

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

In person:

Chairman James R. Ammons
Commissioner Kurt R. Davis

In person:

Deputy Director Tom P. Finley
General Attorney Jim Odenkirk

Via telephone:

Commissioner James S. Zieler
Commissioner Eric S. Sparks
Commissioner Bill S. Brake

Chairman Ammons called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Deputy Director Finley conducted roll call, Chairman Ammons and Commissioner Davis were present in person and Commissioners Zieler, Sparks, and Brake were present via telephone. There were no members of the public present but several Department staff members were present. This meeting followed an agenda dated June 19, 2018.

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1. Dedicated Funding for Outreach and Education – Advisory Committee Selection

Presenter: Tony A. Guiles, Assistant Director Information, Education, and Recreation Division

Motion: Davis moved, Brake seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT DEVELOP 1-3 RECOMMENDATIONS NO LATER THAN AUGUST: AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED AND THE COMMISSION WILL THEN SELECT WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS WILL GO OUT FOR REVIEW IN OCTOBER FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. IN NOVEMBER: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES.

Commissioner Brake stated that the reason he seconded the motion is because it will give him more time to review several emails that he has received from people who are interested to be on the committee.

Commissioner Davis stated that he forgot to add that during this period of time, the public can submit their opinions and ideas to the Department.

Commissioner Zieler commented that he feels rushed as well and he is aware of the compressed timeline, but he has many questions regarding the make-up of this committee and how functional it will be in a short period of time. He doesn't feel comfortable putting a bunch of people together on a committee. He would like to seek other options and believes the Department needs to be involved.

Commissioner Davis commented that they could follow the same process as with the previous license reclassification process. Anyone could submit their ideas to the Information and Education Division. They can then communicate any recommendations to the Commission, and then host public meetings of the final proposals.

Mr. Odenkirk advised to go into Executive Session regarding some legal issues with the motion.

Commissioner Sparks asked for clarification to the motion regarding that the Commission would no longer appoint one member.

Commissioner Davis responded that his motion will no longer form a committee and the motion will be a public process like the license reclassification process.

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Executive Session

The Commission voted to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussion and consultation with legal counsel.

Motion: Davis moved, Ammons seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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1. (Continued) Dedicated Funding for Outreach and Education – Advisory Committee Selection

Commissioner Davis withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Brake withdrew his second.

Amended Motion: Davis moved, Ammons seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR TO APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT IS FORMED BY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES FOR WHICH THEY WILL BE GIVEN THE TASK TO PRODUCE POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THIS ISSUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER; THE MEETINGS WILL BE PUBLIC AND NOTICED: ANY CONSTITUENTS ARE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE DEPARTMENT STAFF AND/OR PROVIDE THEIR WRITTEN IDEAS; THE COMMISSION WILL REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN SEPTEMBER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT; THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION IN NOVEMBER IF NECESSARY.

Commissioner Zieler commented that he will support this motion and stated the importance for the Department to involve the sportsmen.

Commissioner Brake commented that he supports the motion, but would like to involve the potential committee members as discussed before this meeting since they have already reached out to them.

Commissioner Sparks agreed with Commissioner Brake to involve the considered committee members and give the hunting community the opportunity to review the recommendations before anything is finalized.

Chairman Ammons commented that it was difficult to select committee member so this motion will take care of that situation and everyone can participate. The Commission will receive recommendation from the Department.

Commissioner Davis agreed with Chairman Ammons that he has received several emails to be able to participate and now he can respond that everyone can submit their ideas and participate in the meetings.

Vote: Unanimous

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Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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These minutes were approved by the Commission at the August 3, 2018 Commission meeting.

James R. Ammons, Chairman