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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

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IN RE: PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION FORMAL MEETING

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BEFORE: Charlie E. Fox, President
Stanley I. Knick, Jr., Vice President
Michael Mitrick, Secretary
Scott H. Foradora, Commissioner
Dennis R. Fredericks, Commissioner
Brian Hoover, Commissioner
Timothy Layton, Commissioner
Kristen Schnepf-Giger, Commissioner
Bryan Burhans, Executive Director
Bradley Bechtel, Chief Counsel

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ATTORNEY BECHTEL: All right. So I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Brad Bechtel, Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I will be reading the agenda today.

Mr. President, I presume you would like to call to order the formal meeting. And then we would move onto the formal roll call of Commissioners.

PRESIDENT FOX: Would you call roll please?

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Yes, I will. This is Michael Mitrick, Secretary of the Game Commission calling roll. President Fox, are you there?

PRESIDENT FOX: Present.

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner Knick?

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes, I'm here.

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Michael Mitrick present. Commissioner Foradora? Mr. Foradora, you may have to unmute your microphone. Are you there? Commissioner Foradora? I saw him listed in the

1 attendance.

2 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: I'm here. Can
3 you hear me?

4 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Yes, we can
5 now. Thank you.

6 Commissioner Fredericks?

7 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Here.

8 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
9 Hoover?

10 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Here.

11 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
12 Layton? Commissioner Schnepf-Giger?

13 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Present.

14 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: President Fox,
15 all the - all the Commissioners are accounted for.

16 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: President Fox, the
17 first item on the agenda would be the approval of the
18 minutes of the Commission meeting held April 7th,
19 2020. Would you like to entertain a motion to
20 approve those?

21 PRESIDENT FOX: Do I hear a motion to
22 approve the minutes?

23 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: This is Brian
24 Hoover, so moved.

25 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second

1 PRESIDENT FOX: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 AYES RESPOND

4 PRESIDENT FOX: Opposed? Motion
5 carried.

6 Mr. Bechtel, will you guide us from
7 here on?

8 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Thank you, Mr.
9 President.

10 The first item on the agenda comes
11 from the Bureau of Wildlife Management. It concerns
12 proposed rulemaking to amend 58 PA Code Section
13 147.746, relating to exceptions for resident Canada
14 geese, to align state level regulations with recent
15 federal amendments to depredation orders.

16 Depredation orders for resident Canada
17 geese were established in federal and state
18 regulations in 2006 and have been successful in
19 providing effective individuals and businesses with
20 methods to reduce goose-related damage and conflicts,
21 especially in situations where recreational hunting
22 is impractical or insufficient for population
23 control.

24 Based on a recent review of the
25 existing depredation orders which found the

1 timeframes for certain control activities to be
2 overly restrictive, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
3 Service has amended depredation order regulations to
4 allow nest and egg control to occur at any time of
5 year and to expand the previous May through August
6 time period for take under the agricultural
7 depredation order to also include the month of April
8 in the Atlantic Flyaway.

9 Incorporating these federal changes in
10 state regulations is not expected to result in a
11 large increase in take of Canada geese and will have
12 little to no impact on overall goose populations.

13 However, individual landowners,
14 property managers and agricultural producers will
15 benefit from additional flexibility to address
16 localized instances of negative impacts from this
17 species.

18 The text is shown on pages two and
19 three of your agenda.

20 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

22 PRESIDENT FOX: Second?

23 Do we have a second?

24 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Commissioner
25 Fredericks, second.

1 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion? All those
2 in favor say aye.

3 AYES RESPOND

4 PRESIDENT FOX: Opposed? Motion
5 carried.

6 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Mr. President and
7 Commissioners, the next item is also from the Bureau
8 of Wildlife Protection. It is on an insert to your
9 agenda and a handout on the screen.

10 This concerns proposed rulemaking to
11 amend 58 PA Code Section 141.18. With the recent
12 passage of House Bill 1188 the Pennsylvania Game
13 Commission now has the regulatory oversight to
14 approve the use of night vision equipment.

15 Each year the Commission is asked to
16 review the perspective use of certain devices for
17 hunting or trapping purposes that are otherwise
18 prohibited by statute or regulation.

19 As part of the review process the
20 Commission generally reviews to what degree use of a
21 given device might negatively impact principals of
22 resource conservation, equal opportunity, fair chase
23 or public safety.

24 The Commission has recently been
25 requested to formally review the use of handheld and

1 firearm mounted night vision and infrared optics for
2 furbearer hunting. The Commission has reviewed these
3 devices and determined that their use will have no or
4 negligible negative impacts to the previously
5 mentioned principals.

6 The Commission is proposing to amend
7 Section 141.18 relating to permitted devices, to
8 authorize the use of handheld and firearm mounted
9 night vision and infrared optics used solely for
10 furbearer hunting. The text is shown on your insert.

11 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have a motion?

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: So moved, Brian
13 Hoover.

14 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have a second?

15 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Second is
16 Scott Foradora.

17 PRESIDENT FOX: All those in favor say
18 aye.

19 AYES RESPOND

20 PRESIDENT FOX: Okay. Is there any
21 discussion on that motion? All those in favor say
22 aye.

23 AYES RESPOND

24 PRESIDENT FOX: Opposed? Motion
25 carried.

1 At this point, we really would like to
2 thank Representative Parke Wentling for his efforts
3 in supporting this legislation.

4 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is
5 on page four of your agenda. It's also from the
6 Bureau of Wildlife Protection. It concerns proposed
7 rulemaking to amend 58 PA Code Sections 141.43 and
8 141.44.

9 Current regulations concerning deer
10 and bear hunting require that when a firearm is used,
11 that is a centerfire firearm that propels single-
12 projectile ammunition. Unlike elk regulations, the
13 deer and bear hunting regulations do not establish
14 any minimum caliber or projectile weight
15 requirements. There are are several centerfire
16 cartridges which are clearly designed for small game,
17 varmint and predator hunting.

18 The Commission has determined these
19 calibers cannot be used to ethically harvest deer and
20 bear. This list includes, but is not limited to, the
21 .17 Hornet, the .17 Remington, the .17 Remington
22 Fireball, the .22 Hornet and the .204 Ruger. These
23 centerfire rifle calibers are currently lawful but
24 largely inadequate for deer and bear hunting.

25 Beyond the calibers already mentioned

1 there are many .22 caliber centerfire cartridges
2 which were designed for varmint or predator hunting,
3 although some would argue they are adequate for deer
4 hunting under the right circumstances.

5 Considerations that would make a
6 marginal cartridge minimally acceptable would be
7 premium bullets, reloading, taking close shots that
8 are at right angles and not quartering away, et
9 cetera.

10 The list includes but is not limited
11 to the .218 Bee, the .220 Swift, the .221 Fireball,
12 the .222 Remington, .223 Remington, .22-250 Remington
13 and .224 Weatherby.

14 A survey of the Northeast Chiefs
15 regarding lawful calibers for big game in their
16 states yielded various information as is shown in
17 your agenda, what is legal or not legal in those
18 states.

19 As the wildlife management agency for
20 the Commonwealth the Commission has determined that
21 we could do more to encourage humane harvests with
22 sporting arms that are appropriate for the game being
23 hunted. This proposal will reduce the occurrence of
24 lost or injured game animals.

25 The Commission is proposing to amend

1 Sections 141.43 and 141.44 to require that firearms
2 used to hunt deer and bear be .24 caliber or greater.
3 The text is shown on page five of your agenda.

4 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have a motion?

5 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
6 President, this is Commissioner Fredericks. In the
7 interest of opening a discussion, I'd like to move.

8 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: I'll second
9 that. This is Commissioner Foradora - only for
10 discussion though.

11 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
12 President, this is Commissioner Fredericks again.
13 With your pleasure I'd like to read a statement that
14 I have prepared on this issue.

15 Is that okay?

16 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: I'd like to
18 thank all of our hunters that have weighed in on this
19 discussion via email and public comment. I want to
20 assure you that all the Commissioners read your
21 emails, listen to the public comment and read the
22 letters you send to the Agency. As Commissioners,
23 our intent is to do the right thing for our wildlife
24 resource and the hunters and the wildlife enthusiasts
25 throughout the Commonwealth. We encourage this

1 interaction and strive to work together.

2 As we look at the North American model
3 of wildlife conservation and other conservation
4 plans, they often promote the ethical taking of
5 wildlife. We all, the Pennsylvania Game Commission
6 as well as our Pennsylvania hunters, need to always
7 remember that wildlife comes first.

8 As we have heard from our hunters loud
9 and clear that in trying to eliminate these small
10 calibers for big game hunting, at this time, is not
11 in the best interest of our future, especially when
12 it comes to recruiting younger hunters as well as
13 keeping and retaining aging hunters engaged in our
14 wonderful pastime.

15 I personally requested this select -
16 this language to be drafted. But after reviewing all
17 the public comment I will be voting no to the
18 adoption at this time.

19 As it is our responsibility to follow
20 the North American model, let's collaborate further
21 on this issue and use it as a very positive
22 initiative to ensure the clean and ethical taking of
23 big game.

24 Our hunters are made up of a very
25 diversified skills and knowledge levels. With that

1 said it will be the Pennsylvania Game Commission's
2 focus on helping educate, especially newer hunters,
3 on the correct type of ammunition for smaller
4 calibers, firearms and focused education efforts on
5 shot placement to achieve the most ethical and humane
6 taking of our big game.

7 Our agency will collaborate with the
8 ammunition industry and focus on getting better
9 information to our hunters on the correct ammunition
10 selection for these small calibers for big game with
11 the focus on white tail deer and bear.

12 With these efforts Pennsylvania would
13 continue to lead the nation in educating our hunters
14 and the public of our role as a state wildlife agency.

15 Again, we want to thank each and every
16 one for your emails, phone calls, testimonies on this
17 and every subject for that matter.

18 Remember not everyone is always in the
19 know. And any time any of us can help folks that may
20 be new to the sport, we are just raising the bar in
21 keeping our great state of Pennsylvania the leader
22 when it comes to wildlife management and the
23 incredible hunting lifestyle that we are part of here
24 in the Commonwealth.

25 Thank you, Mr. President.

1 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further
2 discussion? Mr. Secretary, would you call for the
3 vote?

4 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Yes, all in
5 favor?

6 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: In favor of
7 voting no?

8 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: In favor of
9 voting no.

10 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: No

11 PRESIDENT FOX: No.

12 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: I vote
13 no.

14 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Commissioner
15 Fredericks, no.

16 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Commissioner
17 Foradora, no.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER:
19 Commissioner Schnepf-Giger, no.

20 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Commissioner
21 Knick, no.

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Commissioner
23 Hoover, no.

24 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
25 Mitrick, no.

1 PRESIDENT FOX: I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: The motion does
3 not carry. In other words, everybody voted no.

4 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Mr. President and
5 Commissioners, the next item is from the Bureau of
6 Wildlife Habitat Management. It concerns adopted
7 rulemaking to amend 58 PA Code Sections 131.2, 135.2
8 and 135.41.

9 To effectively manage the wildlife
10 resources of this Commonwealth the Commission
11 proposed at its January 25, 2020 meeting to amend
12 sections 131.2, 135.2 and 135.41 to define and allow
13 use of Class I and Class II e-bikes on State game
14 lands in the same manner as traditional bicycles.

15 It is important to note that these
16 amendments do not eliminate current statutory
17 restrictions prohibiting the possessions of loaded
18 firearms in, on or against vehicles propelled by
19 mechanical power under Section 2503 of the Act.

20 The text is shown on pages seven and
21 eight of your agenda. It is important to note,
22 however, that this item was tabled at the last
23 Commission meeting and it requires a motion to remove
24 it from the table before it can be discussed or voted
25 on.

1 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have a motion?

2 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Commissioner,
3 Knick, I'll make a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Commissioner
5 Hoover, I'll second.

6 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have any
7 discussion?

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: This is
9 Commissioner Hoover. I would ask for the support of
10 this motion. I believe that it is in the best
11 interests of our aging population and their inability
12 to reach the deep areas of our game lands, some of
13 which are four to five miles back into the woods.
14 This would certainly allow that population the
15 opportunity to - to again access State property -
16 property that they had hunted in the past, so -.

17 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have any further
18 discussion? Mr. Secretary, call for the vote.

19 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Hold on, Mr. - just
20 as a point of order. The vote would be to - just as
21 a point of order this vote will be to remove this
22 item from the table in order to take a vote on
23 whether to pass it.

24 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have a vote to
25 take it off the table?

1 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

2 PRESIDENT FOX: Second?

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: You need to call
4 - you need to call - Secretary?

5 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Okay.

6 This is Secretary Mitrick. I'm
7 calling for a vote. President Fox?

8 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
10 Knick?

11 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: All right. And
13 this is strictly to take this off the table.
14 Commissioner Mitrick, yes.

15 Commissioner Foradora?

16 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
18 Fredericks?

19 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
21 Hoover?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes, yes.

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24 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
25 Layton?

1 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
3 Schnepf-Giger?

4 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: The motion
6 carries.

7 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Thank you. And
8 just for the point of order, now you would take a
9 vote if you desire on whether to adopt this or - or
10 what to do with it.

11 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Commissioner
12 Knick, so moved to adopt.

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Commissioner
14 Hoover, I'll second the motion.

15 PRESIDENT FOX: Call for the vote.

16 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Discussion Mr.
17 President.

18 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion?

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: This is
20 Commissioner Mitrick. I have a statement I'd like to
21 read.

22 The concept of a system of state game
23 lands was envisioned a century ago by forward-looking
24 conservationists who saw that wild places offering
25 habitat for wildlife and the experiences of hunting

1 and trapping would become rare and threatened in the
2 future, which is our present day.

3 That concept remains as valid, even
4 more so, as when the first game lands were purchased.
5 It is one of the bedrock principals of the
6 Pennsylvania Game Commission, and the Commission has
7 no obligation to accommodate on those lands every
8 manner of new mechanized conveyance that the
9 marketplace develops and offers to the public.

10 Regarding recruitment of new hunters,
11 it is doubtful that the privilege to ride e-bikes on
12 game lands will attract new people into the fold of
13 license-buying hunters. The urge to hunt comes
14 first, it is instinctive and primal. Hunters adapt
15 their methods after they become hunters first.

16 One outcome that we, the Pennsylvania
17 Game Commission, must avoid is the public's coming to
18 view the state lands as a place for riding anything,
19 whether that's an e-bike, a regular bike, ATV or even
20 a horse.

21 Access is secondary to the fundamental
22 justification for the existence of game lands. That
23 fundamental justification for the existence of game
24 lands must be the welfare of wildlife and
25 opportunities for direct, intimate interaction with

1 wildlife, such as in hunting, trapping, birding or
2 wildlife photography.

3 When the reason for visiting game
4 lands becomes riding on game lands rather than
5 interacting with game lands in their natural
6 inhabitants, wildlife, the game lands will cease to
7 be the unique wildlife-based resource they have been
8 for a century.

9 Non-hunters are welcome on game lands
10 and always have been. This is something to be proud
11 of, that Pennsylvania hunters have provided these
12 wild places for the enjoyment, renewal and
13 inspiration for everyone. What a legacy this has
14 been.

15 But, in enjoying that legacy, non-
16 hunters must be brought to understand and respect the
17 original, fundamental reason for game lands'
18 existence, which is wildlife and wildlife-based
19 recreation.

20 If game lands come to be seen as a
21 "riding course" rather than the wildlife habitat they
22 were intended to be, there is no way to predict how
23 far the demands for riding and access will go.

24 In our litigious culture, some e-bike
25 pleasure riders - there is nothing inherently wrong

1 with that, except it is incompatible with the
2 original intent for game lands, will claim that, "I
3 can't pedal as far as that person, so my access must
4 be accommodated by even greater electrical or
5 mechanical assist."

6 If e-bikes are permitted on game
7 lands, it will be impossible to undo the decision
8 should unforeseen conflicts make us wish to do so.

9 Those with legitimate physical/medical
10 need for mobility device could still secure that
11 privilege with a doctor's signature, with e-bikes of
12 both classes eligible for their use.

13 Some hunters who have used e-bikes on
14 private lands report the ease of approaching wildlife
15 on a quiet, rapidly moving and electrically propelled
16 conveyance. Is this the ethical manner of hunting we
17 have honored and upheld as the Pennsylvania Game
18 Commission for over 100 years? It is not.

19 It is true that Class II e-bikes are
20 factory-limited to 20 miles per hour. But even 20
21 miles per hour on a game land trail is a heady
22 velocity, presenting the potential for dangerous
23 encounters with hunters on foot, or someone on
24 horseback.

25 Some manufacturers openly admit their

1 bikes are set to Class II, however, the user can
2 manually configure other assist settings to increase
3 the speed. Experience should tell us it won't take
4 long for that to happen.

5 Some hunters have requested this
6 official sanction of e-bikes because their own access
7 to game land interiors have become more difficult.
8 That reality is well understood and empathized with
9 here, by me.

10 The problem with that rationale is
11 that it's an argument that can be carried on without
12 end. After e-bikes, others can claim even those
13 devices are too difficult and their appeal will be
14 for more mechanization, skillfully backed by lobby
15 groups. Things have a way of sliding that way in our
16 society.

17 For public land management agencies,
18 it's better to pick a bedrock principle, in this case
19 non-motorized access and stick with it.

20 It is not selfish to insist that game
21 lands remain accessible by non-motorized means. The
22 original intent for game lands was to assume a
23 certain physical commitment on the part of the users
24 to experience the personal benefits and values of
25 game lands. That physical commitment is good, though

1 we all must acknowledged when the day looms when we
2 won't be able to meet it.

3 It protects by default certain game
4 land qualities, admittedly intangible, linked to
5 wildness and yielding unique experience. These
6 cannot be manufactured. It can only be preserved
7 where they yet remain. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further
9 discussion?

10 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Mr. President, if I
11 may interrupt just briefly. This proposal, as a
12 proposal - we've received comments from the Attorney
13 General that if this is to pass - and I have no idea
14 what the Commission's pleasure is, there will need to
15 be an amendment to define Class II e-bikes because
16 they are not defined in the current proposal, Class
17 II e-bikes, of course being those which have the same
18 size restrictions, but also include a throttle.

19 So I just want to bring that up. And
20 in case anyone desires to make - or try to make such
21 an amendment they would - they would need to do so.

22 PRESIDENT FOX: Further discussion?
23 Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

24 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Several of the
25 Commissioners have to be unmuted. They are unable to

1 unmute themselves here.

2 Brad, can you hear me? This is
3 Commissioner Mitrick.

4 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Yes, I do.

5 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Okay. Is
6 everybody good now?

7 LORI NEELY-MITCHELL: Working on it.
8 Working on it.

9 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Thank you.

10 LORI NEELY-MITCHELL: I think I got
11 it.

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: This is
13 Commissioner Hoover, I am unmuted. I do want to
14 offer some testimony to this.

15 I understand Commissioner Mitrick's
16 response. I also understand that there's an aging
17 population that can no longer travel the distance.

18 I was wondering if it could be
19 possible to make an amendment to this, to just clear
20 this for Class I e-bikes only. That would reference
21 to Brad Bechtel.

22 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: And Commissioner,
23 yes that would also an appropriate amendment. But if
24 the motion is made, seconded and passed, yes.

25 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: I'd like to at

1 this time make a motion to amend PA Code 58, Code
2 131.2, 135.2 and 135.41 to make it for e-bikes - only
3 e-bike I - Class I only and with the use of a hunting
4 or a fishing license.

5 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: This is
6 Commissioner Layton. I'll second that motion.

7 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion? This is
8 to make an amendment.

9 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: This is
10 Commissioner Mitrick. President Fox?

11 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
13 Knick?

14 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
16 Mitrick, no.

17 Commissioner Foradora?

18 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: No.

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
20 Fredericks?

21 COMMISSIONER FREDRICKS: No.

22 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
23 Hoover?

24 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

1 Layton?

2 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

4 Schnepf-Giger?

5 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: No.

6 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: So the vote is
7 four to four. It is not a majority and would not
8 pass.

9 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Again, I
10 recommend we call a vote, Mr. President.

11 PRESIDENT FOX: Call the vote.

12 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Okay.

13 Secretary Mitrick, again. President

14 Fox?

15 PRESIDENT FOX: No.

16 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

17 Knick?

18 COMMISSOINER KNICK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Michael Mitrick,
20 no.

21 Commissioner Foradora?

22 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: No.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. Fredericks?

24 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: No.

25 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

1 Hoover?

2 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

4 Layton?

5 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

7 Schnepf-Giger?

8 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: No.

9 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: The motion does
10 not pass.

11 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: All right. The
12 next item to come before the Commission is on page
13 nine of your agenda. This is to amend 58 PA Code
14 Section 135.41.

15 To effectively manage the wildlife
16 resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission
17 proposed at its April 7th, 2020 meeting to amend
18 Section 135.41 relating to state game lands, to
19 eliminate the Sunday exemption from the fluorescent
20 orange wearing requirement.

21 The text is shown on page ten of your
22 agenda.

23 PRESIDENT FOX: Do I have a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: I'll make that
25 motion. Commissioner Hoover.

1 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: This is
2 Commissioner MITRICK. I'll second.

3 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion?

4 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Can someone
5 explain where this came from, what we're looking at
6 doing with this proposal? This is Commissioner
7 Layton by the way. Jason, are you there?

8 MR. DECOSKEY: I am here now,
9 Commissioner.

10 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Can you give us
11 a little insight on - on where this came from and
12 what we're trying to accomplish?

13 MR. DECOSKEY: I believe this is in
14 response to the opening of the deer season on Sundays
15 in regards to people being on game lands on Sundays
16 to require them to wear orange during the big game
17 overlap.

18 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Got you.

19 ATTORNEY HOOVER: So I believe that
20 there is an exemption in the Code right now that
21 people do not have to wear fluorescent orange on
22 Sunday, in essence removing that exemption.
23 Commissioner Hoover.

24 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further
25 discussion?

1 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Secretary

2 Mitrick calling for a vote. President Fox?

3 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

5 Knick?

6 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

8 Mitrick, yes. Commissioner Foradora?

9 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

11 Fredericks? Commissioner Fredericks? If you can
12 hear me unmute your mic.

13 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Sorry. Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

15 Hoover?

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

18 Layton?

19 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

21 Schnepf-Giger?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: The motion
24 carries.

25 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Bradley,

1 you're still muted.

2 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Thank you. The
3 next item on your agenda is on page 12 of the agenda.
4 It concerns real estate, a donation, Contract number
5 L-3766, State Game Land Number 159, Wayne County.

6 Regency Marcellus Gas Gathering, LLC,
7 or Regency, is offering to donate 154.7 more or less
8 acres of land in Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne
9 County, an indenture into State Game Land Number 159,
10 as shown on Exhibit RED-1 on page 13 of your agenda.

11 Regency offered to donate the land as
12 replacement habitat to mitigate for lost wildlife
13 resources and recreational values associated with
14 construction and maintenance activities associated
15 with the issuance of licenses for right-of-way for
16 natural gas pipelines and appurtenances on State Game
17 Land Number 12 in Sullivan and Bradford Counties.
18 Access is from Creamton Drive.

19 COMMISSION LAYTON: Commission Layton.
20 Motion.

21 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Commissioner
22 Hoover, second.

23 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
25 President, Commissioner Fredericks. I'd like to ask

1 a question of Pete Sussenbach, if I may.

2 Pete, are you on here? Anyone from that
3 Bureau? Can anybody from that Bureau tell me what
4 the exchange rate was on this particular issue? I
5 see we're getting 154.7 plus or minus. But what was
6 impacted? Apparently it's a mitigation effort?
7 Hello?

8 That's okay. Mr. President, under the
9 circumstances I understand, let's move on.

10 PRESIDENT FOX: Any other discussion?

11 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: This is
12 Secretary Mitrick calling for the vote. President
13 Fox?

14 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
16 Knick?

17 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
19 Mitrick, yes.

20 Commissioner Foradora?

21 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. Fredericks?

23 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
25 Hoover?

1 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
3 Layton?

4 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
6 Schnepf-Giger?

7 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. President,
9 the motion carries.

10 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is on
11 page 14 of your agenda. It concerns contract L-3767,
12 State Game Land Number 236 in Susquehanna County.

13 The Conservation Fund is offering to
14 donate 35 plus or minus acres of land in Ararat
15 Township, Susquehanna County, an indenture into State
16 Game Land Number 236, as shown on Exhibit RED-2 on
17 page 15 of the agenda.

18 The Conservation Fund, acting as a
19 conservation agent, is acquiring the property with
20 funding provided by Williams Companies for voluntary
21 mitigation as a result of impacts associated with the
22 Constitution Pipeline project located in Susquehanna
23 County. Access is from Ridge Road.

24 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: This is
25 Commissioner Layton. Motion to accept.

1 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Commissioner
2 Knick, second.

3 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Discussion
4 Mr. President?

5 PRESIDENT FOX: Any discussion?

6 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: This is
7 Commissioner Fredericks. As we proceed with this
8 issue and the next several land-related issues I
9 would just like to point out to everybody the
10 cooperation that we've received from the private
11 sector and some of these nonprofits, in this case the
12 Conservation Fund. And as we go on we'll see more
13 and more.

14 And the reason I'd like to point this
15 out is because quite often we hear from the public
16 that all of our game lands were purchased by hunters.
17 And I just want to bring this to everybody's
18 attention, that that isn't entirely true. Although
19 hunters play a major role in beginning this system
20 and paying for the properties, we acquire a lot of
21 these tracts through other means.

22 And I just wanted to bring that to
23 everybody's attention. Thank you very much.

24 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further
25 discussion?

1 Call for the vote.

2 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Secretary

3 Mitrick, calling for the vote. President Fox?

4 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

6 Knick?

7 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

9 Mitrick, yes. Commissioner Foradora?

10 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

12 Fredericks?

13 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

15 Hoover?

16 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

18 Layton?

19 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

21 Schnepf-Giger?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. President,
24 the motion carries.

25 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item is on

1 page 16 of your agenda, contract number L-3768, state
2 game land number 315 in Berks County.

3 The last will and testament of Dwight
4 K. Gehman bequest real estate consisting of 13.52
5 more or less acres of land located in Pike Township,
6 Berks County. The property is located approximately
7 one mile south of one of four separate parcels that
8 comprise State Game Land Number 315, as shown on
9 Exhibit RED-3 on page 17 of your agenda. Access is
10 from Keim Road.

11 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Commissioner
12 Layton. Motion to accept.

13 PRESIDENT FOX: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Commissioner
15 Knick, second.

16 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion?

17 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: This is
18 Commissioner Hoover. I understand that is a last
19 will and testament, a gift to the Game Commission.
20 But my question is, do we have a reason to own this
21 property as far as do we have any use for it, being
22 that it's a mile away from the nearest game lands and
23 it's literally 13.52 acres and we are not allowed to
24 sell property once we receive it. Are we doing more
25 harm by accepting this than not?

1 MR. SUSSENBACH: Mr. Hoover, this is
2 Pete Sussenbach. Can you hear me?

3 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

4 MR. SUSSENBACH: Yes, so I mean, I was
5 part of the evaluation process on this property. You
6 know, there is always an opportunity at some point
7 down the road if this piece of property should become
8 unhuntable that we would be able to dispose of it
9 through some sort of a trade or negotiation. And
10 that according to the region and the land exam that
11 they performed there is hunting that does take place
12 on this property at this point. They felt that there
13 was enough archery hunting opportunities, the state
14 said we should acquire the property.

15 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Thank you. I
16 appreciate the information.

17 PRESIDENT FOX: Further discussion?

18 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yeah. Well,
19 Pete, still along those lines, I mean, because it is
20 not attached to the game lands what about maintenance
21 issues? Is it going to bring up other - are there
22 going to be issues as far as maintenance on that
23 property that we have to be concerned about?

24 MR. SUSSENBACH: You know, honestly
25 the only thing that we'd be providing is a small

1 parking area and some boundary line work every, you
2 know, five years.

3 So the intensity that we would need to
4 be performed down there is not all that great.

5 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT FOX: Further discussion?

7 Call for the vote.

8 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: President Fox?

9 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

11 Knick?

12 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

14 Mitrick, yes.

15 Commissioner Foradora?

16 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

18 Fredericks?

19 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

21 Hoover?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

24 Layton?

25 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
2 Schnepf-Giger?

3 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. President,
5 the motion carries.

6 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item
7 appears on page 18 of your agenda. This is an
8 acquisition, contract number L-3769, State Game Land
9 Number 49, Fulton County.

10 The Conservation Fund is offering
11 43.36 more or less acres of land in Union Township,
12 Fulton County, adjoining state game land number 49,
13 as shown on Exhibit RED-4 on page 19 of your agenda.

14 The option price is \$400 per acre to
15 be paid with funds from the Game Fund. Access is
16 from T-310.

17 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Commissioner
18 Knick, so moved.

19 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have any
20 discussion on that?

21 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Second, Mr.
22 President. Commission Mitrick, second.

23 PRESIDENT FOX: Do we have any
24 discussion?

25 MR. SUSSENBACH: Mr. President, this

1 is Pete Sussenbach, if I just may briefly?

2 Just a quick comment, this acquisition
3 and the previous acquisition - or two acquisitions.
4 Sorry. We've had some technical difficulties here.

5 Our partners over at the Conservation
6 Fund - I cannot say enough about the great things
7 that they helped to provide to the Game Commission.
8 I mean, here's another example. You know, we're
9 looking at \$400 an acre for this parcel. The
10 previous parcel there was absolutely no funds
11 provided through that donation that they facilitated.

12 So I just want to commend those folks
13 over there for the great job and the excellent
14 teamwork that we've - we've had with them recently.
15 I really appreciate everything they've done.

16 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Pete, this
17 is Commissioner Fredericks. Pete?

18 MR. SUSSENBACH: Yes, sir?

19 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Now on this
20 particular acquisition, the \$400 per acre, are you
21 able to tell us what the market value was? What was
22 the actual selling price?

23 MR. SUSSENBACH: I don't have that
24 number offhand. We do have an evaluation for that
25 property. And I could tell you that it was

1 significantly higher than the \$400 an acre.

2 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Okay.

3 And as far as I know, we do have some
4 interest legislatively. I think that there's some
5 interest among the General Assembly to increase that
6 \$400 per acre maximum that we're statutorily
7 committed to.

8 Am I correct? That \$400 per acre is
9 an old number. And my understanding is that there
10 was - at least there was some interest legislatively
11 to allow that to increase.

12 MR. SUSSENBACH: Yes, I believe that
13 there is at least some level of interest there. That
14 number is actually from the recodification, which
15 happened well over 20 years ago at this point.

16 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Would you
17 agree that it would benefit us to be able to pay more
18 than \$400 per acre if we need to?

19 MR. SUSSENBACH: Well, I think there's
20 a lot of opportunities. Yes, that would, I think,
21 even enhance our opportunities even further.

22

23 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Okay.

24 Thank you very much.

25 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further

1 discussion? Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

2 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: President Fox?

3 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

5 Knick?

6 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

7 Mitrick, yes.

8 Commissioner Foradora?

9 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

11 Fredericks?

12 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

14 Hoover?

15 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

17 Layton?

18 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

20 Schnepf-Giger?

21 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. President,

23 the motion carries.

24 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item

25 before the Commission is on page 20 of your agenda,

1 contract number L-3770, State Game Land Number 211 in
2 Dauphin County.

3 Central Pennsylvania Conservancy,
4 Incorporated is offering 231 more or less acres of
5 land in Middle Paxton Township, Dauphin County,
6 adjoin State Game Land Number 211 as shown on Exhibit
7 RED-5 on page 21 of your agenda.

8 The option price is \$400 per acre, to
9 be paid funds from the Game Fund. Access is from
10 existing state game land number 211.

11 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved,
12 Commissioner Knick.

13 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Second,
14 Commissioner Hoover.

15 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion? Mr.
16 Secretary, call for the vote.

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: President Fox?

18 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
20 Knick?

21 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
23 Mitrick, yes.

24 Commissioner Foradora?

25 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
2 Fredericks?

3 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
5 Hoover?

6 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
8 Layton?

9 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
11 Schnepf-Giger?

12 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. President,
14 the motion carries.

15 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: The next item
16 before the Commission appears on page 22 of your
17 agenda. It concerns oil, gas and minerals, a non-
18 surface use cooperative agreement for oil and gas
19 production, tract 134A-20, State Game Land Number 134
20 in Lycoming County.

21 Alta Marcellus Developments, LLC or Alta,
22 of Houston Texas requests that the Commission offer
23 its Oil and Gas ownership under a portion of State
24 Game Land Number 134 for development under a Non-
25 Surface Use Cooperative Agreement for Exercise of

1 Production rights for Oil and Gas.

2 The proposed tract, 134A-20 containing
3 approximately 1,966 acres of Commission owned surface
4 located in Plunketts Creek Township, Lycoming County,
5 as shown on Exhibit OGM-1, page 23 of your agenda.

6 Alta has secured leases on private
7 acreage to the north of the proposed Game Land tract
8 and has the ability to develop the Commission's oil
9 and gas reserves from the private holdings. OGM
10 staff has negotiated with Alta to safeguard the
11 prudent development of the Commission's oil and gas
12 reserve and to simultaneously protect and minimize
13 the impacts to the wildlife resources and
14 recreational use of State Game Land Number 134.
15 There will be no surface use of the game land under
16 this agreement.

17 In exchange for the Non-Surface Use
18 Oil and Gas Production Cooperative Agreement, Alta
19 will pay the Commission a bonus of \$2,000 per net
20 mineral acre for a five year paid up primary term
21 agreement and a royalty rate of 18 percent per
22 thousand cubic feet, mcf, of all oil, gas and liquid
23 hydrocarbons produced and sold from the areas in
24 which the Commission owns the oil and gas rights.
25 The bonus payment of \$3,932,500 will be due within 60

1 days of the execution of the agreement and deposited
2 into the Game Fund.

3 Alta's Oil and Gas Development under
4 this agreement will be regulated by the
5 Commonwealth's Oil and Gas Regulations and the
6 Commission's requirements for protection and
7 conservation of State Game Land with respect to Oil,
8 Gas and Liquid Hydrocarbon Production.

9 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Motion to
10 accept, Commissioner Layton.

11 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second,
12 Commissioner Knick.

13 PRESIDENT FOX: Discussion?

14 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: I've got one
15 question. I notice that we're moving the money into
16 the Game Fund. Did we not used to post it into a
17 reserve account and is there a reason that we're
18 doing so?

19 MR. SUSSENBACH: Yes, Commissioner
20 Hoover, this is Pete Sussenbach.

21 And after some discussions with the
22 Executive Office - you know, over the last few years
23 when we've had - generally the policy has been when
24 we've had non-surface impacts we have moved those
25 dollars into the Game Fund.

1 In those places that we knew that we
2 are going to be taking significant surface impacts we
3 would then try to offset and mitigate for those
4 impacts by moving those funds into a separate
5 account. Those specific to be dealing with
6 enhancement and replacement properties for that - for
7 those impacts.

8 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Pete, this
10 is Commissioner Fredericks.

11 MR. SUSSENBACH: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Do we
13 separate the funds further in the way that they come
14 in in the way of royalties and then lease money? In
15 other - what I guess what you call bonus payments.

16 Do bonus payments go to a different
17 place than royalty payments?

18 MR. SUSSENBACH: Although they're
19 accounted for just a little differently they all come
20 under the umbrella of the Game Fund.

21 So, yeah, there's not a further
22 separation beyond that.

23 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Do you know
24 - I mean, I don't mean to put you on the spot. But
25 do you know why they're accounted for a little

1 differently? Is one used for something and the other
2 isn't?

3 MR. SUSSENBACH: Negative. I mean,
4 they generally again go into the Game Fund. But it's
5 just an accounting thing.

6 You know, you're going to get a lump
7 sum basically of that \$3.9 million. So that's
8 accounted for one way. And then as royalties come
9 online over the next several years they would just be
10 counted for - it makes it a little easier to track
11 from our end. And Mike DiMatteo and his shop are
12 doing a great job of doing that. I just think it's
13 an easier way to track it as far as budgeting and
14 other items are concerned.

15 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: All right.
16 Pete, thank you.

17 One last question, do we collect much
18 statewide in the way of shut-in phase?

19 MR. SUSSENBACH: I don't know what the
20 number is off the top of my head right now. But we
21 have had some of that over - you know, over the last
22 few years. There's not a lot of that.

23 Most of the game lands ground -
24 because we have - you know, we have non-surface
25 impacts, a lot of times the operators already have

1 significant planning and development occurring off
2 state game lands. It's just a matter of them running
3 their laterals under state game lands once they come
4 under lease with us.

5 So there is some amount that we have
6 done that with, but just not a tremendous amount at
7 this time.

8 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Okay.

9 Thank you very much. And thank you
10 and your folks, including Mike DiMatteo for the great
11 work that they do.

12 And I've said it before and I'll say
13 it again, I don't - you know, having come from the
14 energy industry I scratch my head every week. I
15 don't know how you guys do what you do with what you
16 have. You and your folks do amazing work. Thank you
17 very much.

18 MR. SUSSENBACH: I appreciate the
19 comments and I'll be sure to pass that along.

20 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further
22 discussion? We'll call for that vote.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: President Fox?

24 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

1 Knick?

2 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

4 Mitrick, yes.

5 Commissioner Foradora?

6 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

8 Fredericks?

9 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

11 Hoover?

12 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

14 Layton?

15 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner

17 Schnepf-Giger?

18 COMMISSIONER SCHNEPP-GIGER: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Mr. President,

20 motion carries.

21 ATTORNEY BECHTEL: Mr. President, that

22 completes read portion of the agenda.

23 PRESIDENT FOX: Okay.

24 At this time I'd like to bring the CWD

25 plan. We're going to need a motion to consider that

1 for approval.

2 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: This is
3 Commissioner Foradora. So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Commissioner
5 Layton, second.

6 PRESIDENT FOX: Any discussion? Mr.
7 Secretary, call for the vote.

8 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: President Fox?

9 PRESIDENT FOX: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
11 Knick?

12 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes.

13 COMMISSOINER MITRICK: Commissioner
14 Mitrick, yes.

15 Commissioner Foradora?

16 COMMISSIONER FORADORA: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
18 Fredericks?

19 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
21 Hoover?

22 COMMISSIONER HOOVER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Commissioner
24 Layton?

25 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: Yes.

1 quick comment about the next Commission meeting.

2 You know, I understand all the issues
3 that we have with COVID-19. And I know that there
4 are guidelines that we have to follow. But I would
5 hope that we could find a way to make the next
6 meeting happen in person and not virtually. These
7 virtual meetings are beyond cumbersome. They're
8 nonfunctional. They're ineffective. They're not
9 personal. We're losing contact with our NGOs, with
10 our staff.

11 And I think if we can keep within the
12 guidelines of the - you know, the government - the
13 Governor's policy and we could keep everybody safe I
14 would really like to see this happen. And we get to
15 Harrisburg so that we could be together as a group
16 once again.

17 PRESIDENT FOX: Any further comments?
18 Motion to adjourn?

19 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: So moved,
20 Commissioner Layton.

21 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second,
22 Commissioner Fredericks.

23 PRESIDENT FOX: Adjourned.

24 COMMISSIONER LAYTON: We are
25 adjourned.

1 LORI NEELY-MITCHELL: That concludes
2 our meeting for today. Again this session has been
3 recorded and we expect it to be uploaded to the Game
4 Commission's YouTube channel early next week.

5 On behalf of the Board, the Executive
6 Office and the rest of the staff we'd like to thank
7 you for taking time out of your weekend to join us
8 and we hope you are able to get outside and enjoy
9 some of Pennsylvania's great outdoors.

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11 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:01 A.M.

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Dated the 17th day of August, 2020

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