

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Appointment Recommendation Board
Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

PRESENT: (Board Members)

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

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

(Director's Staff)

Linda Pollock, Attorney General
Cindy Freehauf, Board Secretary

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at **9:02** a.m. This meeting followed an agenda dated October 25, 2022.

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

The Chair welcomed audience members and staff present.

The Board members introduced themselves; Richard Williams from Scottsdale, representing Arizona Sportsman for Wildlife Conservation, Charles Kelly from Phoenix, representing the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and other organizations whose mission is to increase, sustain and otherwise conserve turkey, deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, ducks, quail and fish; Chairman Pat Madden from Flagstaff, representing the public; Sue Chilton from Arivaca, representing ranchers interested in conservation of habitat, wildlife and access to land for recreation; Phil Townsend from Yuma, representing Yuma Valley Rod and Gun club and other Sportsmen's Organizations confined to a specific area or region; Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General; and Cindy Freehauf, Secretary.

2. Call to Public

The Chair invited any public attendees who wanted to be heard to present their Blue Speaker Cards.

No blue cards were presented.

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

Chairman Madden asked Sue Chilton to review the Board's interview process and point assignment. Ms. Chilton stated there are four candidates to interview. Each candidate will have five minutes to make an introductory statement. Then, each Board member would have the opportunity to ask a question with an optional follow up question. This would be followed by a second round of questions with an optional follow up question. A total of four questions might be asked by each Board member, two primary questions and two follow up questions.

Ms. Chilton stated that each Board member would have twenty points to allocate to the interviewees they felt best qualified for the position of Commissioner, with a maximum of ten points to any one individual. Board members are not obligated to use all 20 points. Each Board member will then score each candidate. The Board Secretary will add up the points from the score sheets and share the scores with the Board. Board members will then move to send a minimum of two and a maximum of five names to the Governor for consideration.

No further discussion or comments.

4. Disclosure and Recusals

The Chair asked to proceed with disclosures and recusals from each Board member:

Rich Williams is familiar with Jessica Manuell because they volunteer for the same organization but does not know her personally. No further disclosures or recusals.

Charles Kelly is familiar with Jeffrey Buchanan as a prior applicant. No further disclosures or recusals.

Pat Madden stated he has no disclosures or recusals.

Sue Chilton stated she has no disclosures or recusals.

Phil Townsend stated he has disclosures or recusals.

5. Interview of Selected Applicants for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission

Brian Kenny – Interview began at 9:11 a.m.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Kenny and asked Mr. Kenny to begin with his opening remarks. Mr. Kenny spoke of his background and qualifications for the position. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate. Mr. Kenny then gave his closing statement.

[Candidate Kenny responded to all questions]

The meeting recessed at **10:00** a.m.

The meeting reconvened at **10:08** a.m.

Jeffrey Buchanan – Interview began at **10:09** a.m.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Buchanan and asked Mr. Buchanan to begin with his opening remarks. Mr. Buchanan spoke of his background and qualifications for the position. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate. Mr. Buchanan then gave his closing statement.

[Candidate Buchanan responded to all questions]

Jessica Manuell – Interview began at **10:50** a.m.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Manuell and asked Ms. Manuell to begin with her opening remarks. Ms. Manuell spoke of her background and qualifications for the position. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate. Ms. Manuell had no closing statement.

[Candidate Manuell responded to all questions]

Alan Baker – Interview began at **11:24** a.m.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Baker and asked Mr. Baker to begin with his opening remarks. Mr. Baker spoke of his background and qualifications for the position. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate. Mr. Baker then gave his closing statement.

[Candidate Baker responded to all questions]

6. Recommendation of Applicants for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to be forwarded to the Governor for Consideration

Sue Chilton advised Chairman Madden everyone should take a few minutes to tally their scores. Each of the Board members will have twenty points to be distributed among the four interviewees, with no more than ten points to any one individual. Points to be awarded would be written and given to the Assistant Attorney General and the secretary to be tallied and confirmed.

The final votes were as follows:

Alan Baker	24 Points
Jeffrey Buchanan	45 Points
Brian Kenny	7 Points
Jessica Manuell	24 Points

MOTION: Sue Chilton moved and Charles Kelly seconded that MR. BUCHANAN, MS. MANUELL AND MR. BAKER BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR CONSIDERATION.

VOTE: Unanimous

7. **Future Agenda Items**

Charles Kelly asked the Board members if they wanted to set a date for a future meeting now. The Secretary stated she will contact the Board members, in December, to set up a date in January for the next meeting. The Board agreed to this procedure.

MOTION: Phil Townsend moved and Sue Chilton seconded to ADJOURN THE MEETING..

VOTE: Unanimous

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The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
