

MS COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.

MDWFP Main Office, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Billy Deviney; Commissioner Jerry Munro; Commissioner John C Stanley, IV

ABSENT: Commissioner Bryan Jones; Commissioner Charles Rigdon

Among the MDWFP staff attending were: Dr. Sam Polles; Robert Cook; Michael Bolden; Ramie Ford; Jim Walker; Larry Castle; Ed Penny; Libby Hartfield; Steve Adcock; Sally Sutherland and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

WELCOME

Chairman Deviney called the meeting to order and Larry Castle opened with prayer.

CADET CLASS OF 2011

Training Officer Whit Read introduced the following Cadets who graduated from the MDWFP Class of 2011: Gordan Adkins; Scott Lampkin; Kelon Dill; Burl Holmes III; Steven Tatum; Tyler West; Chris Rounsaville; Zane Stricklin; Ben Morgan; Charles Jones; and Devin Rice.

MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Minutes of October 18, 2011 were unanimously approved as presented.

TODAY'S AGENDA

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, today's Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one present who wished to make public comments.

LICENSE SALES REPORT

Rickie Felder presented the License Sales Report for the month of October, 2011. He stated that resident hunting license sales are down while resident sportsmen sales are up. Furthermore, overall resident license sales are up by 1% and non residents are down by 5%. Lifetime license sales are up by 30% year-to-date.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Steve Adcock presented an updated citations report. He stated that over 400 citations were issued and the number one citation continues to be for hunting with no license.

The following individuals were present to request license reinstatement:

1. Edwin Hardin, Meridian, MS – owes reinstatement fee.
2. Robert Stamper, Meridian, MS – owes reinstatement fee.
3. Colton Williams, Wiggins, MS – owes reinstatement fee.
4. Joel Davis, Columbia, MS – owes reinstatement fee.

Each person presented their case before the Commission stating they have paid their fines and met all other compliances with the exception of paying their reinstatement fee.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the four (4) reinstatement requests listed above were unanimously approved contingent upon paying their reinstatement fee.

Training Update: Sgt. Major Whit Read presented information regarding the new graduating class of cadets

MARKETING

Lacey Kuhn gave a Power Point presentation to update marketing projects that have been done and ones that are ongoing.

WILDLIFE

Ed Penny presented the following Wildlife awards:

1. Wildlife Biologist of the Year: John Gruchy, Private Lands Habitat Program Coordinator.

2. Wildlife Administrative/Support Employee of the Year: Chad Masley, WMA Assistant Biologist for the North Central Area.

Public Notice W-3816 (Sale of Animals/Game Birds/Fish)

Chad Dacus presented Public Notice W-3816 (Sale of Animals/Game Birds/Fish) (Intent) for approval.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Public Notice W-3816 (Sale of Animals/Game Birds/Fish (Intent) was unanimously approved as presented.

ARCHERY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr. Waldo Cleveland presented an update on the Archery in Schools Program by stating the archery program is now in 263 schools in Mississippi. Approximately 24,760 students have been through the program this year. The program is available for grades 4 – 12.

Mr. Clark Gordin presented two (2) awards that were presented to the Archery in Schools program at SEAFWA.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

December 15, 2011 (Tentative) @ 1:00 p.m. Location TBA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. It was determined that discussions were needed regarding transactions in land, job performance of specific individuals in specific positions, and budget line items. Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Dr. Polles updated the Commission on pending land transactions and some reorganization and realignment of positions within the agency. No action was required of the Commission.

There being no further business for executive session, upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Commission voted unanimously to end Executive Session, and re-open the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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



William "Billy" Deviney, CHAIRMAN

12-15-11

Date



Jerry Munro, VICE-CHAIRMAN

12-15-11

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