

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Friday, July 6, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.
Arizona Game and Fish Department
2221 W. Greenway Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85023.

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Via telephone:

Chairman Michael M. Golightly
Vice Chairman William H. McLean
Commissioner Robert D. Hernbrode
Commissioner Jennifer L. Martin
Commissioner Robert R. Woodhouse

In person:

Director Duane L. Shroufe

Via telephone:

Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Assistant Attorney General Shelley Cutts

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Chairman Golightly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Director Shroufe conducted roll call confirming Commissioners Golightly, McLean, Hernbrode, Martin and Woodhouse were present. Also present via telephone was Yuma Regional Supervisor Larry Voyles. Department staff present included Assistant Directors Harry Seck, Bob Broscheid, and Mike Senn, and several other Department staff employees. Two members of the public were present; David McCasland, Vice President, and Agnacio Beltram, past President, of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society (ADBSS). This meeting followed an agenda dated July 2, 2007.

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1. Wilderness Watch et. al. v. United States Fish and Wildlife Service et. al

Presenter: James Odenkirk, Assistant Attorney General

On June 15, 2007 a lawsuit was filed in United States District Court for the District of Arizona, challenging the recent redevelopment of the Yaqui and McPherson water tanks on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. This meeting was called for the Commission to discuss whether to seek intervention as a party on the side of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Odenkirk recommended that the Commission meet in Executive Session to discuss this case and consult with legal counsel.

Motion: Martin moved and McLean seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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1. (Continued) Wilderness Watch et. al. v. United States Fish and Wildlife Service et. al

Presenter: James Odenkirk, Assistant Attorney General

Public Comment

David McCasland, ADBSS, addressed the Commission in support of the Department's support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Several conservation organizations in the State are very concerned about the sheep populations in the Kofa and are also going to look into intervention.

Motion: McLean moved and Woodhouse seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

Vote: Unanimous

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2. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public to speak.

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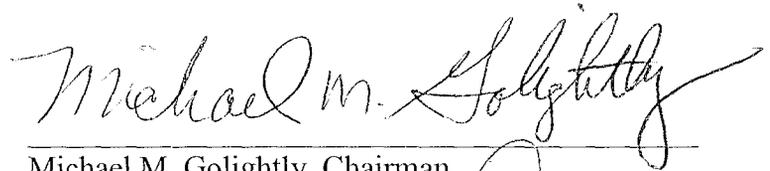
Motion: McLean moved and Martin seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO ADJORN.

Vote: Unanimous

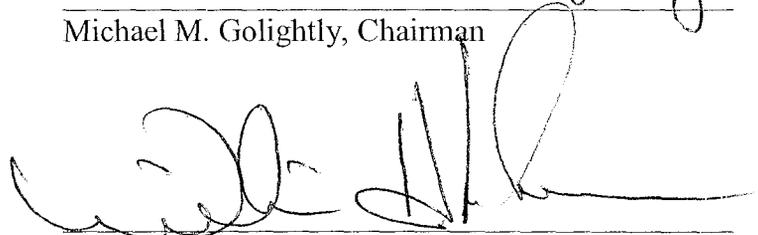
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Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

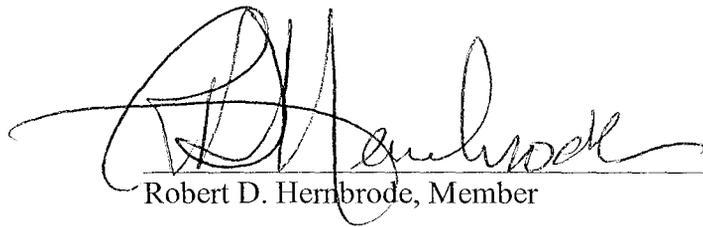
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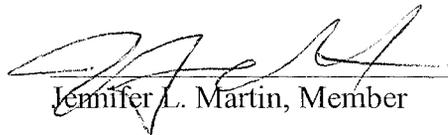
Michael M. Golightly, Chairman



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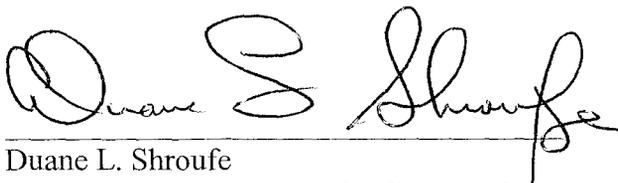


Jennifer L. Martin, Member



Robert R. Woodhouse, Member

ATTEST:



Duane L. Shroufe
Director and Secretary to the Commission