

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Monday, March 15, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

In Person:
Chairperson Jennifer L. Martin
Vice-Chair Robert R. Woodhouse
Commissioner Norman W. Freeman

In person:
Director Larry D. Voyles
Deputy Director Gary R. Hovatter
Deputy Director Bob Broscheid

Via telephone:
Commissioner Jack F. Husted
Commissioner John W. Harris

Via telephone:
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Assistant Attorney General Linda Pollock

Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order and requested that Director Voyles conduct roll call. All Commissioners were confirmed present. There were several Department staff members present and no members of the public. This meeting followed an agenda dated March 12, 2010.

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1. Executive Session

The Commission did not go into Executive Session.

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2. State and Federal Legislation

Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison

Mr. Guiles briefed the Commission on the status of HB2619 and HB2601. The Commission was provided with copies of these two bills.

HB2601: Eagle Scouts; Complimentary License

An amendment to HB2601 (a Commission supported bill) will be offered today in the Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Public Debt Committee. The amendment allows members of the Girl Scouts who have received the Gold Award to receive the same license that the Boy Scouts will for their Eagle Scout Award (the Awards are equivalent).

The Commission discussed and confirmed with Mr. Guiles that the number of Gold Awards was less than 100 per year, that a nominal fee will be charged, and that the scouts will only be eligible up until their 21st birthday to receive the complimentary license.

Motion: Husted moved and Harris seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO SUPPORT THE BILL AS AMENDED.

Vote: Unanimous

HB2619: Game; Fish; Commission; Appointment Applications

This bill is also on the Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Public Debt Committee for today. This bill creates a timeline and a process for the Governor's nominees to the Game and Fish Commission. It also makes sure the applicants to the Game and Fish Commission are on a public list and that the public will be able to obtain that list. The Department has been monitoring this bill, but the Commission has not taken a position on it.

Commissioner Woodhouse stated that this bill adds to the public's ability to voice their feelings on Commission appointments. He likes the timeline that it lines out and it makes the whole process more transparent to the public.

Motion: Woodhouse moved and Freeman seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO SUPPORT HB2619.

Chairperson Martin commented that this bill places the onus on the Department to distribute the call for applications and she views this as a responsibility of the Governor's Office. Chairperson Martin is not comfortable with a statutory mandate for the Department to involve itself in the Commissioner appointment process.

Mr. Guiles stated that this issue has been discussed and it could probably be changed to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions' responsibility. The Department will offer that to the sponsors of the bill.

Amended Motion: Woodhouse moved and Freeman seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO SUPPORT HB2619 WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND NOT THE DEPARTMENT, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS.

Vote: Unanimous

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3. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak to the Commission.

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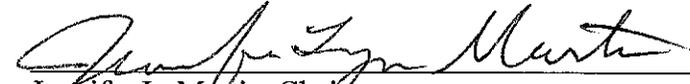
Motion: Freeman moved and Woodhouse seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING.

Vote: Unanimous

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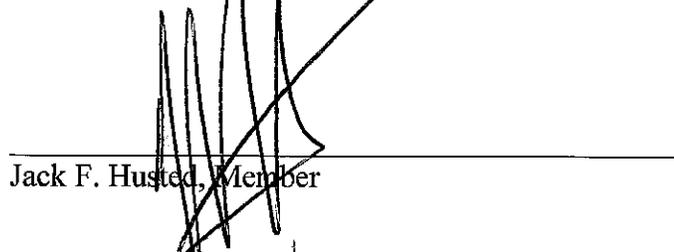
Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

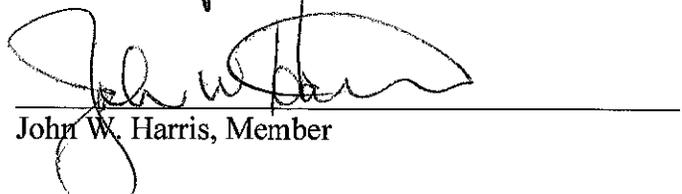
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Jennifer L. Martin, Chair

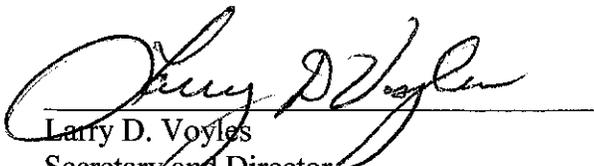

Robert R. Woodhouse, Vice-Chair


Norman W. Freeman, Member


Jack F. Husted, Member


John W. Harris, Member

ATTEST:


Larry D. Voyles
Secretary and Director