

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Saturday, September 26-Sunday, September
27, 2020

Sipe Wildlife Area, Apache County, AZ

Department Staff Present:

Ty Gray, Director

Tom Finley, Deputy Director

Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the
Director

Pat Barber, Special Assistant to the Director.

Jim Odenkirk, Legal Counsel

Commissioners Present:

Kurt Davis, Chairman

Bill Brake, Vice Chairman

Jim Goughnour

Todd Geiler

Eric Sparks

Saturday, September 26, 2020:

Chairman Davis called the workshop meeting to order at 8:00 am.

This meeting followed an Agenda dated September 26-27, 2020. This workshop was an information sharing and informal roundtable discussion.

The Commission took no action during this meeting.

Discussion of Future Opportunities in the Wildlife Conservation Field

Presenter, Tom Finley

Deputy Director Finley and Chairman Davis led an informal discussion of issues and opportunities that could arise in the coming years. All participants offered thoughts, ideas, and suggestions relative to future opportunities and priorities for the Commission.

Discussion of Commission Sponsored Committees and Commission Subcommittees

Presenter, Tom Finley

Deputy Director Finley and Chairman Davis led a discussion regarding existing committees sponsored and created by the Commission. These are the Heritage Property Acquisition Committee, Landowner, Lessee, Sportsmen Relations Committee, Sportsmen's Constituency Group and the Habitat Partnership Committee. Informal discussions regarding possible improvements to these committees that would better assist the Commission and the public. The parties present also discussed process improvements for the sub-committees of the Commission.

Sunday, September 27, 2020:

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Discussion of Access

Presenter: Special Assistant to the Director Kent Komadina

Special Assistant Komadina and Chairman Davis led an informal discussion of access to public lands for the purposes of recreational use.

Discussion of Fair Chase and Ethics

Presenter: Kent Komadina

Special Assistant Komadina and Chairman Davis led an informal discussion of Fair Chase, its ethos, and how best to promote fair chase in Arizona. Participants shared their thoughts and ideas for the best ways to promote and ensure fair chase practices in Arizona.

Discussion of Emerging Issues

Presenter: Kent Komadina

Special Assistant Komadina and Chairman Davis led an informal roundtable discussion about other emerging issues that the Commission and Department might face in the upcoming years.

Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Komadina', written in a cursive style.

Kent Komadina
Special Assistant to the Director