

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS**

**Hancock Bank, Waveland, MS**

**2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2010**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioners Bryan Jones; Charles Rigdon; William "Billy" Deviney; Jerry Munro. Among MDWFP staff attending were Dr. Sam Polles; Robert Cook; Don Brazil; Ramie Ford; and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

**Absent:** Commissioner John C Stanley IV was out-of-state.

**Welcome and Recognition of Guests**

**Guests:** Speaker, Representative Billy McCoy; Appropriations Chairman, Representative Johnny Stringer; House WFP Chairman, Representative Bo Eaton; Senate WFP Chairman, Senator Tommy Gollott; Camp Murphy (LBO); Clay Wagner, Chairman of MDWFP Foundation Board.

Mr. Don Brazil opened with prayer.

**Minutes for Approval**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Jerry Munro and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the Minutes of May 19, 2010 were unanimously approved as presented.

**Today's Agenda**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the June 22, 2010 Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

**License Sales Report**

Mr. Michael Bolden presented the License Sales Report for the month of May 2010. He stated the numbers continue to decrease as compared to this time last year; however the end results will be complete in a couple of months as we get through the laps period.

**Wildlife**

☐ Public Notice W 3806 (Rehab of white-tailed deer) (FINAL)  
**No changes from intent version.**

☐ Public Notice W 15-3434 (White-tailed deer seasons & Bag Limits) (INTENT)  
**Will strike the word "archery" and resubmit an intent version. Primitive weapon notice will include the word "archery."**

☐ Public Notice W15-3455 (Malmaison WMA Regulations) (FINAL)  
**No changes from intent version.**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, PN W3806 (Rehab of white-tailed deer- FINAL); PN W153434 (White-tailed deer seasons & Bag Limits (Intent); and PN W15-3455 (Malmaison WMA Regulations- Final) were unanimously approved as presented.

□INTENT WMA PUBLIC NOTICES:

W16-3451 (Leaf River); W16 3453 (Little Biloxi); W10 3685 (Mason Creek); W16 3459 (Old River ); W16 3460 (Pascagoula River); W16 3462 (Red Creek); W16 3472 (Wolf River); Public Notice W4 3788 (Howard Miller)

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon, and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the abovementioned WMA public notices were unanimously approved as presented.

Law Enforcement

Public Notice LE4-3779 (Nuisance Animals) (FINAL)

Chief Adcock stated there have been no public comments made regarding the intent version of LE4- 3779 and staff recommends approval of the final version.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Munro, Public Notice LE4-3779 (Nuisance Animals) (Final) was unanimously approved.

Chief Adcock presented an update on the violations reports and stated there were two (2) drowning incidents on the Pearl River this past weekend. At this time of year, the boating incidents tend to be less; however, staff continues to have boating details in place. As far as the oil spill disaster in the Gulf, MDWFP staff is assisting the Department of Marine Resources in guarding the booms in the gulf that are set up to trap the oil spill. MDWFP has trained personnel for the oil spill disaster and are ready for MEMA to call when needed. The Museum staff and fisheries are helping by providing information to the Natural Resources Disaster Assistance Program (NRDA) with mitigating problems associated with the oil spill disaster.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

**RE: Hog Hunting on the Leaf River:**

Tommy Newman, President of South MS Sportsman Association

Opposes hog hunting with dogs at Leaf River WMA. Since today's report by the Wildlife Division, he believes his concerns have been addressed and resolved already. Also, Mr. Newman suggested lifting the ban on Sunday hunting at Chickasawhay, Red Creek, and Mason Creek WMAs. A lot of complaints have been received by campers who can't do a one-day hunt.

Chuck Stein, Public Relations

Opposes hog hunting at Leaf River WMA. He stated there are two (2) hunting areas at Leaf River – (1) dog hunters and (2) still hunting for deer, etc. Public Notice W16-3451 (Leaf River) will upset the natural quietness in the still hunt area.

Betty Spooner

There is no hog problem at Leaf River. She opposes Public Notice W16-3451 that allows hog hunting with dogs at Leaf River WMA.

Other Business

☐ Election of Officers

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Charles Rigdon was unanimously elected as Chairman and Commissioner Jerry Munro, Vice-Chairman for the year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Next Meeting Dates

(Confirmed) Thursday, July 22, 2010  
Location: Jackson, MS @ 2:00 p.m.

Executive Session

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. It was determined that discussions related to transactions in land; and budget line items that could affect the continued employment of specific individuals. Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Mr. Don Brazil reported on pending land transactions. No action was required.

Bureau Directors from Wildlife; Parks and Support Services reported on long range plans based on reduced revenue and contingency plans for any proposed budget cuts.

**ACTION:** There being no further business for Executive Session, Commissioner Munro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, to come out of Executive Session and re-open the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was re-opened.

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

  
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CHARLES RIGDON, CHAIRMAN

7-22-10  
Date

  
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JERRY MUNRO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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