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Good morning, and welcome to the February 1st, 2011 Pennsylvania Game Commission Board of Commissioners meeting. Thanks to all of you for attending today who weathered the storm to get here. And if you'd be kind enough to stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before we begin these proceedings, I would ask you to join the Board of Commissioners for a moment of silence to reflect on the tragedy of November 11th, 2010 when WCO David Grove was killed in the line of duty and the ultimate sacrifice was made.

Thank you for that respectful showing. A few housekeeping things. Please turn your cell phones off or put them on vibrate. And again, I would ask that we have a very respectful meeting as we have the past two days. A lot of information. Just want to keep in mind that the respect that we have for each other’s opinions in the room. And on that note, I
will call on our Secretary for a role call of Commissioners present.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Ralph Martone?

MR. MARTONE:
Here.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Robert Schlemmer?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Here.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
David Putnam?

MR. PUTNAM:
Present.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Thomas Boop?

MR. BOOP:
Present.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Greg Isabella?

MR. ISABELLA:
Present.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
David Schreffler? Present. Ron Weaner?

MR. WEANER:
Present.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
James Delaney?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Present.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
All present and accounted for, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Do we now have a motion for the approval of the minutes of the meeting held October 5th, 2010?

MR. MARTONE:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Is there any discussion of those minutes? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
The motion carried unanimously, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler. At this time, I'd like to turn to our agency counselor, Brad Bechtel.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
Thank you, Mr. President. The first item to come before the Commission is from the Bureau of Wildlife Management that involves the approval of State Wildlife Grants Program Projects. The commentary is listed in your agenda. The executive director and staff recommend approval of this latest state wildlife grant projects listed in Exhibit A on page three of your agenda.

(Deposition Exhibit A marked for identification.)

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion from the floor?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Second.

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Any discussion on that motion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The second item concerns the Endangered Species Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grants Program. Again, there’s a commentary in the agenda. A small portion of this grant will be used to subsidize agency Staff work; however, the majority of the grant funds will be used to restore habitat for Great Lakes piping plovers, a federally endangered species and other Pennsylvania species of greatest conservation needs. The executive director and staff recommend the approval of this piping plover project and the work as described with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Pennsylvania Audubon.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you've heard the comments here. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. MARTONE:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schlemmer. Is there any discussion on the motion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Are there any opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns adopted rule making. Adoption of proposed amendments, Sections 147.552 and 147.556 to create a focus limited
authorization permitting the baiting of white-tail
deer in wildlife management units, 5C and 5D on
approved properties enrolled in the Red Tag Program.
The executive director and staff recommend final
adoption of these amendments to Pa.C as shown on
Exhibit C on page six of your agenda.

(PDeposition Exhibit Six marked for
identification.)

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, you've heard the proposed
amendment. Is there any motion from the floor?

MR. ISABELLA:

Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Isabella. Is there a
second?

MR. WEANER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner. Is there any
discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by
saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Are there any opposed?
SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns adoption of proposed amendments to the Section 147.673 to require the public landowners to provide approved management plans along with applications and also advance the applications date one month. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa.C as shown in Exhibit D on page eight and nine of your agenda.

(Deposition Exhibit D marked for identification.)

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion from the floor?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.
Commissioner Martone. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

Opposed?

Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

The next item is also an adoption of proposed amendments. This is section 147.783 to authorize the use of electronic decoys of hunting and taking activities conducted under a snow goose conversation hunt permit. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa.C as shown on Exhibit E on page 11 of the agenda.

(Deposition Exhibit E marked for identification.)

Commissioner's, you're heard the commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?
SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schreffler. Is there a second?

MR. WEANER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item today is proposed rule making to amend 58 Pa.C, Section 141.28 to add a fifth wild pheasant restoration area in Franklin County Wild Pheasant Restoration area to prepare for pheasant releases in 2012. This is outlined on pages 12 and 13
of your agenda. The executive director and staff recommend the Commission approve this change.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you're heard the commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. ISABELLA:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Is there a second?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schreffler. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Is there any opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns the amendment of 58 Pa.C, Section 139.4 the seasons and bag limits. The commentary does appear in your agenda. The executive director and staff recommend the Commission approve the proposed 2011 through 2012 seasons and bag limits amendments to Section 139.4 shown on pages 15 through 22 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, if we can, I would like a motion from the floor and we will handle pages 15 through 22 via floor amendments so if we could have a motion to get started on that commentary, I'd like that.

MR. WEANER:

Mr. President, I move we accept the seasons and bag limits.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

A motion made by Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

MR. BOOP:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Boop. Is there any discussion? I will start on page 15 and offer an amendment under Ruffed Grouse. If you would come
down, I would add that we will strike the closing date
as January 21st, 2012 and make that new date January
the 28th.

MR. WEANER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner, if I could, we'll do the
whole page and then --- because there's two more on
this and then we'll go to Second. If you come down to
rabbits, cottontail, eligible junior hunters, instead
of the closing date being October 14th, that would be
October 15th. And then coming to Cottontail Rabbits,
strike the starting date of October 15 and make that
October the 22nd. And that would be page 15, the
amendments that I would offer on that particular page.
That's a motion that I will make. And is there a
second?

MR. WEANER:
I'll second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Is there any further discussion on page
15? All those in favor of the amendments offered
signify by saying aye.
AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion for the amendments is unanimous.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. We'll move on to page 16. And there will be a motion made by myself on page 16 to --- we'll start at the top of page 16 under Ring-necked Pheasant, male only. If we go over, we'll strike October 14th and make that October 15th.

Coming down to Ring-necked Pheasant, male or female, the first day would be October the 8th, but we would strike October 14th as the closing date and make that October 15th.

If we come down to Ring-necked Pheasant, male only, in WWM 2A, 2B, 2C and 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B, we will strike October the 15th and make that October the 22nd. And immediately under that, Ring-necked Pheasant, male or female, October 15th, October the 22nd.

And then we come down to Bobwhite Quail, we'll strike October the 15th and make that October the 27th. I'm sorry, October the 22nd, for
clarification. That is my motion. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone, on the second.

Under discussion. Commissioners, any discussion?

MR. DUBROCK:
Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Director DuBrock.

MR. DUBROCK:
For woodchucks and porcupines, there's some language there that talks about no closed season. It's during the regular firearms deer season and during the legal hunting hours for spring gobbler or turkey season. There are some other regulations considerations that are going to come before you later on in the agenda that we are recommending. In order to move this language in compliance with that language, we need to strike the reference to during legal hunting hours of the spring gobbler turkey season. That's undergone, I think, a fair amount of discussion within Staff and we just realized here that to bring these things together, it's necessary to make this change in Title 58 in 139.4.
So the recommendation here or the change that we need to see occur is the language should reflect the following, no closed season except during the regular firearms deer season, period. And that will be a recurring change throughout 139 and I'll try to point those out as we encounter them on various pages.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Director DuBrock, we appreciate your input to that on that information. With all the amendments for page 16, the motion by Delaney, second by Martone. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
The motion is carried unanimously, Mr. President, to amend page 16.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Now, moving on to page 17. Is there any amendments on page 17?

MR. MARTONE:
Yes, I would like to present a motion to amend page 17 as follows. Under Turkey, male or female, WMU 1A, 1B, 2A, first day October 29th, last
day November 12th. For the rest of that stays the same.

Under WMU 2B, first day October 29th
changes --- the rest of that remains the same.

Under WMU 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A, 4B and 4E, the first day changes to October 29th, last day, November 12th. The rest of that will remain the same.

And under WMU 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B and 3C, 3D, 4C and 4E, the first day October 29th. The rest of that will remain the same.

And under WMU 5A, the first day November 1st, the last day November 3rd. That is all the changes I have for that page.

MR. WEANER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Motion made by Commissioner Martone, seconded by Commissioner Weaner. Is there any further discussion with page 17? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion to amend page
17 is carried unanimously.

MR. WEANER:

Mr. President, I apologize. But I just noticed an error. Following your vote --- just as you were voting, I see that for the spring gobbler season, if I'm reading this correctly, it says April 28th, 2012 to May 12th, 2010. I don't think that's possible.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

I appreciate your finding that at this point. If we could possibly add a second amendment for this page, Commissioner Martone or Commissioner Weaner, you take the floor.

MR. WEANER:

I move to make the necessary changes to reflect it here.

MR. BOOP:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Motion made by Commissioner Weaner, seconded by Commissioner Boop. Under discussion, I take just for the stenographer here, how about we put on the record what that date should be.

MR. WEANER:

Okay. April 28th, 2012 to May 12th,
2012.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Weaner. Any other discussion on that amendment? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed? Thank you, Director DuBrock.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, that motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you. Page 18, is there any concerns for the amendments for page 18?

MR. DUBROCK:
Mr. President, again the language concerning the hunting hours or taking for starlings and English sparrows needs to be altered to reflect a no closed season except during the regular firearms deer seasons.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Duly noted for the record. Thank you, Commissioner.

MR. ISABELLA:
Mr. President, I just noticed on page 18,
on the crows first day there's no year. It just says July 1st.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Good point, Commissioner Isabella. Would you be kind enough to straighten that date out for us and possibly follow up with, if you would, with the concern that Director DuBrock had regarding no closed season except during the regular firearms deer season.

MR. ISABELLA:

Do you want me to make that amendment? I motion that we, under crows first day for July 1st, the date which was omitted should be 2012. And under starlings, excuse me.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

We'll get it right.

MR. ISABELLA:

2011. And on the starlings and English Sparrows we keep the first two sentences. No closed season except during the regular firearms deer season, and we delete the rest of the sentences.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Isabella. Is there a second to that motion on the amendment?

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Second.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schlemmer, is there any further discussion?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, looking down to falcons, it looks like the date’s missing for the first day.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thanks, Mr. Secretary. That's noted, also. So do you want to put that in a form of a motion to add ---?

MR. DUBROCK:
Mr. President, if I may?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Yes, Director DuBrock.

MR. DUBROCK:
These are seasons for 2011 to '12. It's implied, and historically, the way we've approached this, is it’s implied it’s 2011 when no date is included. And only when it goes to 2012, we actually list a date. That's the process we've employed in the past.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
I'll defer to our legal counsel, Brad Brechtel, if you're comfortable with that?

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
Yes, there's no way it could be September 2012, so ---.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Duly noted. So we had a motion. We had a second. We talked about discussion. On page 18, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Those opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
The motion carried to amend page 18. We carried unanimously, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. On page 19, any concerns or amendments for page 19?

MR. MARTONE:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:
I would like to make a motion for the following changes on page 19. First of all, at the top, under deer, archery, antlered and antlerless state-wide, on the second line, season running from December 26th and ending on January 16th, 2012 instead
of January 14th.

On the very last --- in the same vein, on
the very last line of that page, deer, flintlock,
antlered and antlerless state-wide changing from
December 26th to January 14th, the change would be
December 26th to January 16th, 2012.

In addition, on that page, under deer,
regular firearms, antlered and antlerless, the WMU
would list as 1A, 1B, 2B, 3A, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4A, under
5A, 5B, 5C and 5D. And under deer regular firearms,
antlered only, that list would read, I got to get it
right here, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4D, 4E.
And under deer regular firearms, antlered and
antlerless would also read, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A,
3C, 4B, 4D, 4E. I'd like to submit those changes to
the motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Martone. There
is second on the motion?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schlemmer. Is there any
discussion?

MR. ISABELLA:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella.

MR. ISABELLA:
You know, I'm looking at the split seasons scenario and in my opinion, if you want to see more deer, you could adjust the allocations. This is only causing more confusion to our sportsmen on the outside. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Isabella for your commentary. Commissioner Weaner.

MR. WEANER:
Just to clarify then, with regard to this season change, 2A, 2F and 3B now becomes split seasons as opposed to being concurrent; is that correct?

MR. ISABELLA:
Correct.

MR. WEANER:
Thank you.

MR. MARTONE:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:
I would like to comment from yesterday's discussion with the deer biologist, that we have the ability to offer split season and make adjustments in the antlerless allocations to accommodate that and still meet whatever goals the Board would come up with as far as deer population if it remaining stable, increasing and decreasing. And we have been well informed on the deer team’s ability to make those adjustments for the Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Martone. Any other Commissioner’s commentary? Commissioner Boop.

MR. BOOP:

I assume it's probably obvious to people in the audience, but as I understand Commissioner Martone's amendment with respect to the late archery and the late muzzleloader, that's just to include the Martin Luther King holiday when people are off and provide an extra day of opportunity. At least that's my understanding is the reason for it.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thanks for your commentary, Commissioner Boop. Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:

Thank you, Commissioner Boop. That's an
excellent explanation of that.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

The only other discussion I would add to that is WMU 3B is in northeastern Pennsylvania and although Commissioner Martone made the motion, I'm certainly well supported of the split season for WMU 3B. On that note, all those in favor of the amendments --- Commissioner Martone handled the motion from the floor.

MR. WEANER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner seconded the motion.

Any additional discussion on page 19? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

OPPOSES RESPOND

MR. ISABELLA:

Opposed.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries. Seven in favor, one opposed.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Mr. Secretary, just for the stenographers sake, could we just --- can you say who the Commissioners were that were opposed and who supported the vote, so it can be reflected in the record.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Those in favor were Mr. Putnam, Mr. Boop, Mr. Schreffler, President Delaney, Mr. Weaner, Mr. Martone, Mr. Schlemmer. Opposed was Mr. Isabella.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Let's move to page 20. Are there any brief commentaries or are there any amendments for page 20? Commissioner Boop.

MR. BOOP:
Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Yesterday, we heard a very comprehensive report by biologist, Mark Ternent. And I would like to offer an amendment to what had been the traditional three day bear season which last year we started on Saturday. Proposed as it reads here now would be Saturday the 19th and Monday and Tuesday the 21st and 22nd. I would like to include Wednesday, the 23rd, which would make the end date of November 23 as opposed to the 22nd. So it would be a four day regular season plus the extensions this coming fall. That’s my amendment.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Boop. Is there a second to that motion?

MR. WEANER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner. Is there any discussion with regard to that motion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously, the amendments on page 20.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. We'll move to page 21. Any amendments for page 21? If not, any amendments for page 22 or any commentary? Director DuBrock.

MR. DUBROCK:

Mr. President, I'm asking for seasons for opossums, skunks and weasels. That language needs to reflect the other changes that we've made in other parts of 139.4. This should now read no closed
season, period. And strike “these species may not be
hunted during legal hunting hours in the spring
gobbler turkey season.”

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Director DuBrock.

Commissioners, if one you would be --- would consider
offering Director DuBrock's remarks for opossums,
skunks and weasels so we can have that reflected in
the record.

MR. SCHLEMMER:

So moved.

MR. WEANER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Schlemmer. The motion.
Seconded by Commissioner Weaner. Any further
discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by
saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion to amend page 22 carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Now, to continue on. We had a motion and we had a second for seasons and bag limits. We need to take a vote on that information with all the amendments added. Can we have a motion to reflect that?

MR. MARTONE:
You already have a motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Oh, we had a motion. We have the second. We just need to have a vote. All those in favor of all those previous pages we had amended be with the amendments, signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion to approve season and bag limits as amended is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you. And thank you, Director DuBrock for those clarifications.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item to come before the Commission comes from the Bureau of Wildlife
Protection. It concerns adopted rule making. The adoption of proposed amendments in Section 135.41 to limit the overnight placement of portable hunting blinds and stands on State game lands. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa.C as shown on Exhibit A on page 24 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Is there any discussion?

MR. MARTONE:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:
I'll be honest. I'm not comfortable with this, but since I do not have a suggestion or a better
alternative for this, I'm still going to vote on it, but I just want to go on record, I'm not comfortable with this. I've heard from a lot of sportsmen about the concerns about the reserving portions of game lands by using tree stands and using this. And again, if I have a solution to it, I probably would vote against it, but at this point, it's all --- the only game in town so I'm going to support it.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Martone.

Commissioner Weaner.

MR. WEANER:
Yeah, to follow up on what he said. I think it's important that everyone understands that if this passes these tree stands do not represent a way to reserve land or reserve space on State game lands. Just because there's a tree stand there does not indicate that someone has proprietary rights to that area. It's first come, first served like it always is and like it always has been. And I think it's real important that all sportsmen understand that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Weaner. Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor signify
by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item of concern is the adoption of proposed amendments to Section 135.61 to make State game lands regulations equally applicable to State game farms. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption to this amendment to 58 Pa.C as shown on Exhibit B on page 26 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion from the floor?

MR. MARTONE:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Is there a second?

MR. WEANER:
Second.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item is also document for proposed amendments to Section 141.7 to remove conflicting language purporting to continue prohibitions on the usage of gun-mounted lights by hunters and furtakers. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa.C as shown on Exhibit C on page 28 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, is there a motion from the floor?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

So moved.
MR. WEANER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schreffler. Second Commissioner Weaner. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item is a document proposed amendment to Section 141.45 to expand the non-toxic shot authorization to both the fall and spring turkey seasons. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa.C as shown on Exhibit D on page 30 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion from the floor?

MR. MARTONE:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Martone. Is there a second?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Schreffler. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Is there any opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item is adoption of proposed amendments by adding Section 141.68, to specifically prohibit the usage of fishing hooks or snagging hooks or other devices that are not lawful traps, firearms, bows or cross bows from being utilized during licensed trapping activities. The executive director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58
Pa.C as shown on Exhibit E on page 32 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion from the floor?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schreffler. Any discussion?

If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item is proposed rule making to amend 58 Pa.C Section 131.2 to reduce certain WMU’s to three points and remove certain sentences from the
definition of bow. The text of this change shows on page 33 and 34 of your agenda. The executive director and staff recommend the Commission approve these changes.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner's, you heard commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. ISABELLA:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schlemmer. Is there any discussion? Commissioner Weaner.

MR. WEANER:
Mr. President, in this motion we had a couple of different items. But the item that references a draw lock is something that is pointed out to us by one of the people that presented testimony on Sunday or Monday about this draw lock ruling could interfere with the sun setting provision of the cross bow issue. And so as to not entangle
that, I move to amend this motion by deleting all references to the draw lock.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Got it. Commissioner Weaner. We have a floor amendment on that motion. Is there a second?

MR. BOOP:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Boop.

MR. BOOP:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Is there any further discussion?

MR. ISABELLA:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella.

MR. ISABELLA:
Yeah. Mr. President, I can't see why the cross bow issue is getting entangled in this. I mean, we have a sunset provision. If the sunset provision comes up, we’re either going to have cross bows or we’re not going to have them. I most likely will vote against the amendment. Thank you.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Isabella. Other Commissioner commentary? Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:
I would like to comment on the first paragraph of the four point change to 3F; is that appropriate at this time?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
No. Let's finish up on the Commissioner Weaner's amendment. Go ahead, Commissioner.

MR. WEANER:
Well, one more follow up. I mean, I'm not trying to dredge up the cross bow issue again. I'm just trying to make this clear so that when we vote on the cross bow issue this doesn't entangle that. You know, I don't anticipate, my personal feeling is that I don't anticipate the cross bow rule changing. But just to make it legally clear, that's why I'm offering you this amendment. I'm not trying to dredge up cross bows anymore.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella.

MR. ISABELLA:
Yeah. And I don't think Commissioner Weaner's trying to dredge it up again. It's just that
it came from, you know, the organization that's against cross bows, and you know, we already have the provision there with the sunset. Why do we have to bring this up, and you know, start another controversy again. That's all.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Boop.

MR. BOOP:

And I would echo what everyone else's is saying. I think we made that decision and we're probably not going to go back. I just want to seconded it to get on floor for discussion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

And the only discussion that I would add to Commissioner Weaner's amendment is United Bow Hunters did come here under public comment Sunday and offered an opinion as anyone else can do with regards to draw lock. I think a few Commissioner's had some conversation with our Staff and the Staff was comfortable with Commissioner Weaner moving forward with this amendment. So with that said, ---.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

If I may just ask. Maybe everyone understands that, but to have it repeated what the motion actually says because this amendment only
deletes language. And you're saying to delete
language referring to draw lock and the word draw lock
isn't even here.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
I think the intent to remove the
definition of bow in that paragraph, is what the
intent on this. That whole paragraph. Was bow in the
definition accurate.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
Thank you. That was the clarification.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
And that's good so our stenographer is
aware of that, also. So we had a motion.
Commissioner Weaner made the motion. Mr. Secretary,
who was the second on Commissioner Weaner's ---?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Seconded by Commissioner Boop.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Seconded by Commissioner Boop. Is there
any further discussion on that amendment? If not, all
those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYE RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

OPPOSED RESPOND
SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion is carries eight to two. Mr. Martone ---.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Clarify that again, Mr. Secretary and let's ---.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. Weaner's amendment that was just voted on is carried eight to two.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
It can't be, Commissioner.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Six to two. I'm sorry. Six to two. And Mr. Martone and Mr. Isabella voted in opposition.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Commissioner Boop.

MR. BOOP:
If the Board concurs with that, my suggestion is to the Board we have a hand vote so it's clear.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Mr. Secretary, I would say you can go ahead and do that and let's have that, the vote. The six Commissioners' that support this kindly raise your hand to the right. Okay. Those of the Commissioner's
that opposed it. So the stenographer has that now.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. Weaner, the motion still won.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Carried six to two.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Now, we'll go back to this original motion we need to take a vote on. All those in favor ---.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, I have further discussion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Commissioner Schreffler has further discussion on this proposed ruling.

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Right. As far as the three points, the word three points, the so-called three up. I am concerned about the impact on yearling bucks in the area, and I would hope that the Bureau of Wildlife Management would continue to monitor this and report back the impact on that. You might want to consider this in the future, if there's any impact on the bucks in this area where it's being, that's going to imply.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler.
Commissioner Boop.
MR. BOOP:
Yes. I certainly appreciate that this is not in my area and I've discussed with the Commissioners who are affected by this current rule. And I'm probably going to support the proposed rule making today. My concern is that, I think, this is touch off a discussion between now and April on antler restrictions, generally. And although I think that's an important discussion to have, I think the bigger discussion is our dramatically declining deer population which is where I think we should be focusing our attention between now and April and not having all the air taken out of the room talking about antler restrictions. So I will support it today, but I am concerned about what this is going to do to that discussion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone.
MR. MARTONE:
I'd like to comment on this change to a three up. After as much of this being from hearing from hunters in the four point area of Mr. Schlemmer
and I represent the western edge of the state which are affected by the four point. We believe that the Agency came up with a very good alternative to this three up and I've been assured by the Bureau of Wildlife Management that they will monitor the harvest for year-and-a-half old bucks and report to us annually in order to know that we made the right change.

I would also like to add that I would not support in the future changing the three point area to any type of three up. The knowledge that we gained in the past years since I brought this issue up, as pointed out, that that would be a determent to our age class structure in that three point area. And so I would not at this time support that kind of change.

To two up. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thanks, Commissioner Martone.

Commissioner Schlemmer.

MR. SCHLEMMER:
I concur with Commissioner Martone. We had lengthy discussions with Staff and Staff said that in this particular instance, it's probably going to hurt the resource, and so I'm going to take Staff's recommendations and move forward and keep monitoring
these situations. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner.

MR. WEANER:

I going to support this proposal, also. But I know that we're going to get discussions from hunters that say, well, if the people on the western part of the state can't count brow tines or can't see brow tines, how are all the rest of us in the other part of the state suppose to see brow tines. And that's a valid argument. And I also would not be in favor of changing the rest of the state to anything else. I have that small problem, but I do support the motion that's made.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Okay, Commissioners. We now are going to be voting on the motion as amended. All those in favor signify by saying aye?

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion as amended passes unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item is to amend 58 Pa.C Section 141.1 to allow certain single projectiles to be used in special regulations areas for bear. Full text of the commentary does appear in your agenda. On page 35, is actually the text of the changes. The Executive Director and Staff recommend the Commission approve this change.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner's, you've heard the commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. MARTONE:

So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Martone. Is there a second?

MR. WEANER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner. Any discussion?

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item is the amendment of 58 Pa.C Section 141.4 to remove the limitations prohibiting the hunting of woodchuck, opossums, skunks and weasel during legal hunting hours of the spring gobbler season as well as to implement new hunting hour tables. These amendments are all found on pages 37 through 39 of your agenda. The Executive Director and Staff recommend the Commission approve these changes.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner's, is there a motion for the floor?

MR. MARTONE:

So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Martone. Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Schlemmer. Is there any discussion?
MR. MARTONE:  
Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:  
Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:  
I would ask Bureau Director Palmer to explain some of the research that went into this change allowing concurrent spring gobbler and groundhog. It wasn't just an off-the-cuff decision. Would you explain some of the research that was put behind this idea?

MR. PALMER:  
At the request of some of the Commissioner's, I did some research with other states both surrounding Pennsylvania and actually nationally. I sent a survey out to National Conservation Law Enforcement Chief's Association, and specifically asked them if they had overlapping seasons during their spring turkey season, if they had one that also included rifles and if they had any statistics regarding safety or specific incidents relating to that. The response that I got back had indicated that there were, obviously, only a certain number of states that had spring turkey seasons and there was probably less than that with various overlaps with rifle
seasons some of which did include woodchuck seasons. And none of them had noted any specific safety concerns because of that.

MR. MARTONE:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Any other discussion? Commissioners, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion is carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item concerns the Amendment to 58 Pa.C Section 141.20 to simplify fluorescent orange requirements. Text of these changes are found on pages 40 through 42 of your agenda. The Executive Director and Staff recommend the Commission approve these changes.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, you've heard the
commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. ISABELLA:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella, is there a second?

MR. WEANER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Any discussion?

MR. MARTONE:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone?

MR. MARTONE:
I'd like to state that per our discussions that these actually make no changes; is that correct, Mr. Palmer?

MR. PALMER:
That is correct. This is primarily a process that we've used. There was some necessary changes that needed to be made to consolidate these in our ongoing effort to try to consolidate and simplify sections of the Code.

MR. MARTONE:
So this is purely language. There's no
actual changes to the orange requirements?

MR. PALMER:
That is correct.

MR. MARTONE:
Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
All of those in favor signify by saying, aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next amendment is 58 Pa.C, Section 141.41 to remove redundant and inconsistent language. And the full text of the commentary is on page 43. And these changes, themselves, appear on page 43 of your agenda. The Executive Director and Staff recommend the Commission approve this change.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you've heard the
commentary is there a motion from the Board?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schlemmer. Is there a second?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schreffler. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying, aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item is concerning amendment of 58 Pa.C Section 141.62, 141.63 and by adding a Section 141.69, proposing a variety of amendments to define and clarify the standards relating to certain trapping
activities. The text of these actually appear on pages 44 and 45 of your agenda. The Executive Director and Staff recommend the Commission approve these changes.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you heard the commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. ISABELLA:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Is there a second?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schreffler. Is there any discussion?

MR. MARTONE:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone?

MR. MARTONE:
I think Commissioner Putnam also will like to --- we can start with him. I talk too much.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
MR. PUTNAM:

I would just like to ask Director Palmer to explain a little bit about the artificial cubbies and the background behind why we're at where we are. Can you do that?

MR. PALMER:

Starting, I believe it’s two seasons ago, there was somewhat of an increase in accidental catches with body gripping traps. A number of those traps were not legally set to begin with. Meaning, they were oversized traps and they were also set outside of the water course as required for body gripping traps.

We started surveying some of our regions at that time to see how much of a problem this was and there were a few other problems that came to light through other venues as well, and multiple regions were experiencing similar problems with accidental catches and body gripping trips. A number of those were set legally inside the water course, but there was still a relatively high incidence in some areas of these traps catching specifically dogs, that we became aware of.

In response to that there was some
discussion that was extended to see how some of the other states dealt with this and how they worked with accidental catches and to Matt Lovallo (phonetic) and Tom Hardisky’s (phonetic) credit, they were able to do quite a bit of research on this and communicate with some other states and what you will see in the proposed regulations relating to what we're calling in the regulations as an unofficial party, would apply to any type of these cubby sets, but specifically, the common language of this is what is relevantly known to the trapping world as the bucket sets.

What the proposal does is it restricts the entrance area to the set to 50-square inches, essentially a seven by seven area. It also then requires a reset to the trigger within the cubby. Between those two additional restrictions, I would not want to use the term, dog proof, because I have heard in other scenarios, but it would be much more resistant to accidental catches, specifically dogs. Obviously, it may not eliminate all of them, but I think it's a step in the right direction.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone?

MR. MARTONE:
Thank you. I am glad that Commissioner
Putnam got some background on that, but I am going to say that the Agency has done an excellent job of dealing with this and finding these intermediate steps, but in my mind, we’re only one dog away from moving all body gripping traps under water.

You know, you hear the stories of sporting dogs that run into one of these land sets, it's heartbreaking. And as far as I'm concerned if this doesn’t work, the next step is just to make the requirement that all body gripping traps must be set under water. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Other discussion? I will add also, as a hunting dog owner myself, I'm happy at least the Agency is trying to do everything it can possible to protect our hunting dogs and I think this language helps us to get closer to that goal of fully protecting them, but I understand when you say, Director, that it's not totally fail safe, but it's much safer than what we've had.

MR. PALMER:
Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. All those in favor signify by saying, aye.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item concerns the amendment of 58 Pa.C Section 143.67. To authorize the Director of the authority to establish the application deadlines for bear licenses at such earlier periods as he determines in a further effort to curb any fraudulent license purchases. This actual commentary and the changes to the Section appear on the blue agenda sheets that you have. The Executive Director and Staff recommend the Commission to approve this change.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, you’ve heard the commentaries. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Schlemmer.
MR. WEANER:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

MR. WEANER:
The intent of this is just to allow the Executive Director to have the same ability to adjust the way licenses are sold for bears that he already has for turkeys and various other species. For whatever reason bears were not included there. And the reason for needing this authority is, you know, at some point the sale of bear licenses will stop and he needs to have the authority to be able to make those decisions and so I support this motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, any other discussion? Commissioner Boop?

MR. BOOP:
Yes. I support the motion and I certainly understand why we need this and we don't want people to, you know, go out hunting, shoot a bear and then go by a license. We obviously, don’t want that. But I think we need to remember the other side of the coin here, too. And it may come to you as a
surprise to many people in the audience and members of
this Board probably not, but my experience is there
are a lot of last minute purchasers of licenses. And
now that we've had the PAL system, I certainly have
certainty in our Executive Director being able to
monitor this, but particularly now with the bear
season, you know, where we have Saturday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday and then we have the break and then
we added Monday in some of the extended areas, and
Wednesday. I certainly hope we have the availability
to let those last minute people have an opportunity to
go, be able to purchase a license because you know,
people call their friends on Saturday night or Sunday
and say, do you want to go along and oh, by the way
we're going hunting in an area where there's extended
bear, I think they need to have the ability to do
that. And from the Agency's standpoint, we want to be
able to take their $16.70. So I just wanted to make
that point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Boop. Any other
commentary or discussion? If not, all those in favor
signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

The motion is carried unanimously, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item in front of the Commission today comes from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management concerning adopted rule making to require all users of shooting ranges on State Game lands to possess either a valid Pennsylvania hunting or furtaker license or a Commission-issued range permit. These provisions will also redirect target shooting activities of all unlicensed individuals to designate State game land ranges. The Executive Director and Staff recommend final adoption of these amendments to 58 Pa.C, which is known as Exhibit A on pages 47 and 48 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, is there a motion to the floor?

MR. WEANER:

So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Any discussion?

Commissioner Weaner?

MR. WEANER:
Director, do you want to give us some indication as to when all of this would take effect and when people would need this license if it passes?

MR. DUBROCK:
We’re looking at having a form in the file system loaded so that this coming hunting season after July 1st is when they would be able to purchase these particular permits.

MR. WEANER:
Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Any other discussion? Commissioner Isabella?

MR. ISABELLA:
Thank you, Mr. President. I think this is long overdue, but you know, there is the mindset out there that as the ranges and the State game lands are built from the taxpayer dollars, and they're not.
They're coming from our license fees and at least, in the urban areas there are a lot of non-hunters that use that range. And you know, they really don't police it the way they should, so just we have a big public relations problem coming up. We need to really get a lot of signage out and just a lot of awareness out there so you know, when one of our officers goes there and confronts someone, where's your permit, you know, we don't have another tragedy on our hands. So I think we really got a public relations issue. We got to get a lot of signage out there and a lot of awareness.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Any other discussion? I will offer this. In Northeastern Pennsylvania, several of our ranges have been totally reconstructed and look perfect. And the destruction that's happened in the last two years is absolutely amazing. So I support anything we can do to let the good users use the property and penalize the users that are causing the destruction to the max. On that note, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?
SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item to come before the Commission concerns donation of real estate. It's a 0.3 acre tract of land in Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County adjoining State Game Land No. 217 as shown as Exhibit RED 1 on page 50. The Executive Director and Staff recommend that the donation be accepted and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the acquisition of this tract.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you’ve heard the commentary. Is there a motion from the floor?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Schlemmer. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Any discussion?
All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item concerns acquisitions.

Howard Mantle is offering two tracts of land totaling 114.7 acres in Howard Township, Centre County, adjoining State Game Land Number 323 as shown on Exhibit RED 2.

And Christian Anslinger is offering mineral rights under a portion of State Game Land Number 198 as shown on Exhibit RED 3, page 53. The full commentaries appear in your agendas. The Executive Director and Staff recommend that the acquisitions listed be accepted and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat to proceed with the acquisition of these tracts.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioners, do we have a motion on the floor?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:

Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Martone. Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item concerns a report of the purchase of properties at Auction and Tax Sale, Contract Number 3581, State Game Land Number 330, Clarion County. Subject to certain limitations, Section 135.241 of 58 Pa.C authorizes the Director to bid on real estate, oil, gas or mineral rights at auction or tax sale and to request down payment checks to bid on property at auction. Successful bids must
be made known to the general public at the next
regularly scheduled meeting before the Commissioners.

On September 20th, 2010, the Game
Commission was the successful bidder at a tax sale
held at the Clarion County Courthouse and purchased
the coal rights on two tracts adjacent to State Game
Land Number 330, which is shown as Exhibit RED 4 on
page 55 of your agenda. Tax Parcel Number 23-020-108
with 50.8 acres of coal rights was acquired with the
successful bid of $2,154.14. This parcel is an
interior on State Game Land Number 330. Tax Parcel
Number 23-020-130 with 15 acres of coal rights was
acquired with the successful bid of $597.40 and
adjoins State Game Land Number 330. Both parcels are
located in Piney Township, Clarion County.

The next action pending before the
Commission is Oil/Gas and Minerals, a Non-Surface Use
Oil and Gas Agreement on State Game Land Number 208 in
Tioga County. This is a Non-Surface Use Production
Lease for 2,523.8 acres, located south of Route 6 in
Gaines Township, Tioga County as shown on Exhibit OGM
1 on page 57 of your agenda.

The terms of the agreement are a five
year non-surface use oil and gas agreement, a $1,500
per acre up-front bonus payment and an additional $500
per acre bonus paid upon development of the oil/gas reserve, an initial royalty rate of 16.5 percent with a step royalty increase of 18 percent when gas production exceeds eight bcf per unit.

The initial bonus payment of $3,785,700 as well as additional bonus rental and royalties shall be directly deposited into the game fund. The Executive Director and Staff recommend this Oil and Gas Production agreement be approved and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the arrangement as shown in your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you’ve heard the commentary. Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Any discussion?

MR. MARTONE:
Mr. President?
PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone.

MR. MARTONE:
Director Capouillez, could you explain the surface disturbance from this, on this particular game land?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ:
Yes, sir. This is a perfect example of how our Staff has been able to not only protect the game lands, but also have the ability to recover a resource that further funds a lot of our habitat projects. This particular lease area all around the game lands 208, multiple resources had required private leases. And through the ability of lateral drilling, can have surface impacts on those private leases and then laterally drill underneath the game lands and make sure that there's no surface, use of surface impact on the game lands and yet still recover the oil/gas resources. So the Commission is able to not only lease this, get money for the lease on a bonus and rental, but also reap the benefit of a royalty and there's absolutely no surface impact or recreational losses or habitat losses on the game land.

MR. MARTONE:
Thank you. Excellent.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Any other discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item coming before the Commission concerns an amendment of a Surface Mining Coal Lease on State Game Land Number 100 in Centre County. Warren C. Hartman Contracting, Inc. of Clearfield, PA has requested an amendment to its existing Game Commission Coal Mining Lease, which entails 111 acres, Tract 110B-05. The amendment will allow for the removal, processing and selling of incidental sandstone uncovered through the current coal mining and reclamation operations.

The Board of Commissioners previously approved the coal mining lease as shown on Exhibit OGM 2, on page 59 during the October 2005 meeting.

This will allow excess sandstone from the
existing 51.5 acre mining area to be sold. Warren Hartman Contracting, Inc. will pay the Commission on a monthly basis, a stone royalty rate of ten percent of the then current F.O.B. pit price or $0.25 per ton, whichever is greater. Additionally, they will conduct additional wildlife habitat enhancement projects.

The estimated stone royalty value of the proposed mining has been estimated to be $40,000 and will be deposited into the game fund. The Executive Director and Staff recommend this stone removal lease amendment with Warren C. Hartman Contracting, Inc. to be approved as set forth in your agenda and the Commission authorized the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the leasing agreement.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, you heard the commentary. Is there a motion?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Any discussions?
MR. PUTNAM:
Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Putnam.

MR. PUTNAM:
Director Capouillez, we had some comments yesterday regarding reclamation and best management practices. Could you discuss what kind of reclamation and best management practices you might recommend at this site and other sites where energy operators are affecting game lands?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ:
Absolutely. In particular this is a reclamation project where they'll come in and they'll remove existing high walls. They'll remove old mine spoils and reclaim or re-vegetate areas that basically have little habitat and any recreational value. So the end product, we're doing soil supplements and we'll be reclaiming and re-vegetating areas, provide additional recreational uses and habitat values. And then in addition to that, they'll create other habitat that's conducive to the area.

In this particular case, we're looking at some bat habitat opportunity as well as timber rattlesnake opportunities. There's a lot of people
that just think if you just manage the birds and mammals, but you know, in the game lands, we manage practically everything. So anytime we have an opportunity to increase habitat and habitat values, we do that.

The best management practices as it relates to oil and gas there's a myriad of things that industry looks at and opportunities that they may voluntarily do. We, as an agency, mandate those, put those in the leases so they're not voluntary, but they're required or there's restrictions in some instances. So all the best management practices so to speak, we do above and beyond that and have those actually listed in the lease.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner?

MR. WEANER:
If memory serves me correct, this is the organization that we presented the award to yesterday; is that correct?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ:
Absolutely. Chris Hartman was here yesterday and was nationally recognized for the Game Lands reclamation and reclamation opportunities that he's created. So we're doing a good job and it's
nationally recognized by way of our operators, and
Chris received an award yesterday just to that fact.

MR. WEANER:
It's especially nice that you're able to
go back into a property and buy something else that's
already there and further benefit the agency. Thank
you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Any other discussion? All those in favor
signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries
unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns the Shallow
Oil/Gas Production Agreement, State Game Land 276,
Indiana County. The oil and gas ownership on a 103.04
acre tract of State Game Land Number 276 reverted to
the Commission on January 1st, 2010. This tract is
shown on Exhibit OGM 3 on page 61 of your agenda. The
previous oil and gas owner, Penn View Exploration, had drilled four producing shallow gas wells on this tract in 1984. They have requested a shallow oil and gas production agreement in order to continue to operate the four existing wells and to drill up to two additional shallow vertical wells. Penn View Exploration will pay the Commission a 12.5 percent royalty to the wellhead price per MCF of gas produced and sold from the four existing wells and 15.625 percent royalty of the wellhead price for all oil and gas produced and sold from any new wells. They will also pay a rental fee of $100 per acre and provide free gas to the Commission. All royalties and rental fees shall be deposited into the game fund.

The Executive Director and Staff recommend this Shallow Oil and Gas Production agreement be approved and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the arrangement as shown in the agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?
MR. ISABELLA:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Is there any discussion? Commissioner Putnam?

MR. PUTNAM:
Director Capouillez, we have an internet audience that's watching this as well, and I think we're going through some of these things pretty fast in --- they're probably not catching up with this. Would you explain again, this tract, what the status of it is, if there's an existing operation there? And the second part, would you explain to us how the Commission decides whether monies, revenues are deposited in the game fund or in an escrow account?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ:
Yes, sir. This particular tract, if you look at page 61, this operator had acquired the privately owned oil and gas rights prior to the Commission's purchase of the land so they were operating out there on the rights that they had acquired through that privately held lease. We have a lot of that that goes on on game lands.

They already drilled four wells, was producing on the four wells and that particular
accepted reservation just recently ran out. So for example, they had accepted a reserve on gas for 50 years and this is now year 50, that oil and gas then works to the Game Commission and that's what had happened in this case. The reservation ran out.

The wells at that point were producing so this agreement allows for them to continue to produce on the wells that are existing and then pay us the royalties since we now own the oil and gas. And then any new wells that might be drilled, they would pay an increased royalty on. We limited this particular lease to strictly formations which were above the Marcellus Shale, so this has nothing to do with Marcellus Shale. The Commission shows the lease to Marcellus Shale to be a separate leasing action entirely.

And then again, looking for all the opportunities to try to increase and protect, both the recreational uses on the game lands in this area, this operator also has privately owned lease rights on the southern tract here that you see, which is listed as a private lease area. So that 300 plus or minus acres, which is subject to his oil and gas development we will now impose upon that operator service restrictions and higher and better uses for habitat
development to protect both, the recreational uses and
habitat of the game lands as a trade off in allowing
for the wells to continue to operate to the north.
Where we have instances of replacement needs for
service, impasse and recreational losses we look very
strongly on trying to acquire and place those habitat
losses and recreational uses by way of acquiring other
lands or doing these types of things by way of gaining
other protection measures on existing game lands. So
in the lease that you looked at earlier with all the
resources, you'll note that all those revenues are
going into the game fund, because that was a non-
service use lease. So there's no need to replace
habitat losses or recreational loss because there are
none occurring.

In this particular lease and in other
leases where we have allowed for the production and
development or the use of the service, we looked to
replace those types of values and later on in the
lease or up front in the actual leasing action.

MR. PUTNAM:
Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Any discussion? If not, all those in
favor signify by saying aye.
AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns the Surface Use Agreement for State Game Land Number 75 in Lycoming County. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of Bellefonte has requested the surface use agreement to process and sell excess sandstone from the Fisher Mining Operation on State Game Land Number 75 as shown on Exhibit OGM 4, on page 64 of your agenda. Hawbaker will pay the Commission on a monthly basis a surface use rate of 7 percent of the then current F.O.B. pit price or $0.45 per ton, whichever the greater within the first three years of operation. After three years, a surface rate of 7 percent of the then current F.O.B. pit price or $0.50 per ton, whichever the greater will be paid.

The total accumulated surface use value of this agreement has been estimated to be $750,000. Upon the completion of the road improvement projects
all remaining revenues generated from the stone processing and surface use of the game lands shall be deposited into an interest bearing escrow account for the use of the future purchase of lands or to be directly deposited into the game fund.

The Executive Director and Staff recommend this surface use agreement with Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. be approved and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the agreement as listed in your agenda.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioners, is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA:
Motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Isabella. Is there a second?

MR. MARTONE:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Martone. Discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?
SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Thank you, Director Capoulliez for all that information you provided to the Board. Next part of our meeting, we’re going to move on to new business. Commissioners, is there any business to be presented? Commissioner Schlemmer?

MR. SCHLEMMER:
Thank you, Mr. President. Our WMU’S are coming up for review in 2012 and looking forward to that, I would like to ask staff to take a look at 2B, WMU 2B, which is mainly Allegheny County and see what we can do to shrink the size of that WMU to more represent Allegheny County and get our, get the concentration on calling the herd in that area more concentrated into Allegheny County rather than the surrounding areas. And if Staff would do that, we could discuss that at our upcoming meeting next time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Commissioner Schlemmer.

Commissioner Martone?
MR. MARTONE:

I would like to enter in a policy for planning as well as the approval policy for Species Management Plan and Strategic Plan. It reads as follows. To improve our site and enhance the public input process of all species management plans and the strategic plan of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Board of Commissioners is implementing the following policy.

Prior to implementation, all species management plans and the strategic plan shall be reviewed and approved by the following process. The Executive Director will inform the Board of the agency's intentions to develop a species management plan or strategic plan. Upon completion of a species management plan or strategic plan, the Executive Director, Director of the Bureau of Wildlife Management or his representative will present the goal and objectives of the plan to the Board. This document will be known as a preliminary plan.

The preliminary plan will be posted on the PGC website for public comment until the next official Board meeting. A final version of the plan along with all the public comments will be distributed to the Board of Commissioners at least seven days
prior to the next Board meeting. During the next public meeting the Board of Commissioners will vote to accept the plan or return it for revision.

Following acceptance of the plan any subsequent changes to the plan's goals and/or objectives will be subject to Board approval. I would like to enter that into the Board's policies.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner, you want to enter that into the record for policy. Would you like the Staff to review it and then get back to you or not?

MR. MARTONE:
I'd like the Board to vote on it.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
So you're putting that in form of a motion?

MR. MARTONE:
Yes, please.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Okay. Do we have a second on Commissioner Martone's motion?

MR. WEANER:
I second the motion.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there any
discussion about Commissioner Martone’s motion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President, the motion carries unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. And thank you, Commissioner Martone. Is there any other new business? Commissioner Boop?

MR. BOOP:

Yes. I would like just a brief opportunity to make a comment. In recent weeks I’ve been quoted as saying that I think the Agency needs to make some changes to its deer management plan. I’d like a brief opportunity to elaborate today and follow up at our April meeting.

Based upon our current system of estimating the annual deer harvest in 2009 we reported that our hunters took 108,330 antlered deer, the lowest number on record since we began using estimated figures in 1986. Our estimated antlerless harvest for 2009 was 200,590 or the lowest number since we began
the herd reduction plan ten years ago. The total estimated harvest for 2009 was 308,920 or the lowest total number on record since we began estimating a harvest in 1986.

At this point we are waiting on estimated figures for 2010, which if past practice is any guide, will not be available to this Board until late March or early April. What we've been hearing from across the state since the end of the recent season proves to be accurate it seems likely that unless there's a continued downward adjustment to the estimated reporting rate, we can expect a statewide antlerless harvest of less than 100,000 animals and an antlered harvest of less than 200,000 animals despite good weather and an exceptional mass crops across most of the state this past hunting season.

Last year in April when we did our annual antlerless allocations, the goal was to stabilize the population in most of the 22 management units, despite the recommendation from the majority of our citizen's advisory committees to let the herd increase. Even if we completely put aside what we've been hearing from our hunters, our own trend line data shows a significant decline in our statewide deer population that's being felt across the state as more and more
reports come in from the field. The hunting activities have declined, processors are going out of business and camps which used to bustle with activity on the first Monday after Thanksgiving are now closed and for sale.

As business people, we can also look at the declining license sales and ponder the effect on future budgets as expenses continue to increase and revenue has notably declined. We can also read P.J. Reilley’s recent article from the Pennsylvania Outdoor News and ask ourselves if deer hunting is dying in Pennsylvania. I see that P.J.’s in the audience today.

Although, in the view of this Commissioner our deer management policy is not as clear as it might be. Our goal, at least for the last several years, has been to stabilize our deer herd in most management units. Although the trend line data for the antlered harvest seems clear that our deer herd is declining. It may still be an open question in some Commissioner's minds until the 2010 harvest data is available. But whether we are showing a decline or a stabilization, it is this Board member's view that for the overall health of this Agency and for the resource our policy should and now needs to be
one allowing the statewide deer herd to increase. We can debate the percentage of the increase in each management unit in April once we have final estimated harvest data from this past season, but I hope that you as fellow Commissioners will join me at our next meeting and set a clear, unambiguous policy to let the size of our statewide deer herd increase in all management units of the special regulation areas. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Boop. Is there any other Commissioner new business? One thing that I would like to add at least just for discussion amongst the Board and our Executive Director, we’re in a time where I feel this Agency has changed dramatically with the information that goes out to the public. Today’s meeting is the perfect example of that.

The public view of our staff reports all day long yesterday, the public got to see. And as a Commissioner and Commissioners we set this agenda for what you have today and I would reach out to my fellow Commissioners and our Executive Director to see when we do our working groups as Commissioners and our work sessions, if there is just not a better way we can do
business. I think we've made dramatic strides with how we perceive the Pennsylvania Game Commission to the public with transparency, and I would like to continue to build on what the Agency has already started. So I would ask my fellow Commissioners and Executive Director to just look into it to see if there's a better way we can do it. If we're doing it good now I'm satisfied with that, but I always think we should strive for that transparency to continue to try to make things and present ourselves to the public in the best fashion that we can.

With that said, we need to move on to our proposed commission meeting dates for the rest of this year and January of next year. I'll read them out and see if the Commissioners are comfortable with them and we'll have a motion on them. The remaining dates for this year will be April the 11th and 12th, 2011, June 27th and June 28th, 2011, October 3 and October 4, 2011, and next year, 2012, the first meeting will be January 29, 30 and 31. Commissioners if we could have a motion from the Board to accept those?

MR. WEANER:
So moved.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Weaner. Is there a second?
MR. BOOP:
Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Commissioner Boop. Is there any discussion of those dates? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:
Mr. President, the motion’s carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary. We will now move on to the election of officers. And before we do that, as I step down as the Board President, I need to thank my fellow Commissioners for the debate over this past year. To our staff, a phenomenal job they do to present this Board with all the best information that’s available for our decisions. Our Executive Director and his staff for what he provides to this Board is tremendously helpful. To all the sportsmen, and not just the sportsmen, but to the stakeholders who we saw come here to our meeting on Sunday and as we’ve had many other meetings. From all walks of
life, whether it’s in regard to wildlife or to the Game Commission or to the things we do, this past year they’re offered in a very professional manner. We saw Sunday firsthand some good debate. And you’ve also been able to witness you know, --- we have folks who are able to come here, offer their opinions in a really professional manner. And I truly appreciate that.

As President of the Board, it's extremely difficult. You know, we have to make decisions here with regard to 12.8 million people who live in Pennsylvania. Not just sportsmen, but for everyone. 950,000 hunting licenses that are sold. And we heard we're up to almost 480 species of birds and mammals that we're charged to conserve.

But in all that, we have to try to find some balance with it. And it's not easy. But I think we've made progress this last year. And my hats are off to the Board and our Executive Director of staff for getting --- helping us get to where we want to go.

With that said, I will direct my attention to Commissioner Schlemmer, who is Chairman of the nominating committee, who is Chairman of our nominating committee and ask if we have a slate of candidates?
MR. SCHLEMMER:

Thank you, Mr. President. As Chairman of the nominating committee, I've been asked to move forward the following names for vote consideration by the Board, for president, Ron Weaner. Vice president, Ralph Martone. For secretary, David Putnam. Those names are forwarded to the Board. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you, Commissioner Schlemmer. Are there any other nominations from the Board?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Commissioner Schreffler?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER:

I'd like to nominate myself for vice president.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Okay, Commissioner. Commissioner Schreffler for vice president. If we could for the unopposed positions of president and secretary, would someone want to make a motion that we vote on the unopposed positions for now?

MR. BOOP:

So moved.
PRESIDENT DELANEY: Commissioner Boop, could you present your motion and what it would be?

MR. BOOP: I hope I get this --- I state this correctly. My understanding is that the nominating committee has reported Commissioner Weaner for president and Commissioner Putnam for secretary and that there are no other nominations for those two positions. So I move that those nominations be closed and that the secretary casts a unanimous ballet for those two candidates.

PRESIDENT DELANEY: Okay. Is there a second to that motion?

MR. SCHLEMMER: Second.

PRESIDENT DELANEY: Commissioner Schlemmer. All those in favor signify by saying aye?

AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DELANEY: Opposed?

SECRETARY SCHREFFLER: Mr. President, the motion’s carried unanimously.
PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Okay. Congratulations to our new president and our secretary. We'll move on now to the office of vice president. And I believe we should do this by a show of hands. All those in favor of Commissioner Martone for vice president please show your right hand. All those supporting Commissioner Schreffler for vice president raise your right hand? And the results?

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Mr. President, I got Mr. Martone was elected as vice president. It was seven to one. Mr. Weaner, did you vote for Mr. Martone?

MR. WEANER:

Yes.

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Okay. So it was eight to one then.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

We should clarify that for the stenographer. Seven to one?

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Seven to one.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

So to repeat our officers, the new officers, president Ron Weaner, vice president Ralph
Martone, secretary Dave Putnam. Congratulations to the new officers. On that note, we’ll ---. Go ahead.

MR. BOOP:

Yes. Just again, just real quickly, I was very fortunate to have an opportunity to serve as president of this agency in the past. And I think I have a little bit of an understanding of what's involved to serve as president. This past year, Jay, in addition to being a full-time fire chief at Wilkes-Barre and having a lot of other responsibilities and duties, that through tremendous amount of time as being president, Jay and I certainly don't agree on every issue and certainly the Board members don't agree with him on every issue either. But I just think that it should be duly noted for those in the audience and other people that might be listening.

Now the president of the Board does have a lot of responsibility. It's been quoted that as you know, at times we get as many as 100 e-mails a week. And that's not an exaggeration in some weeks. And Jay reads those, he sends summaries out to us. He calls us on the phone. He coordinates the meetings. This has not been an easy year. This has been a fairly difficult year for the Agency in a lot of respects. And although not everyone up here agrees with
everything Jay has done, he certainly has put his heart into it and his effort. And as one Commissioner, and hopefully with the permission of other Board members, I would just like to publicly thank him for his services the past year.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you.

MR. MARTONE:

Jay, I'd like to echo that message to you. Thank you very much.

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Commissioner Martone, thank you. And I too would like to say President Delaney kept the Board informed, kept the Board on track despite eight different ideas. I think he did an excellent job of leadership this year. And I would personally like to thank him for the time and effort put into the position of the president this past year.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Thank you. I appreciate that. I'd like to give the floor to Director Roe.

MR. ROE:

I didn't recognize yesterday that we do have a new regional director here with us. The first meeting, I believe. Pat Anderson is the new region
director for the southwest region. For those of you who don't know him, he's over there. And good to have you on board, Pat.

MR. ANDERSON:
Thank you.

MR. ROE:
Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:
We'll take a five minute recess. I'm sorry. Commissioner Weaner?

MR. WEANER:
I would be remised, too, if I didn't offer a little bit of insight right here. I, too, appreciate the job that our president did this year in leading this organization. I'm going to have tremendously large shoes to fill stepping in behind him. I hope that his advice will continue, especially working with me as I'm doing this position. And I'll be looking forward to the leadership that he presented, and that Mr. Isabella presented prior to that when he was the Board president. And I look forward to working with all of you here. The neat thing about this Board is that we all really like each other. And I've served on Boards before in other capacities. And it wasn't always that way. And
apparently in --- way back in the history of the Game Commission, it wasn't all that way. But we really do like each other.

We don't obviously agree on everything. But it's really a lot of fun working with this group. And I will look forward to providing the leadership --- or providing leadership. I'll look forward to their help because we are a team up here. We want to do what's best for our customers. We want to do what's best for the wildlife in Pennsylvania. And as Mr. Delaney said, we want to be a very forthright. We want it to be, you know, out in the open. We want to be --- transparent was the word.

I really appreciate the help that we've gotten from our Executive Director and his staff. I tell people all the time, we're working with really good people. I mean, that's a tremendous asset. We have a well-oiled machine here in the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Are things perfect? No, they're not perfect. But I'm very impressed and looking forward to it.

And so I appreciate the confidence that all of you have in electing me this year. I look forward to serving with my fellow officers. And hopefully we'll have a good year. Thank you very
much, President Delaney.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

We are going to have a press conference. It will be held in this room as soon as possible. And we will meet in executive sessions after that.

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Mr. President. One final word.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Yes?

MR. SCHLEMMER:

Go Steelers.

PRESIDENT DELANEY:

Hearing no further business, I declare this meeting adjourned.

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:16 A.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before the PA Game Commission, was reported by me on 02/01/2011 and that I Jolynn C. Prunoske read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Jolynn C. Prunoske