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IN RE: QUARTERLY MEETING

BEFORE: BRIAN H. HOOVER, President
Timothy S. Layton, Vice-President
James R. Daley, Secretary
Charles E. Fox
Michael F. Mitrick
Stanley J. Knick, Jr.

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ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS: Peter Sussenbach, Randy Shoup,
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PRESIDENT HOOVER: I'd like to bring the meeting of the Commissioners January 30th to order. Please rise and pledge allegiance to the flag.

RECITES PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Take a moment and silence your phones, please. Mr. - Mr. Secretary, would you call the roll?

SECRETARY DALEY: Brian Hoover?

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Here.

SECRETARY DALEY: Vice-President Layton?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Here.

SECRETARY DALEY: Secretary Daley is here. Commissioner Fox?

COMMISSIONER FOX: Here.

SECRETARY DALEY: Commissioner Mitrick?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Here.

SECRETARY DALEY: Commissioner Knick?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Here.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. At this time, I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on September 26th.
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call a vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no.

Ayes have it.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Today, the first thing that will come before the Commission in the agenda is from the Bureau of Wildlife Management. It's proposed rulemaking to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 139.4 relating to Pennsylvania bag limits for the license year to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2018/2019 license year.

The 2018/2019 seasons and bag limits have been amended to reflect current available scientific data, population and harvest records, field surveys and special staff observations as well as recommendations received from staff, organized sporting groups, members of the agricultural community and others interested in the management of the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.
In regard to small game season, the staff is proposing to eliminate the hen pheasant restriction in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C and 5B. Staff has determined that allowing harvest of both male and female pheasants in these WMUs is appropriate because they do not contain Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas. There is no evidence that these units are capable of sustaining huntable populations of wild pheasants under current landscape habitat conditions, and either sex hunting would provide additional hunting opportunity, especially for youth hunters, and allow for more efficient use and distribution of game farm pheasants.

The male only restriction would continue in WMUs 4E and 5A, which contain active Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas. In regards to black bear season, staff is recommending a new four-day extended firearms seasons in WMUs 4A and 5A and an increase from four to six days in the length of the extended firearms season in WMU 3A.

These changes are intended to prevent increases in bear populations and bear/human conflicts within these WMUs.

For furbearers, staff is proposing that 2 WMUs, 4B and 4C, be opened to fisher trapping.
Fisher population indices in these units are comparable to those in other units where fisher harvest is occurring sustainably, and staff and constituents have recommended this expansion of harvest opportunity.

There are no proposed changes in turkey, deer, or elk seasons.

The text of this proposal is on pages three through ten of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: We have in front of us proposed rulemaking for seasons and bag limits. Do we have a motion to accept?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: And do I get a second?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: These are preliminary seasons and bag limits. Is there any discussion?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: I just have a question for you. With regard to opening up both sex hunting, 2A, 2C, 4C and 5B, did we check with all the local type of guys? Are they okay with that even though - because I know I had some conversations with some and they said, you know, we'd still like to see
the restriction because, you know, there's still some reproduction going on. What's your feedback?

**MR. GREGG:** Wild pheasant numbers aren't zero in that area, but they are very low. We have had some contact with - personally, I talk more to the state chapter more than the local chapter. At least at the state chapter level, I think they see the writing on the wall with these populations and are supportive of the overall increase in overall recreation. And certainly individual landowners will still have the opportunity to not allow pheasant hunters, not allow them to be shot on their property.

**VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON:** Yeah. Because quite honestly, the holdover is generally on private property.

**MR. GREGG:** Correct.

**VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON:** Great. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT HOOVER:** Any other questions, comments? All right. We have a motion and a second. Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

**SECRETARY DALEY:** All those in favor of accepting the seasons as proposed say aye.

**AYES RESPOND**

**ATTORNEY BECHTEL:** Anyone opposed say
no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is a proposal to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 141.28. The Somerset Wild Pheasant Recovery Area, or WPRA, was established by the Commission in 2009. From 2009 to 2011, 964 wild pheasants were trapped and transferred to the WPRA and annual population and habitat monitoring have continued through 2017. Population surveys show that current wild pheasant numbers in this WPRA are very low and much lower than the initial population at the conclusion of releases.

Staff have concluded that due to habitat conditions, weather severity or a combination of these factors, a huntable wild pheasant population is not achievable or sustainable on this WPRA, and that in keeping with guidelines established in the Pennsylvania Ring necked Pheasant Management Plan for unsuccessful WPRAs, the Somerset WPRA should be dissolved and the area should be reopened to either sex pheasant hunting and to the stocking of game farm pheasants. The text is shown on page 11.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
COMMISSIONER FOX: So moved.
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Yeah. I think I'd just like to say, Mr. President, that we fought the good fight. We - we tried it down in Somerset and it just didn't work out. The - the people that were helping out with the - the WPRA realized that it wasn't going anywhere, and they've accepted the fact that the WPRA has got to go.

So appreciate the staff and everything they've done down there, the people down in the region who worked hard to try to make that work, but it's just one of those areas that we - we can't do, so -.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: I do have a question on stocking birds. As these birds are in the WPRA not necessarily on state game lands if I'm correct, we're not stocking birds on top of them then. Correct?

I mean, when we dissolve the WPRA are we going to continually - are we going to put birds on top of these birds?

MR. GREGG: Well, that would depend on how those areas fit within the stocking protocol. And I'm not sure, Bob, if you know if that's been evaluated at all. The place is actually suitable for stocking within what's currently the WPRA.
MR. BOYD: It would be stocking mostly on public land, particular game lands, maybe some other access properties if they meet the size and habitat requirements we can stock there, but I don't know that that occurs on the WPRA in Somerset and private land.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Okay.

So there is a possibility that these birds will remain and continue to produce?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: They're all - they're all on private land.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Right.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Yeah.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: That's my point.

Okay.

Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, could you call a vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor say - yeah, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is from the Bureau of Wildlife Protection. This concerns
adopted rulemaking to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 147.102 relating to application, examination and fees to expand the falconry examination period to year round testing and to require advanced scheduling of examinations. The text is shown on page 13 of your agenda.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no.

Carried.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is the proposed rulemaking to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 141 appendix G relating to hunting hours to replace the current hunting hours table and migratory bird hunting hours table to accurately reflect the dates and hours of legal hunting for the 2018/2019 hunting license year.

The Commission is also proposing to amend Section 141.4, relating to hunting
hours, by eliminating the hunting hours closure of
mourning dove season prior to noon during the first
mourning dove season.

The Commission has progressively
expanded the length of the first mourning dove season
over the past few years and has determined that a
simplified hunting hours standard is preferred over a
split hunting hours structure or an extension of the
restricted hunting hours period during the now longer
first mourning dove season.

The elimination of this text will
cause hunting hours for mourning dove hunting to
default to the hunting hours standard for migratory
birds. One half hour before sunrise until sunset.
The text is shown on pages 14 through 16 of your
agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.
COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or
comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr.
Secretary, call the vote.
SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor
signify by saying aye.
AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no.

Carried.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 141.43, 141.44 and 141.47. In an effort to expand hunting opportunities within the Commonwealth, the Commission is proposing to amend those sections to authorize the use of semiautomatic, centerfire shotguns for firearms deer, bear and elk seasons.

The Commission has historically permitted the use of semiautomatic shotguns for deer and bear seasons within most areas defined as special regulations areas. The Commission is proposing to extend this authorization to the remainder of the Commonwealth. The text is shown on pages 17 and 18 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Can I get a motion?

COMMISSIONER FOX: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Second?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? I will make one. The use of semiautomatic shotguns has been in - in effect in the special regulations area for over 30
years without incident, so this - this move just opens it up to the rest of the state and allows the rest of the hunters to use some of the current weapons that are available that are very accurate.

So I think it's a very good progression forward. Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no.

Carried.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is a proposal to create 58 Pa. Code, Section 141.29 relating to hunting mourning doves over managed fields. To authorize the hunting and taking of mourning doves in areas where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as a result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed where grown.

This authorization will not authorize the hunting of any other species in these managed areas. The text is shown on page 19 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: So moved.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: And a second?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: All opposed say no. Secretary Daley cast the only no vote. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is a proposal. The Commission is proposing to amend Section 141.1 relating to special regulations areas and eliminate Sections 147.681 through 147.686 relating to purpose, permit eligibility and use, operation, records and reports, suspension of baiting sites and violations, to eliminate the baiting permit and reporting requirements.

All other standards and requirements will remain the same. The text is shown on pages 20 through 24 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do we have a motion?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Second?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: We have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call a vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed no.

Carried.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next proposal the Commission is proposing to amend Section 147.316 and 147.317 relating to application and permit to require junior hunters to obtain a free pheasant hunting - to obtain a free pheasant permit to hunt pheasants within the Commonwealth.

The Commission is also proposing to amend Section 147.317 to exempt additional individuals from the pheasant permit requirement, including individuals currently exempted from licensure by statute and also individuals hunting and taking privately acquired propagated pheasants on private lands.

This latter change will allow privately acquired pheasants to be hunted and killed
on private property without requirement of a pheasant permit or its associated fee. This exemption will not apply to private lands designated by agreement as cooperative access lands.

This exemption will also require that any pheasants hunted, taken or possessed under this paragraph must be banded, tagged, marked or receipted in accordance with the requirements of Section 2930 of the Act relating to propagation permits. The text is shown on pages 25 and 26 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners?

SECRETARY DALEY: I have one.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Mr. Commissioner Daley.

SECRETARY DALEY: Randy, I guess, you know, I understand why we want to do this so we know how many pheasant hunters are out there, but the way that licenses get issued and there's an issuing agent and issuing fees, how do we get around paying that
issuing agent giving them this new permit?

MR. SHOUP: I believe that in this particular case it gives us not only data of how many hunters we've got involved, but it also gives us the opportunity to potentially get additional grant monies because -.

SECRETARY DALEY: I understand, but how do we not charge the $.90 that goes to issuing agents?

MR. SHOUP: Well, we would get grant monies that would cover those fees.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: I will clarify a little bit on the pheasant permit and the reason that we're eliminating private lands. There are a lot of organizations and clubs out there today that stock their own pheasants. And we did hear from those clubs and organizations that were complaining about the fact that they were putting their own birds out, and then having to purchase a pheasant permit to hunt them. That was not the intent.

The intent was to pay for the program that the Game Commission presents and puts onto its own lands. So that's the - the reason for exempting those individuals that are hunting on private property and placing their own birds on the landscape.
Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners?

**VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON:** Yeah, Mr. President. Randy, I agree with the free permit because I think we need to keep those numbers, but I think that - Rich and I had talked about this after the - the free - we weren't charging junior hunters for - for our stamp. Are we affording the opportunity to purchase a stamp for junior hunters or is it just free?

Because I think there are some people out there that I have spoken to that said, you know, if it was available we'd buy it. It's like the voluntary license. Do we have that? I don't believe that is something we have explored as an option.

**MR. SHOUP:** That would be - that would be - changes in the PALS system, depending on how we configure the system to allow issuance of the permit.

**VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON:** Yeah. I mean, I don't want the agency to spend any more money. If it's going to cost money, then we'll just keep it the way it is, but maybe that's something that we could look at and make it a voluntary purchase.

**MR. SHOUP:** Make it an option whether they want a free permit or whether they pay for it.
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Absolutely. Right.

MR. SHOUP: Yeah, we can take a look at that.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. Carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is the proposal to amend 58 Pa. Code Section 135.41 relating to state game lands to require any person installing, using or occupying an elevated tree stand and other similar elevated device or platforms to securely attach their person to the tree, tree stand or other similar device or platform using a fall restraint device.

The text is shown on page 27 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I would like to
make a motion to detain to the next meeting this proposal so that the language could be cleaned up. This way it's written here includes putting up stands on properties other than game lands. So that - that language needs to be straightened out. So I propose to postpone it until the next meeting and allow our staff to finalize the language.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: We have a motion to table. Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: I'll second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners?

SECRETARY DALEY: Just one, Brian. I think in the interim we really should be looking for some kind of an awareness campaign as to how many hunters really do get hurt using stands without fall restraints, and also for the suspension relief that we're looking at in this regulation. So in the interim we could certainly begin that campaign.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: I would also point out that in the current - the way the current regulations are written, anyone using an elevated stand or platform would be required to utilize a fall restraint system, which would include box stands, tripods and elevated blinds.
So we would need to fully implement changes in there to deal with those stands where you wouldn't even be able to utilize a fall restraint system if we're going to move forward on — with any kind of regulations.

Any other questions or comments?

Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor of tabling this for the time being signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. It carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management. It concerns adopted rulemaking to effectively manage the wildlife resources in this Commonwealth.

The Game Commission at the September 26th, 2017 meeting amended Sections 135.2 and 135.48 through 135.55, and add Chapter 147, Subchapter AA, relating to disabled person access permit, to permit the use of wheelchairs anywhere persons may lawfully walk, define mobility devices, provide for the use of mobility devices and motor vehicles on suitable
designated routes on state game lands, and define the
parameters of acceptable use of mobility devices on
state game lands to avoid or minimize damage to
wildlife resources or conflicts with other lawful
users of the state game land system.

The text is shown on pages 29 through 34 of your agenda. I would mention that since the
working group meeting there have been some floor
amendments developed by Staff and those are not part
of this proposal and would need to be voted on
separately once the adoption is put in play.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Okay.
So we need to take a - I need a motion
to accept the provisions as presented?

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Yes.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Motion.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?
COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Okay.
We do have in front of us three
changes to the regulations. Would someone like to
make a motion to accept the three changes to the
regulations?

COMMISSIONER Kニック: So moved.
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.

MR. SUSSENBACK: Mr. President, if I may, I'll explain some of the changes.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Please.

MR. SUSSENBACK: The first several changes relate to some contradictory - there is verbiage there in regards to Section 2308(a)(7) and 2923 and those - those two - first two amendments actually clarify that and that's relating to hunting in a moving vehicle with a firearm, things like that or persons without a disabled person's permit. So that kind of clarifies some of that information and cleans up the language that the Commission had proposed.

The second one is very basic. It relates to speed of operation on designated routes. These designated routes would be open for both motor vehicle use and the OPMD and other devices. And to have one person going one speed and another person going another speed probably wasn't the safest thing that we could have proposed. So there's a modification there.

And the last one related to the - the weights of the devices. Through some of this information I gathered from disabled hunters - also
some independent review of some of the weights of the
machines, battery-operated machines in particular have
much higher weight.

We evaluated that with staff and felt
pretty comfortable raising the weight from 1,200
pounds to 1,800 pounds to accommodate those types of
vehicles.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Okay.

So specifically the changes were, one,
to raise the weight limit from 1,200 pounds to 1,800
pounds?

MR. SUSSENBACH: Correct.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: The speed limit in
- it was in excess of 10. It's now 25?

MR. SUSSENBACH: Correct.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: And the first was -
would you let me know what the first one was?

MR. SUSSENBACH: That was the
regulation in regard to 2308(a)(7) of Title 34 and 2923
of Title 34 relating to having motor vehicle - loaded
firearms in vehicles that were in motion and just to
basically clarify some of that. That is currently in
the permitting process and the requirements that are
needed to do that.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: So persons using
motorized vehicles on state game land are subject to
the restrictions of loaded firearms in, on or against
a vehicle as in 20 - Section 2503 and except as may be
otherwise authorized under 2923?

MR. SUSSENBACK: Correct.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Okay.

Thank you. We have a - we have a
motion and a second on the original and a motion and a
second on the - on the -.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Do you want to
do the amendments first?

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do the amendments
first?

Okay.

So let's - Mr. Secretary, would you
call the vote on the amendment?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor
of the amendment signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say
no. The amendment carries.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: And now we will
call the vote on the amended regulation. Go ahead.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor
of the amended regulation signify by saying aye.
AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. It carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item concerns proposed rulemaking. Commission is proposing to create Section 135.183 relating to archery ranges to authorize the manners of usage of archery ranges established by the Commission. These changes will not include a requirement that individuals using archery ranges acquire a range permit, hunting or trapping license or meet other exemption criteria. The text is shown on pages 35 and 36 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER FOX: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: And a second?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Would you explain the changes, please?

MR. SUSSENBACH: Sure. So with the - this past fall we had one of the first archery ranges on state game land, which is a new program. Basically, it's a hunter education grant that was utilized to fund that. It's pretty unique, so we decided we needed to protect our resource out there
and protect users as well. So that's why these regulations were put in effect, to hopefully prolong use of that without major maintenance on the site, vandalism, things like that, and at the same time giving people opportunities to — to enjoy the outdoors and enjoy archery shooting.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: So there is maintenance involved in it. Is there a reason that we're not requiring a permit or a hunting license?

MR. SUSSENBACH: It was discussed amongst staff and at this point we really don't know what the — what the true ultimate potential for maintenance cost would be.

It's much different than utilization at one of our rifle ranges. Our rifle ranges require, you know, weekly maintenance, sometimes maintenance after just a couple of days because of the intensive use and the nature of firing a rifle down range.

The other aspect of it, more importantly, is the fact that these things were completed entirely using Pittman Robertson funds, which is a fairly unique funding source for the upkeep, maintenance and the actual design implementation of a shooting range, something we have
not really done with any of our ranges - rifle ranges more specifically.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Does that preclude us in the future from requiring a permit or a hunting license to utilize once we find out the actual cost of upkeep?

MR. SUSSENBACK: I don't believe so, but there may be some implications if we're using Pittman Robertson, kind of a double dipping scenario here. There's probably some implications there.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call a vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item concerns real estate and donation, contract number L-3722 state game land number 44, Elk County. George E. Brosky, George T. Brosky, Paul N. Brosky, Yvonne M. Brosky, William T. Brosky and Cynthia L. Williams, referred to as the Broskys, are offering to donate right-of-way access across land located in Horton
Township, Elk County, adjoining State Game Land number 44 as shown on Exhibit RED 1 on page 39 of your agenda.

During survey work on State Game Land number 44 it was discovered Broskys own an irregular shaped narrow strip of land which bisects a corner of State Game Land number 44 preventing access to Drummond Road. The narrow strip contains 0.121 acres of land. The Broskys reserve the right to use the right-of-way provided such use does not impair access to game lands. The Commission shall maintain the road except that any damage done by Broskys due to timber or other heavy truck traffic related to work on their property shall be repaired at the Broskys' cost and expense.

The Broskys retain the ability to negotiate with the Commission for fees associated with commercial heavy hauling. Neither party shall be responsible for plowing snow in the winter, but either may do so at their own expense.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: We have a donation in front of us. Do I have a motion?  

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.  

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?  

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any discussion or comments from the Commissioners?

SECRETARY DALEY: I have a question.

So looking at this map, is it just this little yellow area in the lower left that kind of crosses over the road? That's the piece we're talking about?

MR. SUSSENBACH: That's correct.

SECRETARY DALEY: Okay.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any other questions or comments from the Commission? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is contract number L-3723 state game land number 41 Blair County. Alton G. Ebersole is offering to donate eight more or less acres of land in Greenfield Township, Blair County adjoining State Game Land number 41 as shown in Exhibit RED 2 on page 41 of your agenda. The property is forested with mixed northern hardwoods with dogwood, sumac, witch-hazel and devil's
club in the understory.

    An overhead electric transmission line bisects the tract. Access is through existing State Game Land number 41.

    PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do we have a motion?

    COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

    PRESIDENT HOOVER: Second?

    COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.

    PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

    SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

    AYES RESPOND

    SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. Carries.

    ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is a report of a notational vote contract number L-3721 state game land number 115 in Montour County. The following item was sent to the Board of Commissioners on December 15th, 2017 for action through a notational vote and was unanimously approved on December 19th, 2017.

    Thomas G. Stubler and Beth B. Stubler
are offering to donate their two-thirds (2/3) interest
in 601 more or less acres located in Liberty Township,
Montour County adjoining State Game Land number 115 as
shown on Exhibit RED 8 on page 43 of your agenda. The
property is located on the north aspect of Montour
Ridge, is mostly forested with mixed northern
hardwoods and has blueberry, mountain laurel and
rhododendron in the understory.

An overhead electric transmission line
bisects a portion of the property. Access is from
Oakwood Drive. The Stubler's desire is to donate the
property by December 31st, 2017, hence the need for
the notational vote. Settlement was to be held no
later than December 31st, 2017. This is an
informational item only and therefore no action is
required.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is an
acquisition contract number L-3724, State Game Land
number 51, Fayette County.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Inc.
is offering 72 more or less acres of land in Dunbar
Township, Fayette County adjoining State Game Land
number 51 as shown on Exhibit RED 3 on page 45 of your
agenda. The option price is $70,000 lump sum to be
paid by Rice Poseidon Midstream, LLC for compensation
of habitat and recreational losses, which occurred on state game lands from a previously approved project. The property is forested with mixed hardwoods which were recently cut creating an early successional forest in pole stage.

The tract is located within the Youghiogheny Valley, Ohiopyle State Park Important Bird Area and the Chestnut Ridge/Laurel Ridge Important Mammal Area. Bruner Run flows through the property. Ohiopyle State Park adjoins the property along its southeast boundary. Access is through existing State Game Land number 51.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER FOX: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: And second?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Just one, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Go ahead.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So my understanding of this is that even though we list that as an acquisition, we're not actually paying the
money. It's this midstream company that is paying the money as some kind of an offset or something?

    MR. SUSSENBACH: That is correct. It's an offset for a right-of-way that runs through state game lands in the southwest region. So they've identified a sum of money for this to be utilized for acquisitions, and this is actually the first one.

    VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Okay.

    Thank you.

    PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

    SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

    AYES RESPOND

    SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. The motion carries.

    ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is contract number L-3725, State Game Land number 312, Lackawanna and Wayne Counties. Wildlands Conservancy, Inc. is offering 509 more or less acres of land in Clifton Township, Lackawanna County and Lehigh and Sterling Townships, Wayne County adjoining State Game Land number 312 as shown on Exhibit RED 4 on page 47 of your agenda.
The option price is $290,000 lump sum to be paid with funds from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses, which occurred on state game lands from previously approved projects. The property is forested with northern hardwoods, and hemlock and spruce in wetland areas, plus approximately 15 acres of forest openings. Located at the headwaters of the Lehigh River, the section of the main stem of the Lehigh River flowing through the middle of the property is designated as an exceptional value waterway by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

The property contains 2.5 miles of streams with over 230 acres of high quality riparian and wetland habitat, including a 45 acre former impoundment created by a manmade dam which has been drawn down. Multiple plant species listed as Pennsylvania Threatened and Species of Special Concern are known to occur on the site. The habitat is conducive to support snowshoe hare. Access is from Lehigh Road and Route 507.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
COMMISSIONER FOX: So moved.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?
COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: I have a motion and a second. Questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the roll - call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Those opposed say no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is an exchange contract number L-3726, State Game Land number 115 in Montour County. Donald B. Ross (Ross) is offering to exchange his one-third interest in two-thirds of the 601 more or less acres of land located on the north aspect of Montour Ridge in three tracts in Liberty Township, Montour County referenced as Montour County tax parcels numbers 4-20-44, 4-21-49 and 4-21-51. Two of the tracts adjoin State Game Lands number 115 as shown in Exhibit RED 5 on page 49 of your agenda.

In exchange, the Commission will transfer to Ross a two-thirds interest in one-third of the 601 more or less acres. The portion of the property acquired by Ross will generally be the northern portion of tax parcels numbers 4-21-49 and
4-21-51, which consist of approximately 536 acres. The Commission will generally acquire the southern portion of tax parcel numbers 4-21-49 and 4-21-51, as well as all of tax parcel number 4-20-44 consisting of 65 more or less acres.

Conveyance will be based on actual acres. After the conveyance area is delineated Ross will own 200 more or less acres and the Commission will own 401 more or less acres. The Commission's 401 more or less acres will consist of 65 acres of tax parcel 4-20-44 and the remaining 336 more or less acres of tax parcel numbers 4-21-49 and 4-21-51, which will adjoin State Game Land number 115. The property is forested with mixed northern hardwoods with blueberry, mountain laurel and rhododendron in the understory.

An overhead electric transmission line bisects tax parcel numbers 4-21-49 and 4-21-51. Access is from Oakwood Drive. The effect of this transaction when consummated would be to eliminate the undivided ownership and provide 100 percent ownership control to the Commission and Ross for the acreage remaining in their respective ownerships.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: I know there's got to be some interest in this.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Well, we figured it out. You want to explain that? It's a one-third, two thirds deal.

MR. SUSSENBACH: Correct.

So what occurred back in December was the start of this entire process and deal. We acquired two-thirds of 601 acres. That was from the Stublers. Mr. Ross owned one-third interest and the remaining entire acres. So this is just clearing this entire mess up so that he owns free and clear his one-third interest and we own free and clear essentially our two-thirds interest on the property. And the properties that we are acquiring are adjacent to game lands and then this outlier to the west.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So the only other question I have is are we assuming at some point we're going to get those indentures and close that in or is that -?

MR. SUSSENBACH: Hopefully, ultimately we can work something out to start to fill in those indentures and - you know, this is a relatively small
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Yeah.

MR. SUSSENBACK: So having another 400 acres, huntable acres in this area - this is right outside of the town of Danville, which is our ground and it is in close proximity to many other populations. This has some really neat habitat on it, and once we start managing, getting our hands into it, it'd be a great place to hunt.

SECRETARY DALEY: Pete, just another question. Looking at the - looking at the RED 5 or the RED 8 Exhibit, there's these two holes on a couple of the tax parcels. Who owns those and why are these holes in there?

MR. SUSSENBACK: You know, you just got - look at the - the chain of title and the events that occurred long ago and how these properties were acquired by Ross. They - they basically cobble together a bunch of pieces out there. They were - they were doing some - some cuttings and logging. In fact, what was driving the interest of Mr. Ross is the fact his grandfather had a sawmill on the eastern end of the property, and he wanted - he wants to retain that area as well as the - the land to the north of there. So I think it was just the way they cobbled
things together long ago.

SECRETARY DALEY: Okay.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed. No? The ayes have it.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next thing is contract number L-3727, State Game Land number 172 in Bradford County. Appalachia Midstream Services, LLC, Appalachia, is offering 17.14 more or less acres of land in Wilmot Township, Bradford County adjacent to State Game Land number 172 as shown on Exhibit RED 6 on your agenda, in exchange for a license for right-of-way granting the privilege of constructing, operating, maintaining and removing a natural gas pipeline on State Game Land number 36 in Monroe Township, Bradford County.

Appalachia has agreed to subdivide and convey this land to the Commission, in addition to paying the Commission's standard habitat, surface and
timber damages, the Commission's standard annual license fee for as long as the license remains active, and providing an additional $315,000 for the acquisition of additional land by the Commission.

The License authorizes 5,564 feet of 16 inch natural gas pipeline in a 50 foot wide right-of-way as shown on Exhibit RED 7 on page 51 of your agenda.

Appalachia is also authorized to use and reclaim approximately 0.79 acres of temporary workspace outside of the right-of-way for initial construction and reclamation.

The habitat of the tract offered by Appalachia is a mix of reverting fields and woodlots. Access is through existing State Game Land number 172.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
COMMISSIONER FOX: So moved.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: A second?
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, call the vote.
SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.
AYES RESPOND
SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item concerns oil, gas and minerals in a non-surface use oil and gas cooperative agreement tract 12-364-18, State Game Land number 12 and 36, Bradford County.

Chief Exploration and Development, LLC or Chief of Dallas, Texas has requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under a portion of State Game Land numbers 12 and 36 for non-surface use development.

The proposed tract, containing approximately 2,536 more or less gross acres is located in Franklin and Overton Townships, Bradford County, as shown in Exhibit OGM 1 on page 55 of your agenda. Chief currently holds agreements to operate on approximately 25,951 acres of State Game Land numbers 12 and 36 consisting of both Commission owned and severed gas rights. Chief will access the 2,536 acre reserve from its current and planned drilling operations on adjacent areas of State Game Land numbers 12 and 36 by horizontal drilling with no additional surface use or disturbance to the game lands.

OGM staff has negotiated the proposed
terms of the agreement with Chief in an effort to prudently develop the Commission's oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land numbers 12 and 36. The terms of the agreement are a five year, paid up, non-surface use oil and gas agreement, a $2,350 per net oil and gas acre bonus payment and 21 percent royalty for all oil/gas and other liquids or condensates produced and sold from the proposed tract.

The bonus payment of approximately $5,959,600 may be deposited either into the Game Fund or into an interest-bearing escrow account to be used for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking and wildlife resource management. The payment will be made in two installments of $2,979,800. The first payment will be made in July 2018 and the second will be due in July 2019. Future rentals and royalties owed the Commission shall be deposited directly into the Game Fund.

Oil and gas development will be regulated by the Commonwealth's oil and gas regulations and the Commission's Standard Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is a Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement Tract 302A-18, State Game Land number 302 in Washington and Greene Counties.

CNX Gas Company, LLC, or CNX of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania has requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under a portion of State Game Land number 302 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract containing approximately 103 more or less gross acres is located in West Finley Township, Washington County and Richhill Township, Greene County as shown on Exhibit OGM 2 on page 57 of your agenda.

CNX has a strong, privately owned
oil/gas lease position surrounding this portion of State Game Land number 302. They have initiated unconventional well drilling and development in the vicinity of the proposed tract, and also have the ability to unitize and develop the Commission's oil and gas reserve under the proposed tract by horizontal drilling with no surface use or disturbance to the game land.

OGM staff has negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with CNX in an effort to prudently develop the Commission's oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land number 302. The terms of the agreement are a five year, paid up Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Agreement, a $4,500 per net oil and gas acre bonus payment and 19 percent royalty for all oil/gas and other liquids or condensates produced and sold from the proposed tract. The bonus payment of approximately $454,500 may be deposited either into the Game Fund or into an interest bearing escrow account to be used for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking and wildlife resource management. Future rentals and royalties owed the Commission shall be directly
deposited into the Game Fund.

Oil and gas development will be regulated by the Commonwealth's Oil and Gas regulations and the Commission's Standard Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: So moved.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments from the Commissioners?

SECRETARY DALEY: Just one.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Commissioner Daley.

SECRETARY DALEY: Pete, looking at OGM 2 right along the creek, it's probably the fork of Wheeling Creek or whichever Creek that is. What is the red mark that's up here by itself right over top of the creek?

MR. SUSSENBACH: I'll have to defer that to Mike DiMatto on that.

MR. DIMATTO: It's part of - it's acreage in Washington County that's a small piece of the oil and gas rights along there.

SECRETARY DALEY: It just seems odd. It's like a peanut sized piece of -.
MR. SUSSENbach: Yeah, it's a small piece that was determined to be on that piece of oil and gas there -.

SECRETARY DALEY: Okay.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any other questions or comments?

Pete, I just want to thank you for all the work that you guys do. You know, you're constantly busy and working on these, and it turns out you've done a pretty good job in negotiating some decent terms for these last two agreements. So thank you, guys.

MR. SUSSENbach: It's a great team approach and I've got some really hard working individuals that are - that are really driving this right now and doing an excellent job.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do we expect to see more of this or is this settling down?

MR. SUSSENbach: You know, a lot of this is being market driven or common sense driven for areas that - you know, that they can reach out to. They don't need additional surface support. I mean, one part of this is 2,500 acres. They don't have to put any well pads or anything. They just want to reach out from existing infrastructure and reach some
of those areas. So I think it was - I think we are going to see some more of this, but really again driven, you know, by what's happening not only on the game lands, but more importantly in a lot of areas happening around us.

There's places that, you know, we could stop them right at the boundary line, but ultimately if we decided to go after those gas reserves it was going to require some significant impacts to the game lands that we are trying to avoid whenever possible.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. Any other questions or -?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Yeah. And I just wanted - I'm glad you touched on that. The fact that we're not - there is no surface damage is a - is a true positive because I do know we've got so many game lands now that are just torn up. And the fact that we can - we can get some income without surface damage I think is an accolade to you guys, too.

MR. SUSSENBACH: So far.

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Yeah, thanks.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners?

Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you
call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. The motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is a Non-Coal Surface Mining Lease Amendment, U.S. Silica Company Tract 112A-00 in Brady Township, Huntingdon County. U.S. Silica Company of Mapleton Depot, PA has requested an amendment to Lease Tract 112A-00 to add 65.5 support acres on a portion of State Game Land number 112 located in Brady Township, Huntingdon County as shown on Exhibit OGM 3 on page 59 of your agenda.

The additional acres are needed for erosion and sedimentation control structures and haul roads for proposed Phase V mining that is within the existing agreement area. In exchange for the additional acreage, and to offset the surface impact to the game land, U.S. Silica will convey two parcels of land totaling 79 more or less acres valued at $72,000 as shown on Exhibit OGM 4 on page 60 of your agenda.

Pay for surface damages in herbaceous,
approximately 35.5 acres, and forested, which is approximately acres, areas at $1,600 per acre and $1,728 per acre respectively. Pay current market value for timber at double stumpage rate, provide public and administrative right-of-way across State Game Land number 112 across approximately 0.7 miles of a 172 acre tract owned by U.S. Silica as shown on Exhibit OGM 5 on page 61 of your agenda, and provide the Commission up to 5,000 cubic yards of waste rock material of specific size and shape from mining operations, if available, for creating wildlife habitat.

U.S. Silica has also committed to a future project or resources that would further enhance game land habitat. All payments will be deposited into the Game Fund. Mining will continue to be regulated by the Commonwealth's mining regulations and the Commission's existing Non-Coal Surface Mining Lease with U.S. Silica.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a motion?
VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: So moved.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?
COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Pete, do you want to break that down for us?
MR. SUSSENBACH: Certainly. So there's an existing mine out there right now and they are - they're working their way through the game lands and they need some additional support on either side because they - they just can't get traffic in there. So they need to be able to manage for their road and their - the slope and contour of the existing mine site.

So this is just allowing them to recover some additional material, probably more than anything to stabilize surfaces, giving them those roadway accesses. And in return we're - you know, we're getting 79 acres of property and these additional, you know, things as well.

And in talking to the region just a few minutes before I came up here, you know, the access was big because they do not have access into that portion of Game Land Number 112. So they're excited that they're going to have legitimate lawful access to game lands, so that's a big win for future mining to the property. But more importantly, we get hunters and travelers in there and to be able to utilize that section.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Commissioner Daley?
SECRETARY DALEY: U.S. Silica, I mean, they're mining sand?

MR. SUSSENBACK: Sand, a real high value type of sand.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Opposed say no. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL: And that completes the written portion of this agenda.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Thank you. At this time do we have any old business to come before the Commission?

SECRETARY DALEY: Mr. President, I think there is. If I recall we had tabled a request by Fisher Mining to lease additional lands. Just wanted to — I think we should move to bring that off the table and bring it to some form of a vote today.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do you want to make that in a motion?

SECRETARY DALEY: Yeah. I move that
we bring off the table the Fisher Mining application.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Do I have a second?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Any questions or comments? Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. That carries.

Pete, I guess the reason we tabled this is we weren't sure that we had gotten to our satisfaction resolution of some old issues that were going on with us and Fisher. And I guess I want to get an update from you as to if everything has been settled to the satisfaction of the Commission.

MR. SUSSENBACH: Right.

If I remember correctly, there were four items outstanding and the answer to all of those as not yet. None of those have been resolved.

SECRETARY DALEY: I guess I'm - you know, if we're not gaining any ground, I'd like to make a motion that, you know, we amend this by essentially directing staff not to sign any further leases or agreements for any further mining with
Fisher Mining Company unless and until all of the issues have been settled to the satisfaction of the Commission. That's a motion.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: We have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Who made the second - Stan. We have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments from the Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. That carries.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Is there any other new business that would come before the Commission? I will mention that we did have an executive session after yesterday's meeting that dealt with legal issues and personnel issues. The next working meeting - do we have dates? We do not have dates on the next working group meeting, so they will be announced as we get to that point. Commissioner?

VICE PRESIDENT LAYTON: We have to get those out, too, yeah.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: Okay.
All right.
So they're going to - at that point, we will also get you proposed Commission meeting dates.

At this time, it would be my pleasure to open the floor up for election of officers for the coming year. I did ask everyone to mail in their interests and I did prepare a slate of candidates as committed from the e-mails that I did receive. I would propose that Commissioner Layton be elected as President of the Commission, that Commissioner Daley be elected as Vice President of the Commission and Commissioner Knick be elected as Secretary of the Commission. At this time I'll accept any floor nominations. Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote?

SECRETARY DALEY: Okay.
All those in favor of the slate of officers presented by the -.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Hold on a second.
SECRETARY DALEY: Oh.
PRESIDENT HOOVER: I'll need a second on that.
SECRETARY DALEY: I'm sorry.
COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: Charlie, second.

Now you can call the vote.

SECRETARY DALEY: Okay.

All those in favor of the slate of officers as presented by President Hoover signify by saying aye.

AYES RESPOND

SECRETARY DALEY: Anyone opposed say no. Carries.

PRESIDENT HOOVER: There will be a short executive session dealing with personnel issues, I believe, and that will be it for today's meeting.

Any other comments or questions from the Commissioners?

Oh, we have a press conference also scheduled after the - immediately after - yeah, immediately after this in the - in the cafeteria. Any other questions, comments or proposals from the Commissioners?

Hearing none, thank you all.

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HEARING CONCLUDED AT 9:35 A.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before President Hoover was reported by me on 01/30/2018 and that I, Bernadette M. Black, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Bernadette M. Black,
Court Reporter