

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Appointment Recommendation Board
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

PRESENT: (Board Members)

Richard Williams, Chair
Susan E. Chilton
Charles Ireland Kelly
Edward P. Madden
Phillip D. Townsend

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

(Directors Staff)

Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General
Cindy Freehauf, Secretary

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.** This meeting followed an agenda dated October 09, 2019.

1. Welcome and Introductions from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board

The Chair welcomed Board members and staff present.

The Board members introduced themselves; Susan Chilton from Arivaca, representing Cattlemen or Ranchers; Charles Kelly from Phoenix, representing Mission to Increase, Sustain, and Conserve Wild Turkey, Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bighorn Sheep, Ducks, Quail, and Fish; Edward P. Madden from Flagstaff, representing a Public Member; Phil Townsend from Yuma, representing Sportsmen's Organization confined to a specific area or region; and Richard Williams from Scottsdale, representing Wildlife Conservation and Sportsmen Organizations. Staff introduced themselves; Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General; and Cindy Freehauf, Secretary.

2. Overview of the Role and Conduct of Boards and Commissions under Arizona Law

Presenter: Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General, Linda Pollock, summarized the two rules to be adhered to in these proceedings: (1) All discussions, deliberations, and votes must be in the presence of the public in public session. (2) As a Board member, any notes taken are public record. At the conclusion of the meeting, it is requested that Board members mail, fax, or scan any notes taken to Board secretary, Cindy Freehauf.

Sue Chilton thanked Linda for her years of wonderful service Ms. Chilton had a question regarding "residence out of Arizona" on an application.

Phil Townsend stated he believed this issue came up a few years ago and it was determined the residency requirement was appropriate as the applicant had been vetted by the Governor's office. Linda Pollock stated she knew the applicant in question and would look into his residency status.

3. Call to Public

The Chair invited any public attendees, on the call-in line, who wanted to be heard.

Sandy Bahr, chapter director for the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club, made a statement.

There were no other call-in comments from the public.

4. Discussion and Deliberation of Board Process and Procedures, Including the Process for Evaluating Applicants

Sue Chilton stated the Board was familiar with the procedures followed in prior meetings. Ms. Chilton recommended, since there are only five candidates for consideration, there be a one-step process whereby the candidate names are read alphabetically. Board members can either comment for "further consideration" or remain silent. Ms. Chilton suggested the Board choose a minimum of two and preferably three candidates for interviews.

Three Board members stated they had only four applications. The Board secretary forwarded the fifth application to those members by email. Board members requested a five minute recess to review the application.

MOTION: Phil Townsend moved and Pat Madden seconded the motion for a FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

The Board reconvened at 9:28 am to finish discussing Item #4.

MOTION: Sue Chilton moved and Pat Madden seconded TO LIMIT TO ONE READING OF THE APPLICANT LIST.

VOTE: Unanimous

5. Disclosures and Recusals

The Chair asked to proceed with disclosures and recusals from each Board member in alphabetical order.

Sue Chilton – no disclosures or recusals

Charles Kelly knows of Kathi Scott as she interviewed last year with the Board. No further disclosures or recusals.

Edward P. Madden knows of Daniel Caputo as he worked with his two older brothers and stepfather. He does not know Mr. Caputo personally. No further disclosures or recusals.

Phillip Townsend knows of Kathi Scott as she interviewed last year with the Board. No further disclosures or recusals.

Chair Richard Williams knows of Kathi Scott as she interviewed last year with the Board. No further disclosures or recusals.

6. Review and Selection of Applicants for Interview

Presenter: The Chair read the list of applicants' names in alphabetical order. The applicants receiving a vote of 'further consideration' and Board members who voted for 'further consideration' of that applicant are as follows:

Caputo, Daniel (Sue Chilton), (Pat Madden), (Phil Townsend)

Hernandez, Clay (Sue Chilton), (Charles Kelly), (Pat Madden), (Phil Townsend), (Rich Williams)

Scott, Kathi (Pat Madden), (Phil Townsend), (Rich Williams)

MOTION: Sue Chilton moved and Phil Townsend seconded to INVITE THE THREE CANDIDATES WITH TWO OR MORE VOTES TO BE INTERVIEWED.

VOTE: Unanimous

7. Discussion of Format for Applicant Interviews – Virtual or In-Person

Sue Chilton recommended in-person interviews stating there is adequate space in the Quail auditorium to social distance and it is important to be able to see as well as hear the applicant. Chairman Williams asked Linda Pollock how safety guidelines would be met. Ms. Pollock stated the Department has successfully sponsored several public meetings in the Quail room. All persons attending will be socially distanced and masked in accordance with the Maricopa County Covid mandate.

The Chair asked if applicants will be informed they have five minutes to start their interview with a statement. Linda stated this was a standing practice. Phil Townsend requested applicants be advised that no videos be allowed, just opening statements.

MOTION: Sue Chilton moved and Pat Madden seconded to HOLD APPLICANT INTERVIEWS IN-PERSON.

VOTE: Unanimous

8. Future Meeting Schedule and Location

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., with interviews to begin at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Quail Room, 5000 West Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000.

9. Future Agenda Items

The Board will be interviewing selected applicants for recommendation to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

MOTION: Charles Kelly moved and Sue Chilton seconded to ADJOURN THE MEETING.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.
