



**White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board
Bristlecone Convention Center – White Pine Room
Regular Meeting June 24, 2026 – 5:30pm**

I. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Terrill Trask (Chair)
- George Chachas
- Pat Robison
- Elizabeth Woolsey
- Jason Bath (Vice Chair)

Staff & Legal Present:

- Kyle Horvath (Executive Director)
- Errol Porter (Marketing Manager)
- Mckinzie Hilton (Legal Counsel)

Members of the Public Present:

- In Person
 - Alan Calt (Warren Reed Insurance)
 - Bryan Reed (White Pine Corral Association)
 - Sandra Reed (White Pine Corral Association)
 - Kay Roberts McMurry (White Pine Corral Association)
 - Michelle Yeoman (Ely City Council)
 - Jose Noriega (White Pine County Commission)
- On Zoom
 - Alan Reed (Warren Reed Insurance)
 - Shawnee Hunt (Warren Reed Insurance)
 - Travis Mason-Bushman (Great Basin National Park)

II. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Terrill Trask called the meeting to order, followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Member Robison reported absent and late at this time due to weather (“stuck in the rain”).

III. Public Comment (Beginning of Meeting)

- **Travis Mason-Bushman (Great Basin National Park):** Provided an update on Lehman Caves. The lighting installation has passed its initial electrical testing, and staff is training for 60 and 90-minute tours. Expected transition to full cave tours is slated for July. Park visitation remains high, with full campgrounds and recent media interest from USA Today.
 - **George Chachas (Private Citizen):** Stepped down from his board capacity to make a comment as a private citizen. Raised multiple community and maintenance concerns, including:
 - Convention Center parking lot sidewalk needs replaced and ADA compliance.
 - Jailhouse parking lot sidewalk needs debris and rock piles cleared.
 - Asphalt walkway on 6th Street alley requires repair.
 - Requested factors justifying the Convention Center remodel expense.
 - Raised concerns regarding the loss of downtown parking and requested financial reports concerning cornhole league rentals and food bank operations.
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IV. Action Items & Approvals

1. Approval of Agenda (Item 4a)

- **Discussion:** The board reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
- **Motion:** Jason Bath
- **Second:** Elizabeth Woolsey
- **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Terrill Trask, George Chachas, Pat Robison, Elizabeth Woolsey
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** None
- **Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes for May 27, 2026

- **Discussion:** Member Chachas requested specific edits to the minutes: clarifying a parking lot as "commercial" instead of "residential," and fixing typographical errors regarding Chairman Trask's name and abstention wording.
- **Motion:** Jason Bath
- **Second:** Elizabeth Woolsey
- **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Terrill Trask, George Chachas, Pat Robison, Elizabeth Woolsey
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** None
- **Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

3. Ratify Payment of Bills

- **Discussion:** Executive Director Kyle clarified the \$1,000 monthly internet cost and addressed Member Chachas' questions regarding grants to the Community Choir (\$12,984 for doors) and Library Summer Reading Program (\$900 for a reptile exhibit). A mislabeled check for the Baker mural was corrected to Rural Roundup.
- **Motion:** Jason Bath, with the exception of the Bath Lumber bill
- **Second:** Elizabeth Woolsey
- **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Terrill Trask, George Chachas, Pat Robison, Elizabeth Woolsey
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** None
- **Result:** Motion passed unanimously.
- The payment of Check 12962 specifically to Bath Lumber was addressed separately to accommodate an abstention.
- **Motion:** Terrill Trask
- **Second:** Elizabeth Woosley
- **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Elizabeth Woosely, Pat Robsion, George Chachas
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** Jason Bath
- **Result:** Motion passed.

4. Meeting Dates for the Second Half of the Year

- **Discussion:** The board discussed future meeting dates. By general consensus, the board decided to maintain the meeting schedule of the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. No formal vote was required.

V. Insurance Renewal

Discussion: Alan Reed, Alan Calt, and Shawnee Hunt presented the renewal. The 2026 cost dropped to \$15,199 (an approximate 12% decrease) due to excellent property loss experience across the state pool. Cyber liability, property challenges, and risk management grants were also discussed.

- **Motion:** Terrill Trask
 - **Second:** Jason Bath
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Elizabeth Woosely, Pat Robsion, George Chachas, Jason Bath
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** None
 - **Result:** Motion passed unanimously.
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VI. Budget Augmentation for FY 25-26

- **Discussion:** Kyle presented the budget augmentation. Higher-than-expected city room tax collection covered line-item deficits without the need to pull from savings. Reallocations were made to balance categories.
- **Motion:** Jason Bath
- **Second:** Elizabeth Woolsey
- **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Terrill Trask, George Chachas, Pat Robison, Elizabeth Woolsey
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** None
- **Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Outdoor Recreation Facilities (ORF) Grants FY 26-27

Total Available: \$70,000

Total Requested: \$117,707

Approved Allocations:

Applicant	Project	Amount	Vote
White Pine Horse Races	Moreni Harrow C300P	\$10,000	All members aye
White Pine BMX	Track Dirt Work	\$11,000	All members aye
Great Basin Trails Stewardship	Bike Repair Station	\$3,000	All members aye
Lund Rodeo Association	Chutes Replacement	\$7,000	All members aye
White Pine County Golf Course	Fairway Seeding	\$14,000	All members aye
Lund Rodeo Association	Bleachers	\$10,000	All members aye
Nevada Northern Railway	Dark Sky Consultant	\$0	All members aye (no funding)
White Pine Corral Association	Gallop & Glory Arena	\$15,000	All members aye

Total Awarded: \$70,000

VIII. Capital Improvement (CAP) Grants FY 26-27

Total Available: \$85,000

Total Requested: \$117,220

Approved Allocations:

Applicant	Project	Amount	Vote
White Pine BMX	Gate Upgrade	\$4,500	All members aye
Lund Town Council	Heritage Mural	\$0 (to be considered under Public Art Fund)	All members aye
White Pine Main Street	Beautification Project	\$10,000	All members aye

Applicant	Project	Amount	Vote
Junior Livestock Show & Sale	Bleachers	\$14,400	All members aye
Steptoe Valley Trap & Skeet Club	Building Completion	\$2,200	All members aye
Ely Renaissance Society	ADA Path Improvements	\$5,000	All members aye
White Pine Main Street	Mural Sealing (Mary Pavlakis & Hank Yellen)	\$3,000	All members aye
City of Ely	Broadbent Park Dog Park	\$10,000	All members aye
White Pine Public Museum	Retaining Wall	\$2,500	All members aye
Eastern Nevada Climbers Alliance	Route Development	\$4,000	All members aye
Nevada Northern Railway	Loading Platform	\$12,000	All members aye
White Pine Corral Association	Arena Fencing	\$13,000	All members aye
White Pine Horse Races	Ice Storage Unit	\$4,400	All members aye

Total Awarded: \$85,000

IX. Executive Director's Report

Kyle (Executive Director): Outlined upcoming events and confirmed the summer concert series is fully booked. The new visitor's guide and the final 4th of July schedule (a four-day festival) are currently in distribution. Mentioned successful local press, including features in Travel and Leisure and National Geographic.

X. Marketing Manger's Report

Errol Porter (Marketing Manager): Reported on the Travel Nevada media mission in Denver (Outside Days). The event was successful, entirely selling out of promotional bike lights, and generated substantial leads with media influencers for the Highway 50/Pony Express Territory.

XI. Public Comment (End of Meeting)

- **Member Jason Bath:** Offered thanks to the volunteers in the community that utilize these grants to improve the area.

- **George Chachas (Private Citizen):** Restated multiple concerns:
 - Lack of documentation regarding the food bank rental agreements.
 - Missing details on Convention Center remodel costs, usage, and income.
 - Requested the inclusion of board reports as a formal agenda item instead of waiting until public comment.
 - Pointed out that the Grand Central Motel has recorded zero room tax payments despite being operational.

Director Kyle responded that the office is actively addressing the Grand Central Motel issue and has sent legal letters regarding room tax compliance.

XII. Adjournment

- **Discussion:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made.
- **Motion:** Jason Bath
- **Second:** Elizabeth Woolsey
- **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Terrill Trask, George Chachas, Pat Robison, Elizabeth Woolsey
 - **Opposed:** None
 - **Abstained:** None
- **Result:** Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.
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Respectfully Submitted,

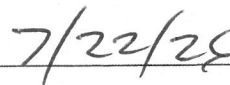
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White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board

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