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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

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QUARTERLY MEETING

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BEFORE: ROBERT W. SCHLEMMER, President
David J. Putnam, Vice President
Brian H. Hoover, Secretary
Ralph A. Martone, Commissioner
Jay Delaney, Commissioner
Ronald A. Weaner, Commissioner
Timothy S. Layton, Commissioner
Charles E. Fox, Commissioner
R. Matthew Hough Executive Director
Bradley C. Bechtel, Esquire Chief Counsel

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PRESIDENT:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
We'll be starting our January 28th meeting call to
order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

PRESIDENT:

Okay. Mr. Secretary, call to order.

SECRETARY HOOVER:

Commissioner Schlemmer?

PRESIDENT:

Present.

COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

Commissioner Putnam?

COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

Present.

COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

Commissioner Hoover is present.
Commissioner Delaney?

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

Present.

COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

Commissioner Weaner?

COMMISSIONER WEANER:

1 Present.

2 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

3 Commissioner Martone?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

5 Present.

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

7 Commissioner Fox?

8 COMMISSIONER FOX:

9 Present.

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

11 Commissioner Layton?

12 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

13 Present.

14 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

15 All are present.

16 PRESIDENT:

17 Thank you very much. I'm looking for a

18 motion to approve the minutes of September 24th?

19 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

20 So moved.

21 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

22 Second.

23 PRESIDENT:

24 Moved and seconded. Mr. Secretary?

25 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

1 For the motion on the floor to approve
2 the minutes of the previous meeting, all those in
3 favor signify by saying aye.

4 AYES RESPOND

5 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

6 All opposed?

7 NO RESPONSE

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

9 The motion carries.

10 PRESIDENT:

11 Thank you. At this time, the Board
12 would like to officially welcome Executive Director
13 Matt Hough. Matt?

14 MR. HOUGH:

15 Thank you.

16 PRESIDENT:

17 Congratulations.

18 MR. HOUGH:

19 Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 If you'd say a few words here?

22 MR. HOUGH:

23 Well, I'd just like to thank the Board
24 for having the confidence in me to put me in this
25 position, for however long that may last. And just to

1 let everybody know, we'll do the best we can do and
2 keep moving this agency forward.

3 As Executive Director, it's nice to have
4 the employees and staff that we have. I won't say it
5 makes this job easier, but it certainly makes it a lot
6 easier than it could be. So I'd like to just let
7 everybody know we're going to keep this thing moving
8 in the right direction. Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Thank you, sir. Now, I'd like to
11 briefly turn the program over to Rich Palmer, as an
12 award he'd like to make.

13 AWARD PRESENTATION

14 PRESIDENT:

15 Thank you very much. Brad? Let's start
16 off here with the Adopted Rule Making, please?

17 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

18 The first item to come before the
19 Commission today is from the Bureau of Administration.
20 It regards Adopted Rule Making, the adoption of
21 amendments to a proposal at its June 25th, 2013
22 meeting to amend Chapter 143, Subchapter B, relating
23 to appointment of agents to eliminate the late fees
24 for late agent applications, and also to make
25 housekeeping amendments to the related text. These

1 are shown on pages three through five of your agenda.

2 PRESIDENT:

3 Do I hear a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

5 So moved.

6 PRESIDENT:

7 Mr. Weaner? Second?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

9 Second.

10 PRESIDENT:

11 Mr. Martone?

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

13 Mr. President, I'd ---.

14 PRESIDENT:

15 Discussion?

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

17 I'd like to offer an amendment to that.

18 PRESIDENT:

19 Yes, sir?

20 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

21 I'd like to offer an amendment to 143.23

22 and 143.24 to reduce the minimum license sales number

23 to 50 from the current levels of 200.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 143.2 ---?

1 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

2 Three (3), and 143.24.

3 PRESIDENT:

4 Twenty-four (24).

5 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

6 Specifically, it states to continue as
7 an agent, a minimum of 200 licenses shall be sold each
8 license year. I'd like to amend that to read, to
9 continue as an agent, a minimum of 50 licenses shall
10 be sold each licensing year. And it's 143.24, if an
11 agent sells less than the required 200 qualifying
12 license in a given year. I'd like to read if an agent
13 sells less than the required 50 qualifying licenses in
14 a given year.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 Could you put that in the form of a
17 motion?

18 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

19 I'll make a motion.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Is there a second to that motion?

22 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

23 I'll second it.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Commissioner Putnam? Mr. Secretary,

1 walk through it, an amendment.

2 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

3 There's a motion on the floor for the
4 amendment. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

5 AYES RESPOND

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

7 Opposed?

8 NO RESPONSE

9 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

10 That motion carries.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Okay. Thank you. Okay. We have to ---

13 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

14 Yeah.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 --- hear a motion on the amendment. Oh,
17 discussion on which. I'm sorry. Discussion at all?

18 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

19 One thing, Mr. President. On 143.23,
20 the second sentence, do you want to also make that 50?
21 The qualifying license, for the purpose of calculating
22 200 licenses?

23 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

24 Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

1 Mr. President?

2 PRESIDENT:

3 Yes, sir?

4 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

5 I'd be interested in hearing an
6 explanation of why we're amending it down to 50?

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Repeat that, please? I'm ---.

9 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

10 Sure. I'd be interested in hearing an
11 explanation of why we're amending it down to 50.

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

13 We have several agents in outer lying
14 areas that are not selling the required minimum 200
15 licenses, and are in jeopardy and receive letters
16 every year, and are in jeopardy of losing their
17 licensing agency. These licensing agents are areas
18 where they're not going to be qualified by any motion
19 under the license, due to internet license sales as
20 well as large organizations selling licenses. All
21 we're doing is making it convenient for everyone to
22 get a license wherever they want to go.

23 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

24 Okay.

25 PRESIDENT:

1 Any further discussion? Okay. Call for
2 a vote? Mr. Secretary?

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

4 There's a motion on the floor. It's
5 duly been seconded. All those in favor, signify by
6 saying aye.

7 AYES RESPOND

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

9 Opposed? The motion carries.

10 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

11 The next item before the Commission is
12 from the Bureau of Wildlife Management. It also
13 concerns Adopted Rule Making. Adoption of amendments
14 proposed at its September 24th, 2013 meeting, which
15 would amend Section 133.21, relating to classification
16 of birds, by removing the bald eagle from the list of
17 threatened bird species in the Commonwealth. This
18 change is shown on page seven of your Agenda.

19 PRESIDENT:

20 Do I hear a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

22 So moved.

23 PRESIDENT:

24 Second on the motion?

25 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

1 Second.

2 PRESIDENT:

3 Second, Mr. Martone. Discussion?

4 Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call for the vote.

5 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

6 Motion on the floor duly seconded. All
7 those in favor, signify by saying aye.

8 AYES RESPOND

9 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

10 Opposed?

11 NO RESPONSE

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

13 The motion carries.

14 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

15 The next item is adoption of amendments
16 proposed at its September 24th, 2013 meeting, amending
17 Section 147.673 relating to eligibility and
18 application for DMAP, to change the DMAP application
19 deadline. This change is shown on page nine of your
20 agenda.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Is there a motion to that effect?

23 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

24 So moved.

25 PRESIDENT:

1 Second on the motion?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

3 Seconded.

4 PRESIDENT:

5 Mr. Martone. Discussion?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

7 Mr. President, just on the discussion of
8 this, I would like to say that the Board has heard
9 testimony from many of the stakeholders and our remote
10 agents and staff ourselves. So those that are out
11 there watching this, I assure you, there has been a
12 lot of debate that's gone into this the last few days.
13 And I just wanted to offer that before we vote on it.

14 PRESIDENT:

15 Thank you. Further discussion? Call
16 for the vote, Mr. Secretary?

17 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

18 There's a motion on the floor, and duly
19 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

20 AYES RESPOND

21 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

22 Opposed?

23 NO RESPONSE

24 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

25 Motion carries.

1 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

2 The next item concerns proposed
3 rulemaking to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 139.4,
4 relating to seasons and bag limits for the license
5 year, to provide updated seasons and bag limits for
6 the 2014-2015 license year. Several changes in
7 hunting seasons and bag limits, when compared with the
8 2013 to 2014 regulations, are being proposed. First,
9 it is proposed that small game field possession limits
10 be increased to three times the daily bag.

11 Migratory game bird possession limits
12 were increased to three times the daily bag limit for
13 the 2013 to 2014 hunting season. And this proposed
14 change will make small game possession limits
15 consistent with those for migratory game birds, and
16 provide increased hunting opportunity, particularly
17 for non-resident hunters. Staff has proposed to
18 reduce the 2014 fall turkey season in WMUS 3A, 3B and
19 3C from three weeks to two weeks, while retaining the
20 three day Thanksgiving hunt segment.

21 Also in regard to fall turkey seasons,
22 it was proposed that the WMU 5A season be maintained
23 to three days, but shifted from midweek to a Thursday
24 through Saturday framework. Staff has suggested
25 adding WMUs 2C and 4B to the Wednesday through

1 Saturday extended bear season that runs concurrent
2 with deer season. Concerning furbearers, staff has
3 proposed adding WMUs 1B and 3C to the fisher trapping
4 season based on increased numbers of incidental
5 captures and sightings during the past three years.

6 Finally, it's proposed that all
7 references to regulated harvest of skunks should
8 specify the striped skunk. Spotted skunks, a species
9 of conservation concern, have a very limited
10 distribution and low abundance in southwestern
11 counties in Pennsylvania, and should be excluded from
12 any regulated harvest. The actual text appears on
13 pages 12 through 19 of your Agenda.

14 PRESIDENT:

15 Is there a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

17 So moved.

18 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

19 Seconded.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Properly moved a second. Discussion?

22 Commissioner Martone?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

24 Commissioner President, are we going to
25 address this page by page at this time?

1 PRESIDENT:

2 Yes. We'll go page by time --- page.

3 Okay. Discussion beyond that? Mr. Secretary, you can
4 go ---.

5 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

6 No, wait. No wait, stop.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Oh, wait.

9 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

10 Discussion of page 12.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Oh, we're going to start? Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

14 Let's do it one page per page.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 All right. Go ahead.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

18 Commissioner President?

19 PRESIDENT:

20 Commissioner Martone?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

22 On page 12, I'd like to propose a change
23 for the squirrel seasons. As you can see, it is
24 proposed for a Junior Hunt only October 11th, and the
25 greater squirrel season as October 18th. As we

1 discussed last year, I'd like to propose a September
2 13 start for both the junior hunt and the regular
3 squirrel season, September 13th on both of those
4 dates.

5 PRESIDENT:

6 Any other discussion on page --- on this
7 page? All right. Can I hear a motion to that effect?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

9 Yes. yeah.

10 PRESIDENT:

11 It's got to be your motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

13 I motion to change the October 11th on
14 the Junior Hunt only to September 13th, and to change
15 October 18th to September 13th.

16 PRESIDENT:

17 Do I hear a second?

18 COMMISSIONER FOX:

19 Second.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Mr. Fox, second. Discussion?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

23 As we discussed with this last year, you
24 know, we thought that this was an --- established last
25 year that this was an underutilized resource. One of

1 the things we hear from a lot of our stakeholders is
2 that they need more time, more opportunities. I think
3 this extended this time.

4 There's very few weekends in October,
5 November, and December that we can add more time to
6 the calendar. This one of those opportunities where
7 we can extend the calendar and offer that opportunity.
8 And I believe, you know, that this is a very safe
9 alternative.

10 This will be --- squirrel hunters would
11 be the only ones in the woods during the three ---
12 first three weeks of the season. There'd be no
13 competition with archers, no competition with other
14 hunters. And I think that it offers a great
15 opportunity for our youth to get out there and hunt.

16 And we've been seeing quite a few of our
17 customers sending us e-mails requesting the season. I
18 was surprised how many e-mails we've gotten at that
19 point. So there is an interest in this type of
20 season.

21 And this brings us into compliance with
22 a lot of our neighboring states, who also offer a
23 September squirrel season. And for those reasons, I'd
24 like the Board to support this change. Thank you.

25 PRESIDENT:

1 Further discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER FOX:

3 Mr. President?

4 PRESIDENT:

5 Mr. Fox?

6 COMMISSIONER FOX:

7 Yes. Any comment, did you say?

8 PRESIDENT:

9 Further discussion.

10 COMMISSIONER FOX:

11 No. Okay.

12 PRESIDENT:

13 Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call for
14 the vote.

15 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

16 There's a motion on the floor duly
17 seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

19 Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER FOX:

21 Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

23 Opposed? No.

24 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

25 No.

1 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

2 No.

3 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

4 No.

5 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

6 No.

7 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

8 Motion fails.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Any further discussion on page 12? Page

11 13? Fourteen (14)? Fifteen (15)? Sixteen (16)?

12 Seventeen (17)? Eighteen (18)?

13 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

14 Yes, Mr. President.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 Mr. Delaney?

17 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

18 At the bottom of page 18, under the

19 picture, I would like to make an amendment to add 3B,

20 WMU 3B, as in boy, to that list.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Do we have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

24 Second.

25 PRESIDENT:

1 Movement seconded. Any discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

3 Mr. President, under discussion, I would
4 just like to add, the reason why I'm making this
5 amendment is based on our furbearer biologists. We
6 have to allow all of this discussion and staff before
7 to this Board yesterday, and that's why I'm asking for
8 the Board to consider the amendment, this amendment.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Further discussion? None. Call for the
11 vote, Mr. Secretary?

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

13 There's a motion on the floor. It's
14 duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying
15 aye.

16 AYES RESPOND

17 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

18 Those opposed?

19 NO RESPONE

20 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

21 The motion carries.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Continuing page 19.

24 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

25 Mr. President?

1 PRESIDENT:

2 I'm sorry?

3 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

4 I'd like to make an additional amendment
5 to this page.

6 PRESIDENT:

7 All right.

8 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

9 Under the mink and muskrats, the
10 proposal is for the first day, November 22nd, the last
11 day, January 4th. That season was actually shortened
12 last year by a week due to a calendar change. And
13 yesterday, we heard testimony.

14 Or the day before, we heard testimony
15 requesting an extension to January 11th. I'm
16 proposing that we amend the mink and muskrat season to
17 end on January 11, 2015.

18 PRESIDENT:

19 Motion. Second? Second to motion?

20 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

21 Second.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Commissioner Martone?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

25 Director, you brought --- would you

1 weigh in on this? Is there something that's supported
2 by Wildlife Management?

3 MR. HOUGH:

4 I think there is, Commissioner. Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

6 Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Further discussion? Hearing none, Mr.
9 Secretary?

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

11 The motion on the floor has been duly
12 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

13 AYES RESPOND

14 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

15 Opposed?

16 NO RESPONSE

17 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

18 The motion carries.

19 PRESIDENT:

20 Page 19? Call for a vote on the
21 original season bag limits?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

23 There was a motion on the floor that was
24 duly seconded onto --- covering seasons and bag
25 limits. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 AYES RESPOND

2 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

3 Opposed?

4 NO RESPONSE

5 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

6 The motion carries.

7 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

8 Mr. President, a point of order here. I
9 should have mentioned this earlier on, but whenever we
10 vote and there's a split vote, are we not required to
11 --- required to record who voted yes and who voted no
12 for the public record? I mean, we always did before.
13 And I guess I'm asking, if we do, I'll support it in
14 the matter.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 I ask legal counsel on that.

17 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

18 My understanding is, you're not required
19 to do so. You have done so in the past, and if that's
20 the Board's desire ---.

21 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

22 Okay. I'm good with that, then. Thank
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

25 Mr. President, wouldn't we even have to

1 vote on the amended motion at that point? I mean,
2 that ---.

3 PRESIDENT:

4 You're correct on that.

5 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

6 We did vote on the amendment, though,
7 Jay.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

9 Oh, okay. We didn't hear that out here.

10 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

11 It wasn't said that way, but it was
12 voted on.

13 PRESIDENT:

14 Yeah, we did.

15 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

16 It was understood. I understand.

17 PRESIDENT:

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

20 The next item before the Commission is
21 to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 141.47. In 2004, the
22 Board of Commissioners adopted regulations creating a
23 150 yard safety zone for elk along the Route 555
24 corridor from Weedville to Hicks Run to address
25 problems with road hunting and the killing of highly

1 visible elk in yards and public places. The staff and
2 local officers no longer believe this specially
3 designated safety zone is needed.

4 And that established laws and regulation
5 can police the hunters. And that some of the animals
6 that need removed may be harvested with this safety
7 zone legally and ethically. The Commission is
8 proposing to amend Section 141.47, relating to elk, to
9 eliminate the 555 corridor safety zone, as shown in
10 your agenda on page 20 below the text.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Is there a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

14 So moved.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 Commissioner Delaney? Second?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

18 Second.

19 PRESIDENT:

20 Commissioner Martone. Discussion?

21 Hearing none, Mr. Secretary ---?

22 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

23 President, I would just ask that ---.

24 This is something that the regional staff has proposed
25 after evaluating the situation up there.

1 PRESIDENT:

2 Further discussion? Mr. Secretary?

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

4 The motion on the floor has been duly
5 seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 AYES RESPOND

7 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

8 Opposed?

9 NO RESPONSE

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

11 The motion carries.

12 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

13 The next item before the Commission
14 comes from the Bureau of Wildlife Protection. And it
15 concerns Adopted Rule Making, the adoption of
16 amendments proposed at its September 24th, 2013
17 meeting to Section 135.14, relating to state game
18 lands, to limit the availability of the fire exception
19 to licensed hunters, trappers or fisherman and through
20 hikers within the corridor of the Appalachian Trail.
21 This text is shown on page 22 of your Agenda.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Thank you. Do I hear a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

25 So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT:

4 Second on the motion?

5 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

6 It's Commissioner Weaner.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Mr. Weaner? Discussion? Hearing no
9 discussion, call for the vote, Mr. Secretary.

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

11 There's a motion on the floor that's
12 been duly seconded. All those in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 AYES RESPOND

15 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

16 Opposed?

17 NO RESPONSE

18 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

19 The motion passes.

20 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

21 The next item before the Commission is a
22 Proposed Rule Making to amend 58 Pa. Code Section
23 141.62. Current regulations prohibit a person from
24 trapping beaver using a body-gripping trap larger than
25 10 inches by 10 inches. The Commission recently

1 received a request to expand the trap authorization to
2 10 inches in height to 12 inches in width to
3 accommodate certain commercially available products.

4 The Commission has reviewed applicable
5 safety and wildlife management concerns and determined
6 that this nominal expansion of authorized
7 body-gripping traps will not have a negative impact on
8 the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

9 The Commission is proposing to amend
10 Section 141.62, related to beaver trapping, to expand
11 the trap authorization to 10 inches in height to 12 in
12 width, and additionally, require a single offset
13 trigger positioned in parallel not more than 1.5
14 inches from either vertical section of a set trap.
15 This text is shown on page 23 below the commentary.

16 PRESIDENT:

17 Thank you. Is there a motion?

18 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

19 So moved.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Commissioner Weaner? Second?

22 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

23 Seconding.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Commissioner Putnam? Discussion?

1 Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call for the vote.

2 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

3 The motion on the floor has been duly
4 seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 AYES RESPOND

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

7 Opposed?

8 NO RESPONSE

9 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

10 Motion carried unanimously.

11 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

12 The next item before the Commission is a
13 proposal to amend 58 Pa. Code, Sections 131.2, 141.43,
14 141.44, 141.45 and 141.47. Current regulations
15 prohibit a person from hunting big game using an arrow
16 or bolt equipped with a broad head exceeding three in
17 length. The Commission recently received a request to
18 lengthen the broad head length limitation to 3.25
19 inches to authorize certain handmade and commercially
20 sold products.

21 The Commission has reviewed applicable
22 safety and wildlife management concerns, and
23 determined that this nominal expansion of authorized
24 broad heads will not have a negative impact on the
25 wildlife resources of this Commonwealth. The

1 Commission is proposing to amend the sections
2 referenced above to lengthen the broad head length
3 limitation from 3 to 3.25 inches. These changes are
4 shown on pages 24 through 26 of your Agenda. And I do
5 understand that there are replacement pages for pages
6 25 through 26.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Is there anything special with that?

9 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

10 No.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Do I hear a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

14 So moved.

15 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

16 Second.

17 PRESIDENT:

18 Got moved and seconded. Discussion?

19 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

20 Yes, Mr. President.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Mr. Delaney?

23 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

24 The public may be wondering, why would
25 we even take a look at something like this? Or, how

1 does something like this get started. And not to drag
2 this on today.

3 Rich, can you just give us just a brief
4 synopsis of how this started a year ago, and how we
5 got to now make this important for the supporting
6 public to see? They can make a suggestion. It might
7 take some time, but we'll take a hard look at it. But
8 I think if you could just give us the shortened
9 version of where we came from and how we got to this
10 point?

11 MR. PALMER:

12 Yes. The way that this whole outfit was
13 initiated was a PA Game Show, actually a very well
14 drafted letter and explanation of the request to
15 expand some of the authorizations, supported with some
16 scientific evidence that I believe was submitted to
17 yourself, as well as some of the other Commissioners.
18 The result was, some of the Commissioners sent it down
19 to the Bureau for evaluation. We took a look at it.

20 We said we didn't want to take any
21 immediate action. But we would continue to look at
22 it. And if we went to the archery section, we would
23 certainly consider making that change. We came out
24 and were ready to assemble on the change immediately
25 upon receiving that. So we were going into this

1 section. We would fix some other things that we were
2 looking at. We followed through with our amendment.

3 It was going to be difficult, but we
4 were going to continue to look at that when we were
5 looking through that section. So this is a follow-up
6 to that initial communication, even though it was
7 about a year ago.

8 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

9 I appreciate that. And I think that it
10 shows that the system works. So thanks your work on
11 that matter.

12 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

13 Mr. President? I would like to add ---
14 and again, thank you, Director Palmer --- that this
15 was started by a single individual's request. But we
16 also are cleaning up some language in here. And
17 that's what replacement address is, they're
18 eliminating the --- too pages on the same claim, which
19 made it very confusing for to people to read the
20 broadcast.

21 So that cleans up some language that a
22 lot of our archers had questions on, as well. So I
23 think that this handles several issues at one time.

24 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

25 That's correct. And the requested pages

1 that were handed out is only a minor change to make
2 the individual definition to the requirements for the
3 different species consistent with the general
4 definition. Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT:

6 Further discussion? Hearing none, Mr.
7 Secretary?

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

9 There's a motion on the floor that's
10 been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by
11 saying aye.

12 AYES RESPOND

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

14 Opposed?

15 NO RESPONSE

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

17 The motion passes unanimously.

18 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

19 And the next item before the Commission
20 concerns amendments to Section 141.1 and creates
21 Sections 147.681 through 147.687. On March 31st,
22 2010, the Commission's three year evaluation of the
23 effectiveness of a broad scale and widely accessible
24 authorization permitting the baiting of white-tailed
25 deer across the southeast special regulations areas

1 expired. The Commission's final review of the baiting
2 authorization generally concluded that broad scale and
3 widely accessible baiting did not establish viable
4 increases in harvest rates to justify an extension of
5 the experimental program.

6 On February 1st, 2011, the Commission
7 amended Sections 147.552 and 147.556, relating to
8 application, lawful devices and methods, to create a
9 focustest, limited authorization permitting the
10 baiting of white-tailed deer in wildlife management
11 units 5C and 5D on approved properties enrolled in the
12 Red Tag program. The Commission is proposing to amend
13 Section 141.1 and create Sections 147.681 through
14 147.687 to create and implement a deer attractant
15 permit to authorize limited baiting activities on
16 private property in the southeast special regulations
17 area. These changes are shown on pages 27 through 30
18 of your agenda.

19 PRESIDENT:

20 Is there a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

22 Motion.

23 PRESIDENT:

24 Second on the motion?

25 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

1 Second.

2 PRESIDENT:

3 While moved and seconded, any
4 discussion? Commissioner Martone?

5 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

6 Director Palmer, I do have a question
7 for the first commentary. I am not in favor of
8 baiting, but this is specific to solve a specific
9 problem. And there's special regulations there in the
10 Code.

11 You know, I do support it. If this was
12 a statewide issue, I would be adamantly against that.
13 But you know, it seems that we need in the state this
14 ---. Does the Executive Director have authorization
15 to stop this, if there was CWB issued in that special
16 regulations area? Is there a provision for that in
17 here?

18 MR. PALMER:

19 Yes, there is.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

21 Okay.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Further discussion? Mr. Secretary?

24 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

25 The motion on the floor, and duly

1 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

2 AYES RESPOND

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

4 Opposed?

5 NO RESPONSE

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

7 Motion passes unanimously.

8 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

9 The next item concerns an amendment to
10 Chapter 147, Subchapter 10. Since the successful
11 implementation of the Mentored Youth Hunting Program
12 in fall of 2006, the Commission has been striving to
13 find a way to apply the successes of this mentor-based
14 program to Pennsylvania's non-hunting adults. The
15 Commission determined that such a program could entice
16 increased adult participation in the Commonwealth's
17 great hunting heritage by streamlining their
18 introduction to the sport of hunting.

19 On May 15th, 2013, Governor Corbett
20 signed into law Senate Bill 623 to authorize the
21 Commission to implement a Mentored Hunting Program in
22 Pennsylvania. The Commission is proposing to amend
23 Chapter 147, Subchapter 10, to create and implement a
24 Mentored Adult Hunting Program in Pennsylvania. This
25 program will maintain the mentor-based structure of

1 the Mentored Youth Hunting Program, but will have
2 different species allowances, costs, and safety
3 features.

4 Adult participants will now be able to
5 apply for and receive a Mentored Adult Hunting Permit
6 through the PALS system at any of the Commission's
7 issuing agent locations across the Commonwealth prior
8 to participating in the program.

9 Permit application will require
10 participants to supply the required identification
11 information and pay a fee of \$19 for residents and
12 \$100 for non-residents, plus any applicable
13 transactional and issuing agent fees. The text of
14 this amendment is shown on pages 31 through 35 of your
15 agenda. And I again understand there is a replacement
16 page for page 34, which I believe is available.

17 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

18 We'll move.

19 COMMISSIONER FOX:

20 Second.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Discussion? Hearing none, Mr.

23 Secretary, call for the vote.

24 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

25 There's a motion on the floor, and duly

1 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

2 AYES RESPOND

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

4 Opposed?

5 NO RESPONSE

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

7 The motion carried unanimously.

8 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

9 The next item before the Commission is
10 to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 141.4 to replace the
11 current hunting hours table and migratory bird hunting
12 hours table to accurately reflect the dates and hours
13 of legal hunting for the 2014-2015 hunting license
14 year. This text is shown on pages 36 through 38 of
15 your agenda.

16 PRESIDENT:

17 Is there a motion to accept?

18 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

19 So moved.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Second?

22 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

23 Second.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Properly moved into second. Discussion?

1 Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

2 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

3 The motion on the floor and duly
4 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

5 AYES RESPOND

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

7 Opposed?

8 NO RESPONSE

9 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

10 Motion carries unanimously.

11 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

12 The next item is from the Bureau of
13 Wildlife Habitat Management. It concerns a donation
14 of land --- State Game Land Number 203, Allegheny
15 County. Anthony Gagliardi and Carol Lund are offering
16 a donation of 42 and a half, more or less, acres of
17 land in Springdale Township, Allegheny County, as
18 shown on Exhibit RED 1 on page 40 of your agenda.

19 The property is located approximately 16
20 miles southeast of State Game Land Number 203. Mr.
21 Gagliardi and Ms. Lund will retain the oil and gas
22 rights. Approximately 38 acres of the property is
23 comprised of mixed northern hardwoods, with the
24 remainder of the property in reverting old fields and
25 small forest openings. The property is accessed from

1 High Street, and is bisected by Crone Hollow Road.

2 PRESIDENT:

3 Do I hear a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

5 So moved.

6 PRESIDENT:

7 Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

9 Second.

10 PRESIDENT:

11 Commissioner Martone. Discussion?

12 Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call for the vote.

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

14 There's a motion on the floor duly
15 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

16 AYES RESPOND

17 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

18 Opposed?

19 NO RESPONSE

20 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

21 The motion carries unanimously.

22 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

23 The next items concern acquisitions.

24 Contract Number 3657, State Game Lands Number 314 in
25 Erie County. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is

1 offering for sale 53.7, more or less, acres in
2 Springfield Township, Erie County located south of
3 State Game Land Number 314, as shown on page 44 of
4 your agenda.

5 The option price is \$47,525 lump sum.
6 WPC is working in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and
7 Wildlife Service to acquire the property through
8 funding available through the Great Lakes Restoration
9 Initiative, Joint Venture Habitat Restoration, and
10 Protection Grant program. The Game Commission has
11 agreed that no use of the surface for oil and gas
12 exploration, production, removal or sale shall be
13 allowed on the premises. The tract is mostly
14 forested, mostly northern hardwoods with an oak
15 component. And at least three species of special
16 concern plants are located on the property.

17 A tributary to Turkey Creek with a
18 vernal pool is located on the property. And access to
19 the property is from State Route 5 and Crayton Road,
20 Township Road 322.

21 The next contract, Number 3658, is State
22 Game Lands Numbers 54 and 195 in Jefferson County.
23 Green Hills Land Company, LLC, is offering for sale
24 two tracts of land. One's a 26, more or less, acre
25 interior into State Game Land Number 54 in Snyder

1 Township, Jefferson County, shown on Exhibit RED 3 on
2 page 45 of your Agenda. And the other is 1,967, more
3 or less, acres in Gaskill and Henderson Townships,
4 Jefferson County, adjacent to Game Land Number 195.

5 And it also adjoins State Game Land
6 Number 87 to the east, as shown on Exhibit RED 4 on
7 page 46 of your Agenda. Hanak Limited Partnership is
8 offering 163.36, more or less, acres, additionally, in
9 Henderson Township, Jefferson County, located north of
10 State Game Land Number 195, also shown on Exhibit RED
11 4 on page 46 of your agenda. The option price for the
12 three properties is \$2,400,000 lump sum.

13 The third-party commitments will pay for
14 this from habitat and recreational losses that
15 previously occurred on State Game Lands. The 26-acre
16 interior is forested with northern hardwoods and
17 ironwood, mountain laurel, and grapes in the
18 understory. Three branches of an unnamed tributary to
19 Toby Creek flow through the property.

20 Access is from existing State Game
21 Lands. The 1,967 acres is made up of 12 parcels, with
22 approximately 1,012 acres of northern hardwoods, 955
23 acres of shrub lands and reverting fields. Small
24 wetlands and mining-related water impoundments are
25 present.

1 Lost Run and Laurel Run flow through the
2 property. Access is from Filtering Plant Road and
3 East Branch Road. The 163 acre parcel is also
4 forested with northern hardwoods. And the East Branch
5 of the Mahoning Creek, a stocked trout stream, and
6 unnamed tributaries flow through the property. Access
7 is from Branch Road.

8 Contract 3659, which is in State Game
9 Land Number 311 in Elk County. Richard and Michele
10 Vollmer are offering 81.63, more or less, acres of
11 land in Benezette Township, Elk County adjacent to
12 State Game Land Number 311, as shown on Exhibit RED 5
13 on page 47 of your agenda. The option price is
14 \$399,000 lump sum.

15 The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has
16 also pledged \$100,000 toward the cost of purchasing
17 the property. Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer will retain the
18 oil and gas rights. The property is divided by a mix
19 of woodlots consisting of northern hardwoods and
20 conifers, and shrub lands with grass fields.

21 There is a spring flowing into a one ---
22 half-acre pond located on the property. The property
23 is located in the center of the range of the largest
24 elk sub-population in Pennsylvania, making this a
25 prime elk viewing opportunity. Winslow Hill Road

1 bisects the property.

2 Contract Number 3660, State Game Land
3 Number 25 in Elk County. The Conservation Fund is
4 offering for sale 12,911, more or less, acres of land
5 in Jones Township, Elk County adjacent to State Game
6 Land Number 25 on the east, as shown on Exhibit RED 6
7 on page 48, and adjoining the Allegheny National
8 Forest on the west. The Conservation Fund will
9 reserve the timber, except for conifers, white oaks,
10 walnut, and apple trees.

11 The timber right shall be exercised in
12 accordance with the terms and conditions of the
13 Commission's timber harvesting provisions and best
14 management practices. The term of this reservation is
15 25 years. The purchase price may be made in one lump
16 sum payment of \$12,170,058 or in a series of phased
17 closings, with no more than five annual installments.

18 These installment payments may be paid
19 in cash. Or in lieu of said payment, the Commission,
20 at its sole discretion, may choose to elect to
21 transfer to TCF timber from other State Game Lands
22 tracts. The revenue would be meeting the payment
23 obligation.

24 The property is mainly forested with
25 mixed northern hardwoods, with a small component of

1 mixed confers in locations, interspersed with forest
2 openings. Many streams, tributaries, and upland
3 wetland areas are located on the property, and include
4 the West Branch of the Clarion River, Clearwater Run,
5 Silver Creek, Little Mill Run, Wolf Run, Little Wolf
6 Run, and Meffert Creek, with several of these streams
7 containing wild trout. The property is bisected by
8 Route 219 and has multiple access points from township
9 roads.

10 Contract Number 3661, State Game Land
11 Number 147 in Blair County. Paul Good is offering for
12 sale 642.69, more or less, acres of land located in
13 Frankstown Township, Blair County, adjacent to State
14 Game Land Number 147, as shown on Exhibit RED 7 on
15 page 49 of your agenda. The option price is
16 \$1,150,000 to be funded by habitat mitigation
17 commitments for impacts to state and federally listed
18 species.

19 The presence of Eastern Small-footed Myo
20 focustest is a Pennsylvania threatened species, and
21 Indiana Bat, a Pennsylvania and federally listed
22 endangered species, is the impetus for the mitigation
23 funding, and will require U.S. Fish and Wildlife
24 Service's approval before the property can be
25 purchased. The property is forested, with

1 approximately 72 percent in mixed oak, with the
2 remainder in mixed hardwoods. There are two small
3 forest openings, less than one acre in size.

4 And several intermittent streams cross
5 the property. There is a ranch house with a detached
6 garage and a small pavilion on the property. A gravel
7 road bisects the property. And access is from Locke
8 Mountain Road.

9 And Contract Number 3662, State Game
10 Land Number 239, in Bradford County. Evergreen Land
11 Development, LLC, is offering for sale 175.5, more or
12 less, acres of land in Athens and Smithfield
13 Townships, Bradford County, adjacent to State Game
14 Land Number 239, as shown on Exhibit RED 8 on page 50
15 of your agenda. The option price is \$451,000.

16 Approximately half of the property is
17 comprised of mixed hardwoods, and the remaining
18 portion in grassland and reverting fields, with
19 sections containing various evergreens of varying
20 heights, which were originally planted for sale as
21 Christmas trees. The landowner excepts and reserves
22 the oil and gas. Access to the property is from
23 Blakeslee Road, Chapel Road and Bluebird Road.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Thank you, Brad. Do I hear a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

2 So moved.

3 PRESIDENT:

4 Commissioner Delaney? Second?

5 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

6 Second.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Several. Discussion?

9 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

10 Yes, Mr. President. Contract 3662, in
11 Bradford County, we, three years ago ---. The Board,
12 part of our goal was to look for additional land in
13 Bradford County. And the Bureau of Wildlife
14 Management, I think it did that, the entirety of this
15 work was trying to find something in the area. And
16 it's really, really difficult to find land.

17 As we start to drill on State Game Lands
18 36, there's certainly going to be a disruption to the
19 sportsmen. But I think this is an excellent trade off
20 to the piece of property, the value, the small game
21 you have --- that's on this property, I think, goes a
22 long way.

23 In addition to that, my math could be
24 wrong. I believe there's probably about 17,000 acres
25 of property here, just to take a little bit. It

1 boggles my mind that we're sitting here today, talking
2 about an acquisition of almost 17,000 acres. You
3 know, I fully support all of these acquisitions.

4 PRESIDENT:

5 Commissioner Martone?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

7 I have to concur with Commissioner
8 Delaney. When you start looking at these as being
9 part of the norm, you're ignoring a lot of work and a
10 lot of hard work that went into this. Anybody that's
11 ever gone out to try to buy one acre knows the pain of
12 just doing that little transaction.

13 And yet, we're able to have people that
14 put these kind of packages together. It's remarkable,
15 and there's --- you know. We have the easy part.
16 Brad reads it. We vote on it. But there was an awful
17 lot of it went in behind it that I think should be
18 acknowledged.

19 So I thank Director Capouillez for all
20 the hard work for him on down the line. So thank you,
21 Mr. Capouillez.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Commissioner Putnam?

24 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

25 I might as well get up on that

1 bandwagon. This really is ---. Taking the time to
2 read these things in detail and try to understand what
3 we're voting on right now, the amount of work involved
4 here is tremendous.

5 Some of the deals, and particularly the
6 position of State Game Lands 25 in Elk County, to read
7 that, to understand it, and to understand the work
8 that went into --- to putting something like that
9 together is well worthwhile. I mean, this is a very
10 complex deal. You will not find many state agencies
11 with a staff that have the courage and wherewithal to
12 put something like this together.

13 There are some pitfalls in this, in some
14 of the timber reservations and things. It takes some
15 guts to go forward with this type of proposal. And I
16 think our staff is surely unmatched by any other state
17 agency for having the ability to put things like this
18 together.

19 The payment for these --- for this land
20 which is a huge accomplishment for any state agency,
21 is coming from the impacts that we're bearing on other
22 properties. It's going --- you know, coming out of
23 escrow account for the money that we voted on in
24 previous meetings, when we made --- offered oil and
25 gas rights up. It's what's being used to pay for

1 these things.

2 I think I would ask Director Capouillez
3 to, maybe, comment a little bit on that, on our escrow
4 account and our escrow funding. We're open and
5 transparent. Everything we do is done at these public
6 meetings. Yet, everybody still seems to still have
7 questions about where we stand and how much money we
8 have, and where it comes from, and where it goes to.
9 So would you just give us a little thumbnail of that,
10 Bill?

11 MR. CAPOUILLEZ:

12 Absolutely. You know, what you're
13 looking at is really unprecedented, given --- for what
14 the staff's been able to put together in the past.
15 You're looking at nearly 30 square miles. And when
16 you try to walk 30 square miles --- I challenge you to
17 do that in any given day.

18 It's 30 square miles. And the staff, as
19 you've known, they accept the --- that we have
20 verbatim on where to acquire this acreage. You see
21 here a donation. You see a timber land exchange. You
22 see a right-of-way exchange. You see the elusive
23 Indiana Bat escrow for threatened species. You see
24 what was left of Penn State money, back when we did a
25 deal with U.S. Fish and Wildlife. And you think of

1 all those funding needs. And you see use of the
2 escrow from the third-party commitments. You see use
3 of the Game Fund. And you also see an option bid.

4 So absolutely everything that we have
5 available to us, we utilize in the staff in regions to
6 acquire this land. One of the other things that
7 you'll note is the fact the agency has really taken to
8 heart that need to put early succession and have this
9 out on the ground. You heard from the commentaries
10 yesterday and Sunday, the need for early succession
11 habitat not only for our small game species, but for
12 our big game.

13 You need to do that. And what we can we
14 do in order to achieve that on the ground? This tract
15 with The Conservation Fund takes that step forward.
16 We had an innovative technique where we're allowing
17 for utilization of temporary resources on the Game
18 Lands to be put into the habitat that we need by way
19 of other deeds and other commitments. I mean, truly,
20 if this gets approved, you're committing the agency to
21 create a respectful habitat.

22 And you're committing the agency to
23 create more habitat on the ground, with resources that
24 we have both in-house as well as partnerships that
25 we're forming today. So in respect to The

1 Conservation Fund, those payments will either be,
2 again, made through the means that we have available
3 through escrow Game Fund. Or more preferably, through
4 the use of timber resources and habitat creation.

5 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

6 Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Further discussion? Hearing none, Mr.
9 Secretary, call for the vote.

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

11 A motion on the floor that's been duly
12 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

13 AYES RESPOND

14 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

15 Opposed?

16 NO RESPONSE

17 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

18 The motion passes unanimously.

19 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

20 The next item before the Commission ---.

21 The next item before the Commission concerns a land
22 exchange, Contract Number 36663, State Game Land
23 number 95 in Butler County. Iron Mountain Information
24 Management, LLC, or Iron Mountain, has requested to
25 construct two boreholes and a water pipeline in order

1 for Iron Mountain to access and utilize the
2 groundwater and void space located in a previously
3 excavated limestone deep mine beneath State Game Land
4 number 95, as shown on Exhibit RED 9 on page 53 of
5 your agenda.

6 The water pipeline shall be 18 to 30
7 inches in diameter and run from Iron Mountain's
8 property at 1137 Branchton Road, parallel to Branchton
9 Road to deliver water from Iron Mountain's underground
10 facility to water beneath the State Game Land. In
11 exchange, Iron Mountain will convey to the Game
12 Commission 278, more or less, acres in Cherry and
13 Washington Townships, Butler County that connects two
14 parcels of State Game Land Number 95, as shown on
15 Exhibit RED 10 on page 54 of your agenda.

16 Iron Mountain accepts and reserves the
17 right to use the groundwater and void space under the
18 property it is conveying solely for the purpose of
19 heating and/or cooling space and equipment. Iron
20 Mountain will also except and reserve the oil and gas
21 and subsurface limestone with the rights to deep mine
22 the limestone, remove, and produce the oil and gas, so
23 long as there is no use of the surface in conjunction
24 with the said subsurface rights.

25 The property being conveyed from Iron

1 Mountain is forested with mixed oaks, maple, black
2 cherry, beech, dogwood, hickory, white pine, ash and
3 elm. The shrub understory is made up of witch hazel,
4 rubus, grey stem dogwood and willow. Approximately
5 six acres of the property are shrub land and reverting
6 old fields. Thirty (30) acres of the property are
7 agricultural lands, with 20 tillable acres.

8 A tributary to the South Branch of the
9 Slippery Rock Creek, with associated riparian areas
10 and wetlands, is on the property. The presence of the
11 Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, a Pennsylvania
12 endangered species, has been noted on the property.
13 And access to the property is from Township Road
14 T-537.

15 Contract Number 3664, State Game Lands
16 Numbers 179 and 245, Greene and Washington Counties,
17 also concerns an exchange. Consolidation Coal
18 Company, or Consol, has requested rights-of-way across
19 State Game Land Number 179 for 69 kilovolt electric
20 transmission line, Exhibit RED 11 on page 55 of your
21 agenda. And Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC,
22 has requested a right-of-way across State Game Land
23 Number 245 for a 16 inch water pipeline and a
24 temporary construction easement, as shown on Exhibit
25 RED 12 on page 56 of your Agenda.

1 In exchange for the value of 12 years of
2 the right-of-way license fees for the electric
3 transmission lines located on State Game Lands Number
4 179 and 25 years of the license fees for the water
5 pipeline across State Game Land Number 245, Consol has
6 agreed to convey 388, more or less, acres of land to
7 the Commission. At this time, the Commission has
8 agreed to accept five properties totaling 215.76
9 acres, more or less.

10 Two of the properties are located in
11 Jackson Township, Greene County, and adjoin State Game
12 Land Number 179, as shown on Exhibit RED 13 on page 57
13 of your agenda. One of the properties is 25.9, more
14 or less, acres. And the second is 14.4, more or less,
15 acres. The two tracts are mostly forested with mixed
16 hardwoods and approximately four acres in reverting
17 fields. The properties are bisected by Blockhouse Run
18 and can be accessed from Township Road 403 and Keyhole
19 Road. The other three properties adjoin State Game
20 Land Number 245.

21 Two of these properties are located in
22 Morris Township, Washington County. A 5.4 acre
23 indenture into State Game Land 245, which is forested
24 with mixed hardwoods, has a one-acre open field. And
25 a 21.11, more or less, acres make up of 17 acres of

1 woodland in pole size timber, two acres of tillable
2 agricultural land and two acres of grassland as shown
3 on Exhibit RED 14 on page 58 of your Agenda.

4 And access to these properties is from
5 Craft Creek Road. The remaining property being
6 conveyed is 154.3, more or less, acres located in West
7 Finley Township, Washington County, as shown on
8 Exhibit RED 15 on page 59 of your Agenda. This is 120
9 acres of the property consisting of woodland in pole
10 size timber, a 35, more or less, acres of grassland
11 and 25, more or less, acres tillable.

12 Access is from State Route Number 3025.
13 Consol will be accepting and reserving oil, gas, coal
14 and minerals, and retaining full surface support for a
15 period of 50 years. Consol agrees to pay single
16 stumpage and \$400 per acre for any future impacts to
17 surface for wildlife damages.

18 Another exchange is Contract Number
19 3665, State Game Land Number 198 in Blair County. E&E
20 Logging and Sons Timber, E&E Logging, is offering
21 246.29, more or less, acres in Allegheny Township,
22 Blair County, which is an interior into State Game
23 Land Number 198, as shown on Exhibit RED 16 on page 60
24 of your Agenda, in exchange for timber being offered
25 for sale by the Commission.

1 The proposed timber is associated with
2 the Blue Knob Removal timber sale in Blair and Bedford
3 Counties, located on State Game Land Number 26. The
4 Blue Knob Removal timber sale involves three blocks of
5 timber. Two blocks will be credited against the
6 entire value of the land to be exchanged, with the
7 remaining block to be purchased by E&E Logging at the
8 established Commission value of \$90,622.85, which will
9 be deposited into the Game Fund.

10 The property being conveyed by E&E
11 Logging is forested with mixed oak, maple, and birch,
12 and is currently being timbered by E&E Logging,
13 creating early successional focustest habitat. An
14 unnamed tributary runs the length of the property, and
15 empties into Sugar Run. Acquiring this tract will
16 provide better access into existing portions of State
17 Game Land Number 198.

18 PRESIDENT:

19 Thank you, Brad. Do I hear a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

21 So moved.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Weaner? Second?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

25 Second.

1 PRESIDENT:

2 Commissioner Martone? Discussion?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

4 Mr. President?

5 PRESIDENT:

6 Commissioner Martone?

7 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

8 Director Capouillez, could you ---? I
9 mean, some of us aren't from Western Pennsylvania have
10 no clue what we're talking about with Iron Mountain
11 and all this activity under the gaming lands. It's
12 kind of unusual. Could you explain what Iron Mountain
13 is?

14 DIRECTOR CAPOUILLEZ:

15 Yes, sir. Iron Mountain is a banded
16 limestone deep mine, which has been converted into a
17 storage reference facility. The federal government
18 utilizes a large portion of that. In the case of Iron
19 Mountain, they actually own the opening and the deep
20 mine complex.

21 A portion of that goes under the Game
22 Lands. And because it's such a tremendous amount of
23 computer equipment in there, there's a lot of heat
24 generated. And so their proposal is to utilize the
25 geothermal and groundwater that exists there, which, a

1 portion of that is underneath the Game Lands, in order
2 to further their facility.

3 We negotiated with them. Staff did an
4 excellent job. They actually acquired the tract that
5 linked up the Game Lands there, as well as increasing
6 that threatened and endangered habitat for the
7 Massasauga Rattlesnake. So it's been extremely good
8 to ---.

9 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

10 Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Further discussion? Hearing none, Mr.
13 Secretary, call for the vote.

14 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

15 There's a motion on the floor that's
16 been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by
17 saying aye.

18 AYES RESPOND

19 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

20 Opposed?

21 NO RESPONSE

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

23 The motion carries unanimously.

24 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

25 The next items before the Commission are

1 informational items. Subject to certain limitations,
2 Section 135.241 of 58 Pa. Code authorizes the Director
3 to bid on real estate, oil, gas, or mineral rights at
4 auction or tax sale, and to request to downpayment
5 checks to bid on property at auction. Successful bids
6 must be made known to the general public at the next
7 regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of
8 Commissioners.

9 The first informational item is Contract
10 Number 3666, State Game Land Number 147 in Blair
11 County. On October 12th of 2013, the Game Commission
12 was the successful bidder on three of four tracts that
13 were offered at public auction by landowners Belinda
14 and Brannock. The three tracts are located in
15 Frankstown Township, Blair County, and are adjacent to
16 State Game Land Number 147, as shown on Exhibit RED 17
17 on page 62 of your Agenda.

18 The first tract is 31.09, more or less,
19 acres, and the second tract is 30.80, more or less,
20 acres. Each of these two tracts was acquired with the
21 successful bid of \$67,000 per tract. The third tract
22 is 81.90, more or less, acres and was acquired with
23 the successful bid of \$160,000.

24 The \$294,000 total was paid from a prior
25 land exchange on State Game Land Number 176 with the

1 Pennsylvania State University and required approval
2 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The tracts
3 lie within five miles of the Hartman Mine Hibernacula,
4 known to be utilized by Indiana Bats, listed on the
5 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an endangered
6 species. The two smaller parcels share a 30-foot
7 right-of-way across the fourth parcel offered at
8 public auction, which the Game Commission did not
9 acquire.

10 The right-of-way starts at State Route
11 2007, Reservoir Road, and provides critical access
12 into this portion of State Game Land Number 147. The
13 larger tract also provides access into existing State
14 Game Land 147 from State Route 2007, Reservoir Road.
15 These tracts are forested with mixed hardwoods, with
16 an understory of witch hazel at higher elevations and
17 green briar and witch hazel at lower elevations.

18 The second informational item is
19 Contract Number 3667, the South Central Regional
20 Office Building, Huntingdon County. A public real
21 estate auction was scheduled for June 15th, 2013 to
22 sell the 9, more or less, acre Brady Henderson
23 Elementary School property in Brady Township,
24 Huntingdon County, Exhibit RED 18 on page 63 of your
25 Agenda. The auction was postponed when an issue arose

1 regarding the right-of-way into the property.

2 And the solicitor for Huntingdon Area
3 School District was able to rectify the problem. The
4 Commission then submitted the successful bid of
5 \$200,000. The Huntingdon Area School District then
6 filed a Petition Seeking Approval of a Private Sale of
7 Real Estate for the Brady Henderson Elementary School
8 property.

9 On December 11th, 2013, the Court of
10 Common Pleas of Huntingdon County granted approval to
11 allow the sale of School District property. The
12 27,000 square foot school building will be renovated
13 to become the new South Central Regional Office
14 Building. Access is from Technology Drive off Route
15 655 from U.S. Route 22.

16 The next item before the Commission
17 concerns Oil, Gas and Minerals. It's a Restricted
18 Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement. Tract
19 298A-14, State Game Land Number 298, in Lycoming
20 County.

21 The Commission offered its oil and gas
22 ownership under a portion of State Game Land Number
23 298 in Eldred and Gamble Townships, Lycoming County,
24 for non-surface use oil and gas development by a
25 competitive royalty bid. Tract Number 298A-14, shown

1 on Exhibit OGM 1 on page 65 of your agenda.

2 This tract contains approximately
3 1,140.21 acres. It was announced for competitive
4 royalty bid in October of 2013, with a one-time
5 bonus/rental payment of \$4,000 per acre for a five
6 year paid up primary term agreement, with the first
7 well to be drilled and completed within 18 months.
8 The minimum royalty was set at 19 percent for all oil,
9 gas, and liquid hydrocarbons produced and sold from
10 under the premises.

11 Oil and gas development will be
12 regulated by the Commonwealth's Oil and Gas
13 Regulations and the Commission's Standard Restricted
14 Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement. Bids
15 were opened on November 13th, 2013. Inflection
16 Energy, PA, LLC, of Denver, Colorado, submitted the
17 highest royalty bid of 20 percent of the value of oil,
18 gas, and liquid hydrocarbons produced and sold from
19 under the premises.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Do I hear a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

23 So moved.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 A second?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT:

4 Properly moved and seconded. Mr.
5 Secretary, call for the vote. Oh, discussion, I'm
6 sorry. Any discussion at all? Hearing none, Mr.
7 Secretary ---?

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

9 There's a motion on the floor. It's
10 been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by
11 saying aye.

12 AYES RESPOND

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

14 Opposed?

15 NO RESPONSE

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

17 The motion carries unanimously.

18 PRESIDENT:

19 Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Moving on ---
20 what do we got here?

21 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

22 There are two supplements to your Agenda
23 that came in. Both of these concern propagation
24 areas. The first is a Propagation Area 111, State
25 Game Lands Number 95 in Butler County. A boundary

1 alteration is proposed to Propagation Area 111, 308
2 acres, located on State Game Land Number 95, Butler
3 County, in the northwest region.

4 The proposal would reduce Propagation
5 Area 111 from 308 acres to 201 acres, as it's shown on
6 Exhibit One, which is attached to the supplement. The
7 area was initially established as a waterfowl
8 propagation area in 1974, as a stopover and resting
9 habitat for migrating waterfowl, which, in this case,
10 are mainly geese.

11 The area, as it was initially
12 established, encompassed much more terrestrial land
13 than is necessary to ensure non-harassment of
14 waterfowl using the surface water. The proposed
15 boundary line change would still maintain a buffer
16 around the lake to prevent harassment of resting
17 waterfowl, while simultaneously opening terrestrial
18 areas for hunting opportunity. The change would allow
19 hunters and fishermen access to an additional 107
20 acres that was previously restricted.

21 The proposed change will also establish
22 a more easily identifiable and more easily maintained
23 boundary. The proposed boundary utilizes more
24 existing roadways and field edges as boundaries,
25 instead of lines through wooded areas. These are

1 easier for State Game Land users to identify and
2 easier for the State Game Land crew to maintain. The
3 change would have no adverse effects on migrating
4 waterfowl, as the lake will still have a 201 acre
5 buffer.

6 The second change was Propagation Area
7 108, Marine Area 406 in Butler County. A boundary
8 alteration is proposed to Propagation Area 108 of 386
9 acres, located on Marine Cooperative Management Area
10 Number 406, Butler County, in the northwest region.
11 The proposal would reduce Propagation Area 108 from
12 386 acres to 161 acres, as shown on Exhibit Two, which
13 is also attached to the supplement.

14 Propagation Area 108 was established as
15 a waterfowl propagation area through a Cooperative
16 Management Agreement between the Game Commission and
17 Marine State Park that facilitated PGC habitat work.
18 The total area managed by the PGC is 519 acres.

19 The initial focus of Area 108 is to
20 provide a resting and nesting area for geese. Due to
21 population increases, geese have become a nuisance
22 issue on Marine State Park. The public day use areas,
23 swimming picnicking and playground, are favored
24 foraging areas, creating numerous conflict issues on
25 the park.

1 Crop damage incurred by local farmers
2 resulting from the elevated deer populations in the
3 unhunted Propagation Area is also a noteworthy factor.
4 Consultation among Marine State Park and PGC staff led
5 to the consensus that Area 108 should be reduced to
6 increase public access while still maintaining a lake
7 buffer for migrating waterfowl, especially ducks.
8 This would give hunters and fishermen access to 225
9 additional acres for recreation.

10 The change would include land and
11 surface water access that was previously restricted.
12 The shoreline access for fishermen and hunters alone
13 would increase by approximately one mile. A secondary
14 advantage to Area 108 realignment would be ease of
15 identification by the public. The new boundary line
16 would make use of existing roadways, field edges, and
17 already cleared portions of the existing boundary
18 line. The new line will be easier for the public to
19 identify, and easier for the PGC crew to maintain.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Do I hear a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

23 So moved.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Second?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT:

4 Commissioner Martone? Discussion?

5 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

6 Mr. President? I'd like to acknowledge
7 Wildlife Management Officer Jeff Kendall for doing all
8 of the legwork on these two proposals. And I think
9 he's opening some excellent property for hunters to
10 access now. So I want to acknowledge him and his
11 efforts.

12 PRESIDENT:

13 Thank you. Further discussion? Hearing
14 none, Mr. Secretary?

15 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

16 There's a motion on the floor, duly
17 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

18 AYES RESPOND

19 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

20 Opposed?

21 NO RESPONSE

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

23 The motion carries unanimously.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Moving on, gentlemen, the next section

1 coming up, New Business. Commissioner Delaney?

2 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

3 I'll act on my New Business after other
4 Commissioners have their ---.

5 PRESIDENT:

6 Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

8 Yeah, Mr. President, if I may?

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Commissioner?

11 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

12 I've been pushed by a couple sportsmen's
13 organizations and several hunters, and would just ---.
14 I would like to get the staff of the agency to come
15 back with us the next Working Group Meeting. They'd
16 just give us a --- kind of a compare and contrast
17 between the current concurrent antlerless and antlered
18 season, as opposed to the old system of a three day
19 independent antlerless season.

20 I'd like to kind of see some numbers as
21 far as license allocations and the harvest during
22 those periods. And certainly, if I need to get back
23 to this, to make some social benefits to having an
24 independent three day season.

25 And the reason I bring this before the

1 Board is because I just, arbitrarily, looked at two
2 sets of numbers. I looked at 1993 and compared it to
3 2013. 1993, we had an allocation of 780,000
4 antlerless licenses with a harvest of approximately
5 243,000 antlerless deer, which was a 31 percent
6 harvest rate. In 2013, the allocation was up to the
7 left, 839,000, with a harvest of 209,000, give or
8 take, antlerless deer, with a 25 percent success rate.

9 So it's just interesting to me that we
10 have the concurrent season. But yet, we saw a larger
11 percentage of harvest during the three day season.
12 And I think it's just something that works, at least,
13 looking at it and talking about it, especially for the
14 social aspects of the independent season.

15 So if we could get that in and just mill
16 that over a little bit, and take a look at that?

17 PRESIDENT:

18 Thank you, Commissioner Layton. Further
19 comments on New Business? Commissioner Delaney?

20 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

21 All right. Go ahead. Is there someone
22 else?

23 PRESIDENT:

24 Go ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

1 All right. With that, I would
2 respectfully ask the Board to be --- for a couple of
3 minutes for Executive Director Rell (phonetic) to ---
4 oh. We missed him. I'm sorry.

5 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

6 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

7 In any event, and on a serious note, we
8 heard from Pheasants Forever, and our staff yesterday
9 with regard to Pheasants. And Executive Director
10 Hough, I'd just like to defer a couple of minutes to
11 him for a major announcement.

12 DIRECTOR HOUGH:

13 Okay. As those of you that were here on
14 Sunday and Monday, there was a lot of individuals here
15 from Pheasants Forever that were very interested in
16 moving the Wild Pheasant Restoration areas forward.
17 As you probably know, we have been unable to get
18 pheasants for the last year or so because of the
19 population decline out West. As late as last night,
20 Lynn Appleman, who was here and gave public comment,
21 contacted the State of Montana ---. Actually, an
22 Indian Reservation in the State of Montana. And they
23 have committed to giving us 300 wild trap pheasants
24 this year.

25 So that just goes to show what a great

1 cooperation we have with all of our conservation
2 partners. But especially those like Pheasants Forever
3 that were able to make this contact. So from what I
4 understand things were in motion to get out there
5 immediately, or as soon as possible, to get these
6 birds and get them back here, and get them on the ---.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Got any comments, Mr. Delaney?

9 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

10 Well, I think that Executive Director
11 Hough said it well.

12 PRESIDENT:

13 Okay. Very good. Anything else to
14 address under New Business? Hearing none, I'd like to
15 move on to proposed Commission meeting dates. April 7
16 and 8, June 9, 10, September 22 and 23, and January
17 25, 26 and 27th in 2015. Could I hear a motion to
18 accept these dates?

19 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

20 So moved.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 And a second?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

24 Second.

25 PRESIDENT:

1 Already moved and seconded. Discussion
2 on the dates? Hearing none, call for a vote, Mr.
3 Secretary.

4 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

5 There's a motion on the floor, duly
6 seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

7 AYES RESPOND

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

9 Opposed?

10 NO RESPONSE

11 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

12 The motion carries unanimously.

13 PRESIDENT:

14 Moving on, the final item of business
15 here today is election of officers for 2014. And I
16 will now turn the gavel over to our Chairman,
17 Commissioner Delaney.

18 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

19 Thank you, Mr. President. I've
20 solicited opinions from the full Board. And I am
21 prepared, as the Chairman, to nominate a slate of
22 officers. I would like to do it each office
23 individually, offer a slate, which will need a second,
24 and then go into discussion.

25 And then, do a vote by show of hands.

1 And I would ask our present recording Secretary to
2 also confirm the names of the votes, so our
3 stenographer has this for the minutes.

4 With that said, for the office of
5 Secretary, nominated are Commissioner Charlie Fox and
6 Commissioner Brian Hoover. That is the motion for the
7 office of Secretary. And if the Board so wishes, it
8 will need a second.

9 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

10 Second.

11 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

12 There's been a motion made, and there's
13 been a motion seconded. Is there any other
14 nominations for the office of the Secretary? If not,
15 I would ask those all those Commissioners in favor of
16 Commissioner Fox ---.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

18 Well, would it be possible to do this by
19 paper ballot rather than a show of hands? I think in
20 the past, that's the way it's been done.

21 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

22 If the Board so chooses, I don't have an
23 issue or a problem with that. But I'll, maybe throw
24 it to the Counsel for some direction.

25 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

1 That was exactly correct, Commissioner
2 Delaney. We have --- I think the most recent
3 election, we did it by show of hands. There have been
4 paper ballots in the past. If the Board so chooses,
5 it is a Board decision, you may use a paper ballot or
6 however you wish.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

8 Can I call for a vote on that?

9 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

10 You probably should make a motion for a
11 paper ballot, and a second. And you vote on that.

12 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

13 Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

15 Commissioner Martone, if you'd like to
16 make that motion?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

18 I'd like to make a motion that we vote
19 on these sleight of officers by paper ballot. That's
20 it.

21 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

22 Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

24 I second the motion.

25 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

1 Motion made and seconded. Is there any
2 discussion? I guess the only discussion I would offer
3 is that we're a transparent group. And I certainly
4 could pen my name to --- publically, who I choose to
5 vote for.

6 But if the Board chooses to go with a
7 private paper ballot, I'm okay with that too. All
8 those in support of paper ballots, vote by using your
9 right hand. I see Commissioner Martone, Commissioner
10 Weaner, and Commissioner Fox. I take it, based on
11 that ---.

12 Well, let me just note the other ---.
13 All those in favor of having a public vote and show of
14 hands, raise your right hand. Mr. Secretary, can you
15 confirm that vote?

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

17 There was a vote on the floor. The vote
18 was three in favor of paper ballots, five against
19 paper ballots. The motion fails.

20 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

21 Okay. So I'd like to move forward from
22 this point and move on with the election. And again,
23 the sleight for the office of Secretary is
24 Commissioner Fox and Commissioner Hoover. We will
25 start with a show of hands. All those in favor of

1 Commissioner Fox, raise your right hand. Mr.
2 Secretary, call the Commissioners for the ---?

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

4 The vote for Commissioner Fox is
5 Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Weaner, and
6 Commissioner Martone.

7 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

8 And those in favor of Commissioner
9 Hoover, raise your right hand? Please, the names?

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

11 Commissioner Layton, Commissioner
12 Hoover, Commissioner Schlemmer, Commissioner Delaney
13 and Commissioner --- and you.

14 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

15 So we'll confirm ---?

16 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:

17 Commissioner Putnam, yes.

18 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

19 We'll confirm that the vote is five to
20 three.

21 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

22 That's correct.

23 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

24 In favor of Commissioner Hoover. The
25 next office is for the office of the Vice President.

1 I will nominate in the form of the motion for Vice
2 President Commissioner David Putnam. We'll need a
3 second if the Board so chooses.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

5 Seconded.

6 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

7 Second by Commissioner Martone. Is
8 there ---?

9 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

10 Point of order. I don't think it's a
11 requirement that a nomination be seconded. In fact,
12 I'm ---.

13 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

14 Our Counsel can address that.

15 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

16 I don't know that for certain. But if
17 you don't have a second, I don't know how you'd get a
18 motion to accept it.

19 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

20 Well, if the motion is to accept the
21 report of the nominated Commissioner, it's one thing.

22 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

23 Ah, yes.

24 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

25 But if this is a nomination, then that's

1 completely different. I'm not sure which he made.

2 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

3 Yeah, I apologize. They can be brought
4 in. You're correct in the sense that if there's a
5 nomination and there's nobody that is opposing them,
6 there's no need to have seconds and ---.

7 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

8 Well, what is the motion in this?

9 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

10 The motion is for Commissioner Putnam to
11 be nominated to the office of Vice President. And
12 I'll reflect a little further on that. I still want
13 to have a vote to give all the Commissioners the
14 opportunity to vote yes or no for the nominee.

15 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

16 Well, I don't have any problem with what
17 you're doing. I'm just --- want to make sure that
18 we're doing it correctly. Because for example, if
19 there were further nominations, I know for a fact that
20 you do not need a second for those nominations.

21 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

22 Yeah. Call for further nominations.

23 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

24 Okay. That's --- yeah, that's where I'm
25 going. Is there any other nominations from the Board

1 for the office of Vice President? Hearing none, I
2 will call for a vote for Commissioner Putnam to the
3 office of Vice President with a show of your hands.

4 All those in favor of Commissioner
5 Putnam for Vice President, please raise your right
6 hand. Is there any no vote for Commissioner Putnam?
7 If none, Mr. Secretary, call the vote, please.

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

9 The vote on the floor was for Vice
10 President Dave Putnam. And the motion --- and the
11 vote was unanimous.

12 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

13 So we'll move on to the office of
14 President. For the office of President, the
15 nomination is for Commissioner Ron Weaner and for
16 Commissioner Bob Schlemmer. If the Board sees fit, I
17 believe we need a second for that.

18 COMMISSIONER LAYTON:

19 Second.

20 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

21 Motion has been made and seconded. Is
22 there any other nominations for the office of
23 President of the Board of Commissioners? Hearing
24 none, I'll call for a vote. All those in support of
25 Commissioner Bob Schlemmer raise your right hand. And

1 Mr. Secretary, please call the name of those that are
2 voting in the affirmative for Commissioner Schlemmer.

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

4 The vote on the floor is five in favor,
5 with Commissioner Delaney, Commissioner Putnam,
6 Commissioner Schlemmer, Commissioner Hoover and
7 Commissioner Layton.

8 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

9 All those in favor of Commissioner
10 Weaner, please raise your right hand.

11 COMMISSIONER HOOVER:

12 And the vote on the floor is
13 Commissioner Weaner, Commissioner Fox and Commissioner
14 Martone for three.

15 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

16 Mr. Secretary and Mr. President, with
17 the nominations and the elections being covered and
18 closed, we have Secretary Brian Hoover, Vice President
19 Commissioner David Putnam and President Robert
20 Schlemmer. Congratulations, gentlemen.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Thank you. Thank you very much.

23 COMMISSIONER DELANEY:

24 The elections are closed.

25 PRESIDENT:

1 I'd like to say one thing. This marks
2 my 40th year in the Pennsylvania Game Commission. And
3 time went by just about like that. Unbelievable.
4 Always looked for an attaboy from my dad, and he got
5 it today.

6 Another thing we're going to be looking
7 at in the near future in discussion with a few of the
8 Commissioners would be --- like to look at some of the
9 ---. As Commissioner Hough said, we're going to look
10 into the large areas, large cold spots, and see what
11 we can do to do some improvement there. We're already
12 working towards small game enhancement with habitat
13 and so forth. And we're also going to be looking on
14 improving our complement of personnel. We need people
15 with boots on the ground.

16 And speaking of boots on the ground,
17 we're looking forward to having input from all the
18 regions and all the regions' personnel, with their
19 boots on the ground, so we can make proper decisions.

20 Small game, Jay, I appreciate everything
21 you've done in that arena, too. And the bob quail,
22 the bobwhite and the quail people, they're doing great
23 work. And see what we can do in that area, too. So,
24 with that, that will conclude the meeting for today.
25 I thank you all for coming. There'll be a press

1 conference in 15 minutes.

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:55 A.M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, meeting held before President Schlemmer was reported by me on 1/28/2014 and that I Kayla Bolze read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.


Court Reporter