

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Thursday, November 19, 2009
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Chairman Robert D. Hernbrode
Vice Chair Jennifer L. Martin
Commissioner Robert R. Woodhouse
Commissioner Norman W. Freeman
Commissioner Jack F. Husted

Director Larry D. Voyles
Deputy Director Gary R. Hovatter
Deputy Director Bob Broscheid
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Assistant Attorney General Linda Pollock

Chairman Hernbrode called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. This meeting followed an agenda dated November 13, 2009. The Commission went directly into Executive Session.

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1. Executive Session

The Commission voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion and consultation with legal counsel and for the Commission to consider its position and instruct its legal counsel regarding the pending lawsuit, Center for Biological Diversity v. Bureau of Land Management, et al.

Motion: Woodhouse moved and Hernbrode seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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The Public Meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

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Chairman Hernbrode called the meeting back to order and lead those present through the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commission introduced themselves and Chairman Hernbrode introduced the Director and the Director's staff.

Director Voyles announced that the agenda today is a normal Commission Meeting for items 2, 3, 4 and then for item 5 we will move into a workshop format and those items will not involve any Commission Action. Items 2 and 3 will be webcast so that our remote constituents can follow what is happening in the Meeting and once we move into item 5 we will no longer webcast the workshop portion of the meeting.

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2. Briefing on Draft Cooperative Agreement with the Hopi Tribe to Facilitate Continued Elk and Antelope Hunter Access on Sovereign Hopi Trust Lands in GMUs 4A, 5A and 5B.

Presenter: Ron Sieg, Region II Manager

Mr. Sieg briefed the Commission on the background of a proposed agreement with the Hopi Tribe. Mr. Sieg provided information on the lands that the Hopi Tribe had purchased since Congress passed the Navajo Hopi Settlement Act of 1996 which allowed the Hopi tribe to purchase up to 500,000 acres of land in Northern Arizona. Mr. Sieg answered Commissioner Martin's question on how to prevent non-tribal members from entering and trying to get drawn for these allocated permits. Mr. Sieg said that the initial screening would go through the Hopi Tribe. They will provide the hunt for Hopi hunters to put on their application and after the draw Hopi Department of Wildlife would verify that all hunters drawn are Hopi qualified members.

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3. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Guidelines for the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 Hunting Seasons.

Presenter: Brian Wakeling, Game Branch Chief

Mr. Wakeling explained to the Commission the change in the hunt guidelines that would allow for allocation of Hopi Tribe permits when reciprocal agreement exists.

Motion: Martin moved and Freeman seconded TO AMMEND THE GUIDELINES FOR THE 2010-2011 AND 2011-2012 HUNTING SEASONS AS PROPOSED.

Vote: Unanimous

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4. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak to the Commission.

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The Commission ended the regular meeting and moved into the workshop portion of the meeting. The Commission did not take any action on these items.

5. Budget/Planning Update Including Preparation and Planning for Development of the 2012/2013 Biennial Budget Process.

Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Deputy Director

Mr. Broscheid gave a presentation to the Commission on this fiscal year's legislative sweeps. Included in that are the challenges to budget preparation brought forth by the recession when

funds are being taken throughout the fiscal year. Part of this also are projections indicating decreases in the revenue of Game and Fish Funds, License Sales and WCF.. There is some talk coming from Washington, D.C. that there might be greater apportionments for state wildlife grants. The goal for the Department is to use full allocation of Heritage Fund, Watercraft Fund and OHV because they have been swept in previous years. Also, to use full allocation of Federal Funds match so we don't have to turn back unused Federal money. The Commission discussed the potential budget cuts approaching twenty percent and how that would impact agency operations, including impacts to employee resources. . Mr. Broscheid went over the timeline and process of developing a budget to match what the Department goals are for that fiscal cycle.

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

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6. 2010 Proposed Goals and Objectives.

Presenter: Gary R. Hovatter, Deputy Director, FOD/IED

Mr. Hovatter went through the Goals and Objectives from 2009. Some of the 2009 Goals and Objectives will be completed in calendar year 2009 and some will be carried over into 2010. This discussion allowed for the Department to update the Commission on the status of the Goals and Objectives and for the Commission to provide some interim feedback as we transition into the new calendar year.

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

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6. (Continued) 2010 Proposed Goals and Objectives.

Mr. Voyles explained to the Commission the overall goals and approaches of the new Department Wildlife Recreation Branch in relation to the Goals and Objectives.

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7. Demonstration of a Paperless Commission Meeting Book Approach.

Presenter: John Bullington, Assistant Director, Special Services

Mr. Bullington brought in three different tablet computers for the Commission to experiment with and also gave a brief presentation of how the Commissioners can insert notes and hand write notes into a document on the tablet computer. Also, discussed was the process of implementing documents into a single file for the upcoming Commission meeting so that Commissioners can insert and write notes to use during the meeting. The end goal would be a paperless approach for Commissioners at future Commission Meetings.

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8. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak to the Commission.

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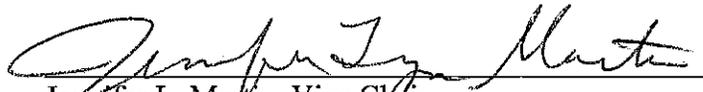
Chairman Hernbrode adjourned the meeting.

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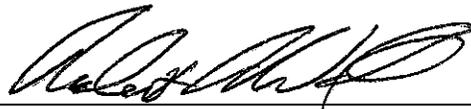
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Robert D. Hernbrode, Chair



Jennifer L. Martin, Vice Chair



Robert R. Woodhouse, Member

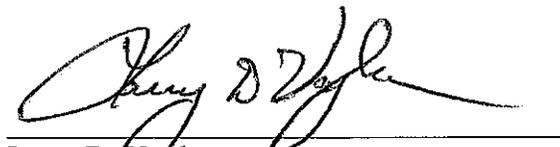


Norman W. Freeman, Member



Jack F. Husted, Member

ATTEST:



Larry D. Voyles
Secretary and Director