



MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks met at the MDWFP Main Office, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was attended by Commissioners Bryan Jones; Charles Rigdon; John Stanley; William "Billy" Deviney; and Jerry Munro. Among MDWFP staff attending were Dr. Sam Polles; Robert Cook; Don Brazil; Ramie Ford; Steve Adcock; Larry Castle; Ron Garavelli; Noel Hughes; Sally Sutherland; and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

WELCOME

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. Mr. Robert Cook opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes for Approval:

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Minutes of December 15, 2009, were unanimously approved as presented.

Today's Agenda:

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the Agenda of January 19, 2010 was unanimously approved as presented.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items:

No one was present from the public who wished to make public comments.

License Sales Report

Mr. Michael Bolden presented the License Sales Report for December. The report indicates a decrease in overall sales as compared to this same time last year. Commissioner Deviney asked why are the sales continuing to decrease and could it be license holders forget they can purchase a new license anytime and not just in June of each year. He suggested sending out renewal notifications more frequently and closer to the actual date of expiration.

Dr. Polles stated that our Marketing Director, Laura Sims, has been working on various ways of communication to license holders and the most cost effective such as e-mails. Ms. Sims stated the present e-mail list has about 35,000 addresses. The cost is less than pennies (approximately \$208 to e-mail). It was discussed that maybe e-mail communication should become mandatory, when possible. Also it was suggested to include on the renewal notices the agency's 1-800 number.

Commissioner Stanley recommended asking more information on the notices mailed such as updated mailing addresses and e-mail addresses. Mr. Bolden advised that current options on the



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notices going out include a listing of all types of licenses but not the mention of what the license holder purchased the previous year.

Dr. Polles noted that the postal service made some changes in the standardized mail rules which caused a number of "returns" with our mail out. Presently, the license bureau is working on cleaning those problems up. The appearance of the envelope is going to be changed to hopefully gain the recipient's attention.

Wildlife

A Resolution honoring Mr. Bill Link for his outstanding service to MDWFP for providing his Bare Foot Lodge over the past 15 years for Wildlife technical staff usage, was presented. Mr. Link's Lodge has provided the perfect setting for overnight stays for Wildlife staff when conducting field assignments. This accommodation has been excellent and a very generous contribution to the Wildlife Bureau for the advancement of conservation in our state. The Resolution was read by Mr. Fred Robinson and presented by Chief Larry Castle. This Resolution will be made part of the Minutes; it will be signed by the Commissioners and appropriately framed. (See Resolution attached.)

ACTION: Commissioner Bryan Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution honoring Mr. Bill Link. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deviney and unanimously approved as presented.

Fisheries

Chief Ron Garavelli presented the following three (3) public notices of intent:

☐ Public Notice 3424 (Creel & Length Limits) (INTENT)

- Major Changes:
1. Combined 3 other Regulations: (F3068; F3703; F2-3795).
 2. Removing slot limit on Sardis Lake.
 3. Minimum limit set on Tom Tenn Lakes.
 4. Opening Lake Bogue Homa.
 5. Adding catfish and bream regulations.

☐ Public Notice 3423 (Rules and Regulations State Fishing Lakes) (INTENT)

- Major Changes:
1. Opening Lake Bogue Homa.
 2. Closing Lake Jeff Davis for dam repairs.
 3. Addressing homesteading on lakes (used Parks definition).
 4. Change in camping fees, allow campers to fish/launch for free.
 5. Removing Capps regulations.



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☐ Public Notice 3550 (Community Assistance Program) (INTENT)

Major Changes: 1. Adding three (3) new lakes.

All changes and/or revisions were noted on cover pages and all three were discussed individually and separately.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the three (3) abovementioned public notices of intent from the Fisheries Bureau were unanimously approved.

Parks

Mr. Ramie Ford presented the following two (2) public notices of intent:

☐ Public Notice P-002 (Parks Rules and Regulations) (INTENT)

Mr. Ford stated the changes to P-002 (Parks Rules and Regulations) are "housekeeping" revisions and updates. A committee was assigned this task and they have been working on these changes for over the past year.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the revised Public Notice P-002 (Rules and Regulations) was unanimously approved as presented for the 30 day period of intent.

☐ Public Notice P-001 (Park Fees) (INTENT)

Mr. Ford stated the changes to P-001 (Park Fees) involved language changes; fee changes; and the consolidation of certain services.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the revised Public Notice P-001 (Park Fees) was unanimously approved as presented for the 30 day period of intent.

Law Enforcement

Chief Adcock presented an updated incident report from the Law Enforcement Bureau.

A reinstatement request from Jon-Britton Russell of Sunflower, MS was presented. Mr. Russell was present and presented his circumstances related to his head lighting citation. Chief Adcock advised that Mr. Russell has paid all his required fines and his request for reinstatement is recommended by staff.



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ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Mr. Jon-Britton Russell's reinstatement request was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Regarding the public comments made at the December Commission meeting, Chief Larry Castle reported that Wildlife and Law Enforcement staff met with several of the Franklin County residents to discuss the issues with dogs running during deer season. From that meeting, it was resolved that the dog hunters need to present a solution acceptable by both groups so that the details can be worked out in an attempt to remedy the problems.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Wednesday – February 17, 2010

Location: Jackson, MS @ 8:30 a.m. (Confirmed)

Tuesday – March 16, 2010

(Tentative)

Location: TBA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

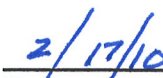
ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the meeting was closed to determine the need for Executive Session. The vote was unanimous. It was determined that an Executive Session was needed to discuss certain land acquisitions and budget items. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Art Kennard and Don Brazil updated the Commission on certain land acquisition projects that are currently underway. No action was required of the Commission.

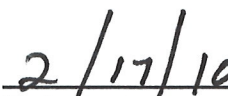
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Jones gaveled the meeting into adjournment.


BRYAN JONES, CHAIRMAN


Date


CHARLES RIGDON, VICE-CHAIRMAN


Date

Resolution Honoring Bill Link

State of Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks



Whereas, since 1997, Bill Link has provided Barefoot Lodge, a private facility, for the benefit of wildlife conservation, for the promotion of the sport of hunting, and for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks' sponsored events, and

Whereas, Bill Link has provided his private Lodge for the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to host and conduct the following wildlife conservation meetings and special public events:

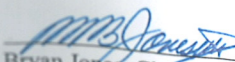
- I. Boone and Crockett Scoring Certification Course - August 1997
- II. Deer Summits annually from 1998 through 2006
- III. Southeast Directors Wild Turkey Committee meeting - June 2006
- IV. Wildlife Bureau Summits annually since 2007

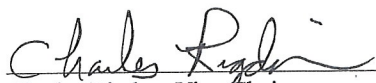
Whereas, Bill Link has demonstrated and extended southern hospitality, friendship, and generosity by providing Barefoot Lodge to the Department for wildlife conservation meetings and special events since 1997.

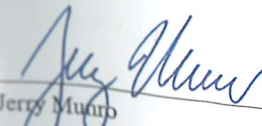
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks does express its sincere respect and appreciation to Bill Link and does honor his benevolence, dedication, and commitment to the conservation of Mississippi's wildlife heritage through public education, habitat enhancement, and special meetings.

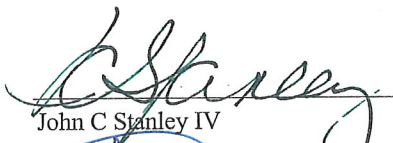
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to Bill Link and that a copy of this Resolution be attached as a permanent part of the Commission minutes. Resolved on this 19th day of January 2010.

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Bryan Jones, Chairman


Charles Rigdon, Vice Chairman


Jerry Munro


John C Stanley IV


Billy Deviney


Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director