

**Menominee Conservation Commission
Public Hearing Minutes draft
Monday January 3, 2022
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Public Hearing was called to order by Gary Frechette via Skype on January 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Commission Present:

Gary Frechette

Melissa Cook

Adam Waukau Sr.

Steve Dick

Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson

Jon Pyatskowitz

Absent:

Leslie Peters (excused)

Others signed on: Don Reiter, Camilo Perez, and Craig Grignon Sr.

1. 2022-2024 Hunting & Trapping Regulations

Gary went over the changes to the regulations regarding, removal of lead ammo language, change age requirement for elder tags to 62, change language regarding permittees participating in group hunting for deer and bear must possess a hunting license.

There were no questions or comments regarding proposed changes.

2. 2022-2024 Fishing Regulations

Gary went over changes to fishing regulations removing the language regarding the ban of use of lead sinkers.

There were no questions or comments regarding proposed changes.

Public Hearing ended 5:11 pm

Transcribed by
Carrie Waukau-Grignon

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order via skype at 5:11 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Present

Gary Frechette - Chairperson
Melissa Cook – Vice Chairperson
Adam Waukau, Sr.
Jonathan Pyatskowit
Steven Dick
Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson

Absent

Leslie Peters excused

Others present: Don Reiter, Craig Grignon Sr., Camilo Perez.

2. Moment of silence was observed.
3. Public Comment - No public comments.
4. **Approval of minutes: 12/6/2021 Regular meeting.**

Motion by Steve Dick to approve 12/6/2021 Regular meeting minutes with any and all corrections, seconded by Jon Pyatskowit, all in favor of the motion, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions) and 1 absent (LP) absent, the motion passes.

5. **Discussion/Approval 2022-2024 Hunting & Trapping Regulations**

Gary entertained questions.

Ma-Sha-Quit stated he read the 2021 Deer Management report and had questions of Don Reiter regarding the 2020 deer population of 11.6 at per square mile per 10.4 for 2021. Asked about an Ariel survey.

Don stated would be difficult due to dense forest population but could look at other options.

Ma-Sha-Quit – So the goal of the deer herd is 13 per square mile.

Don R- yes.

Ma-Sha-Quit – What is the reason for the decline in the population and asked about CWD testing areas. How many have we tested?

Don – the decline could be a number of reasons, but there were 20 tested for 2020. Don stated that it's concerning that Apple Creeks numbers are getting higher and higher. Eventually one is going to get out.

Ma-Sha-Quit stated that in 2021 Apple Creek had 215 test positive for CWD.

Gary yes we are aware they have a high amount but state isn't doing nothing about it.

Don the area on watch is T28N R16 E. There was 10 deer tested from last year from that area and all tested negative, had about 3 tested from other areas. Don stated that for next year their department applied for funding to test for covid but then at that time can also test for CWD.

Ma-Sha-Quit – what about the idea to allow one additional tag for tribal members and descendant to allow for testing.

Don R – we haven't sat down and talked about it but would like to have a deer meeting this summer. There is going to be some information I will need to get from tribal members.

Ma-Sha-Quit – asked Don for his opinion, if one came into reservation would it be detrimental to our deer population.

Don – Yes, it is fenced in and being managed but another one of concern is in western Shawano county where wild deer are being caught with CWD, so the west is a big concern and the east eventually.

Ma-Sha-quit – this is a high area of concern for deer hunters I think we need to move on to allow one or more tags for tribal members or descendants in these areas and they must be tested for CWD.

Gary – that was all discussed this past summer. What you have in front of you is the final and what MTL approved. In the public hearing packet is the changes that MTL recommended to us for changing.

Jon – sounds like Don is open to having a deer meeting this summer to discuss more ways to get samples in the system so that might be a time to approach other strategies and stuff.

Ma-Sha-Quit – have another question regarding the wolf and coyote population, Don how did you obtain the data for the numbers, especially with the wolf population.

Don – all across the reservation we have five routes, they are all about 120/130 miles and in winter after a snow fall we check the roads and look for tracks. In summer we do howling surveys and we match those results with the winter track counts.

Ma-Sha-Quit does your department use game cameras?

Don R – yes but that doesn't show how many are in the area just where they are present.

Ma-Sha-Quit – in the study you say there are 9 wolves on the reservation is that wolves or packs.

Don – we have 5 packs on reservation and it seems like our 9 wolves venture all over northeast Wisconsin and they do come back. I've tracked them and they go from here and then next they are in Marinette along the coast. So they do go off reservation and hunt farm fields. They should be coming back late January so we can check for alphas and other data. It seems like every 3 to 4 years they take off and I don't have an answer for that, all I can do is provide what management numbers we get from our surveys.

Ma-Sha-Quit – Don Do you have an aerial survey map of all 9 packs.

Don – yes what we do is when we hand in our survey work to WI DNR it has the different packs on the reservation.

Ma-Sha-quit asked about the bear management plan and how he can obtain it. Would be good for the people to be able to read them.

Don – it's in our office but could make a link for it. Could work with Jeremy to create a link for all management surveys. It is something he will work on.

Ma-Sha-quit – asked Don to send them a copy of the aerial map with the wolf packs. He would like to see that effect on the deer population.

Don stated that he will work on it.

Motion by Jon Pyatskowitz to approve the 2022-2024 Hunting & Trapping Regulations and present to MTL for consideration, seconded by Adam Waukau, all in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions) and 1 absent (LP) absent, the motion passes.

6. Discussion/Approval 2022-2024 Fishing Regulations

Motion by Jon Pyatskowitz to approve the 2022-2024 Fishing Regulations and present to MTL for consideration, seconded by Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson, all in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions) and 1 absent (LP) absent, the motion passes.

Gary – hopefully these will be going up for the Jan 20th meeting for MTL.

Adam – Sturgeon on Moshauquit Lake, we've seen them on Moshauquit, can we add them to the lakes list to harvest because it's connected to Legend Lake.

Jon – I don't recall discussing that.

Adam – it was when they were trying to lower our bag limits on our trout. I brought that up because I was seeing sturgeon every time I was out on Moshauquit spearing.

Gary – these fishing regulations were brought up because of MTL abolishing the lead fishing sinker so I will only allow talk about the lead sinker. We already had that discussion and was passed in December.

Adam – ok for consideration for future discussion.

Ma-Sha-Quit - is there a fishery management plan for the fisheries department?

Gary – there is a fisheries biologist. Don do you know if he has a plan?

Don – I am not sure, I can't answer for him.

Gary – we can forward your request to the ESD Director.

Ma-Sha-Quit – if there is a fisheries plan can we also have the available to tribal members to review as well.

7. Other business – no other business.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Adam Waukau to adjourn, seconded by Steve Dick, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Minutes by Carrie Waukau-Grignon
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March 2, 2022

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RE: Request Sturgeon from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Posoh Gary,

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office has requested six sturgeon from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). We will not be having the Annual Sturgeon Feast and Celebration Pow-wow due to the pandemic.

The sturgeon or Namaew has been with the Menominee people since the Creation of the tribe at the mouth of the Menominee River thousands of years ago. The tribe has a sturgeon clan and he along with the bear clan are keepers of the wild rice. The sturgeon was also given the responsibility of keeping the history for the tribe.

The sturgeon will be processed and smoked by a tribal member and will be given out to community members in a "curb side pick-up" distribution in April at the Cultural/Logging Museum.

The THPO is asking permission from the Menominee Tribal Conservation Commission to bring sturgeon unto the reservation.

If you have any questions please call me at 799-5258.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Grignon".

David J. Grignon (Nahwahquaw)
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin