get to vote due to absent members. Election will come up again next year. Thankful for their willingness to participate.

Terry - Welcome new members. This is a great AC – remarkable divergence of opinions and knowledge.

Danny – thankful for all that came. Going to be a good year again.

Don – Thanks for having me on board. Glad to be here and part of the process.

Next meeting will be in October.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes recorded by Birch Yuknis  
Approved by Chair, Herb Mansavage  
Date Approved: 4/28/2018