

MS COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m.

Jackson, MS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Billy Deviney; Commissioner Jerry Munro; Commissioner Charles Rigdon; Commissioner Bryan Jones; Commissioner John C Stanley, IV

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

WELCOME

Chairman Deviney called the meeting to order and Deputy Director Robert Cook opened with prayer.

MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Minutes of September 22, 2011 were unanimously approved as presented.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Dr. Sam Polles stated there needs to be an addition to the agenda to add an alligator report under "Wildlife."

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Charles Davis, land owner, wished to address the Commission concerning his property at the Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area. He handed out survey information to the Commission. Specifically, Mr. Davis requested an easement across WMA property to access his property, which he is trying to sell.

No action was taken at this time. Staff was asked to look into the possibility of the agency purchasing the adjacent land at a later time once all the information has been reviewed as to the location of the in-holdings at the WMA.

LICENSE SALES REPORT

Mr. Michael Bolden presented the License Sales Report for the month of September, 2011. He reported that Resident Sportsman and Apprentice License sales are both up. Fishing License sales are down. Senior Exempt Non Resident sales are up by 4%. Louisiana (nonresident) license sales are showing an increase of 11%.

Commissioner Jones said to show our appreciation to those individuals who purchase a license even though they are exempt; the Department should create a decal they could display on hunting equipment; vehicles, etc. Just something to let them know we appreciate their support; understanding costs for such will have to be considered.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Colonel Steve Adcock presented a report on the number of citations issued for the month. He stated most citations were given for lack of license – primarily for fishing. Boating accidents have tapered off somewhat – due to seasonal changes.

License reinstatements were requested from the following:

1. Timothy Amason – complied with all requirements for reinstatement.
Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Tim Amason's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.
2. Derrick Andrews – complied with all requirements for reinstatement.
Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Derrick Andrew's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.
3. James Bullard – complied with all requirements for reinstatement.
Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, James Bullard's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.
4. Frank Dement – must pay \$500 reinstatement fee.
Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Frank Dement's request for reinstatement was unanimously approved contingent upon his payment of a \$500 reinstatement fee.
5. Seth Dement – must pay \$250 reinstatement fee.
Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Munro, Seth Dement's request for reinstatement was unanimously approved contingent upon his payment of a \$250 reinstatement fee.

6. Larry Evans – complied with all requirements for reinstatement.

Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, Larry Evans's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.

7. Aaron Garrison – must pay \$250 reinstatement fee.

Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, Aaron Garrison's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved contingent upon his payment of a \$250 reinstatement fee.

8. Bobby McKissick – must pay \$250 reinstatement fee.

Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Jones, Bobby McKissick's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved contingent upon his payment of a \$250 reinstatement fee.

9. Jonathan Sutton – complied with all requirements for reinstatement.

Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Jonathan Sutton's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.

10. Milton Thornton – complied with all requirements for reinstatement.

Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Milton Thornton's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.

11. Donald Chad Valentine – complied with all requirements for reinstatement

Action: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Donald Chad Valentine's request for license reinstatement was unanimously approved as presented.

Note: Mr. Valentine wished to commend Officer Shirley for doing a great job in handling this citation. His manner was friendly and professional.

FISHERIES

Ron Garavelli presented the final version of Public Notice F6-2999 stating there have been no comments received from the public during the intent period.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, Public Notice F6-2999 (Commercial Fishing) (Final) was unanimously approved as presented effective 30 days from filing date with the Secretary of State's Office.

WILDLIFE

Alligator Update

Ricky Flynt, Alligator Coordinator, provided a handout regarding alligator hunting statistics, to the Commission. He stated revenue in 2011 from alligator hunting totals \$98,790, thus far.

Ed Penny, presented the final version of W- 3815 (Wolf River Closing). He stated there have been no public comments received during the intent period.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, Public Notice W-3815 (Wolf River Closing) was unanimously approved as presented effective 30 days from filing date with the Secretary of State's Office.

DUCK STAMP PROCEEDS REQUESTS

Presentations from the following were given:

1. Delta Waterfowl – Rob Olsen
2. Ducks Unlimited – Curtis Hopkins
3. Mississippi State University – Rick Kaminski

Further discussions with staff will be conducted before a decision regarding duck stamp funding will be announced.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
MDWFP Main Office, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS @ 8:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, 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, budget line items affecting the continued employment of specific individuals, and relocation of a business or industry. Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Discussion followed regarding the awarding of duck stamp proceeds grants to the requestors who had made presentations earlier. With minor changes, the Commission accepted staff recommendations for duck stamp grants.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Commission voted unanimously to award duck stamp grants per staff recommendation.

Discussion followed, with Art Kennard regarding Mr. Carl Davis's request for an easement and an additional request for an easement across Park lands in Winston County.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize the Executive Director and Staff to negotiate with the Winston County requestor to an agreeable solution to his access issue, and to investigate the Pascagoula in-holding request further. The motion includes authorizing the Executive Director to execute an easement or other appropriate document if the terms for such meet with agency needs.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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



William "Billy" Deviney, CHAIRMAN

11/16/11

Date



Jerry Munro, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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