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BEFORE:

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ROXANE S. PALONE, VICE PRESIDENT
GREGORY J. ISABELLA, SECRETARY
RUSSELL E. SCHLEIDEN, COMMISSIONER
DAVID W. SCHREFFLER, COMMISSIONER
H. DANIEL HILL, III, COMMISSIONER

ALSO PRESENT:

CARL G. ROE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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PRESIDENT BOOP: I’d like to call to order the April business meeting for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I’d like to welcome all of you here this morning and I’d ask you to join us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance said.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: I’d like to make a couple brief remarks before we start. For those of you who have been here in the past you know and for those of you who are joining us possibly for the first time, we’re going to be following the preprinted agenda, which is the green booklet. There are additional copies up here if you don’t have one and want to come and get one before we get started. Please feel free to do so.

The other thing that I would ask is that if you do have a cell phone please turn it off. It is very distracting to other people participating in the meeting if your cell phone goes off and we have to listen to your music or whatever you have programmed.

At this time I’ll call on Secretary Isabella to read the roll.

MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Boop.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Present.

MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Palone.
MRS. PALONE: Present.

MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Isabella.

Present.

Commissioner Schleiden.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Present.

MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Hill.

MR. HILL: Here.

MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Schreffler.

MR. SCHREFFLER: Present.

MR. ISABELLA: All present and accounted for, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

We have available to all the Commissioners for some time now the meetings of our January 23, 2007 meeting. Is there a motion to approve those minutes?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

All in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)
MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: At this point I’d like to call on Executive Director Roe to make some brief remarks concerning a subject of which I think you’ll have some interest.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROE: I usually, as you know, make my comments, I did make comments here for the afternoon, but I felt it was important for me to get this on the record. That is this is the last meeting for one of our members of the team here at the Pennsylvania Game Commission and that’s Barry Warner our Director of the Northeast Region.

Barry has given us 35 years plus other military service, probably total of pretty close to 40 years of public service. He’s done a great job. He’s been a director of a region for almost 15 years or more I guess. Hasn’t it been, Barry, I guess? I just want to publicly say thank you to Barry. It’s going to be a great loss to the region for sure and to the Game Commission.

I know of nobody else in the Pennsylvania Game Commission who puts his heart and soul into the work that Barry does. I just want to publicly say and for the record, thank you very much, Barry, and we surely will miss you.
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Barry, and I think we as Commissioners all echo Executive Director Roe’s thoughts. Knowing you, I’m sure you don’t want to make a speech, so we’ll defer that.

If we could move now to our business for the morning, we’ll go first to the Bureau of Wildlife Management, and I think we have Bureau Director, Mr. DuBrock, present, and we’ll turn to page 2 of the agenda.

I’ll call on Mr. Pouss to read the action item that’s before us.

MR. POUSS: Thank you, Mr. President.

The first item relates to Congress having appropriated funds under the State Wildlife Grants Program directly and exclusively to state wildlife agencies for “wildlife species of greatest conservation concern.”

Pennsylvania is eligible to receive these funds for fish and wildlife projects under the SWG program. We are recommending approval of two projects listed in Exhibit A.

Projects listed in Exhibit A will not require any net reduction in the Game Fund since both are cooperator projects. The Game Commission will
simply function as a conduit for these federal funds. If approved, the Game Commission will contract with the organizations and investigators of these projects, and pay SWG-eligible costs from the Game Fund. The Game Fund will be reimbursed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Aid program using SWG funds. The Game Commission will receive up to 3 percent of all SWG funds to administer the program.

The Executive Director and staff recommend approval of the two State Wildlife Grant projects listed in Exhibit A, which is on page 3 of your agenda, and relates to “Migration Telemetry for the Eastern Red Bat” and “Northern Goshawk Status and Response to Forest Management.”

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss. These are $27,000 and $10,000 grants.

Mr. DuBrock, do you want to offer additional comments?

MR. DUBROCK: I have no comments, Commissioner, but I’ll certainly entertain questions if any members of the Board have any.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Questions by Commissioners? (No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Seeing none, is there a motion to approve?
MR. SCHREFFLER: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler.

Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there any further discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Moving to page 4, Mr. Pouss. We’re now to the Bureau of Wildlife Protection and the Chair would recognize Director Palmer.

MR. POUSS: The next item relates to adoption of proposed amendment to §131.6 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following change:

Amend §131.6 (relating to administration of
police powers by wildlife conservation officers) to redirect the extent and manner in which the Commission authorizes salaried wildlife conservation officers to engage in the administration of police powers.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code, as shown on Exhibit A, which starts on page 5 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss.

Do the Commissioners have any questions of Mr. Palmer?

MR. PALMER: I believe, Mr. President, there is a floor amendment to make?

PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, thank you. We do have a floor amendment, which the Commissioners received and I believe we all have in our packets.

Do you want to explain the floor amendment, Director Palmer?

MR. PALMER: Yes. In §131.6(a)(1) the last sentence as added clarifying language that says, “and, in addition, to serve and execute warrants and subpoenas for these offenses.” This clarification essentially makes §131.6 mirror the statute in 901(a)(17) so that they’re concurrent.
The only other changes to the page are under Section (b)(1) “Procedures”. There was five words added in the last sentence there that states, “only to the degree to protect life and property” and the underlined language is “in any one or more of the following circumstances.”

Again, that’s just clarifying language to show that the following four sections are interdependent, that they are not all have to be there at the same time.

Under (b)(1)(ii) we have an amendment that says if “The offense occurs on lands or waters owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Commission.” That amendment is meant to clarify the fact that the Commission owns several properties, such as, administrative buildings, such as the Harrisburg Headquarters that may not meet the technical classification of State Game Lands and we want to ensure that it’s clear the officers have these authorities on those leased properties or administrative buildings as well.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Director Palmer.

Now, if we could go back to the original item as it appears, is there a motion for the original action item?
MRS. PALONE: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

The item is now on the table having been properly moved and seconded.

Is there any discussion on the original motion and, if not, then we move to the matter of the amendment?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Is there a motion to amend as presented?

MRS. PALONE: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

Is there a second to the motion to amend?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

All those in favor of the amendment, unless there's discussion, indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: The action item has been properly amended.

That was unanimous vote, Mr. Secretary?

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.
PRESIDENT BOOP: The original motion as now amended is what we're voting on.

All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Moving to the third action item which appears on page 6, Mr. Pouss.

MR. POUSS: Mr. President, that item involves the adoption of proposed amendments to §§141.63 and 141.66 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following changes:

Amend §141.63 (relating to definitions) to improve the definition of “cable restraint” by permitting the use of 1x19 cable, extending the cable length limit to seven feet, more clearly defining “relaxing-type lock” and finally, increasing the weight rating of the breakaway device to 375 pounds.

Also, amend §141.66 (relating to cable
restraints) to permit individuals meeting certain statutory license exemptions to participate in cable restraint training courses.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of these amendments to Title 58 of Pennsylvania Code, as shown on Exhibit B, which is page 7 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, you’ve heard the reading of the item that is before us. The Chair would just note that Dr. Lovallo is present in the audience and he has provided input to the Board, along with others, on this issue.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MRS. PALONE: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

I note that the item has been properly moved and seconded.

Is there discussion on the item?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

We could then move to page 8 for the fourth action item this morning.

MR. POUSS: And that relates to adoption of proposed amendments to §141.4 of Pennsylvania Code, Title 58.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following change:

Amend §141.4 (relating to hunting hours) to expand legal hunting hours to include the half-hour period after sunset for certain species and also replace the table of hunting hours with a sunrise/sunset table for the 2007-2008 license year.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa. Code, as shown on Exhibit C, which is page 9 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, you’ve heard the reading of the item.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MRS. PALONE: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

Is there discussion on the item?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: The Chair would recognize Commissioner Schreffler.

MR. SCHREFFLER: My fellow Commissioners, although I would like to have more hunting time, I urge you not to vote for this motion, and I have some reasons for that, which I’d like to express.

Safety must be our paramount concern and this change will substantially increase safety habits in my opinion.

Wounded animals is another concern as it is near impossible to track and retrieve wounded or dead animals when it is dark. And I’ve had this experience, even with artificial light. In early seasons, it would be too warm to wait until first light to find these animals.

I would like to quote from Volume 3, No. 24, of Applied Optics, a professional magazine. There’s an article called “Can Normal Outdoor Activities be Carried Out During Civil Twilight,” and this was done
by Dr. Leibowitz and Owens, Professors at Penn State University and Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster.

And one of the things that it says in there is that “At sunset ambient illumination is 30-foot-candle. A medium gray object has a 20 percent reflectance and have luminance of only six foot-lambert, which is 10.76 times foot-candle.

“Most visual functions depend upon contrast sensitivity and are near maximum values at this time. Any further reduction and luminance would be expected to be gray performance. During the half-hour after sunset, which is civil twilight, a small reduction of luminance will be gray in acuity, contrast sensitivity, accommodation and reaction time as well as other aspects of visual recognition.

“Performance will be impaired more readily for darker objects.” And I refer to game, which is a darker object. Going over the quotes, “In addition, absence of shadows during civil twilight eliminate an important source of information for object recognition and localization.”

This actually refers to a study, two other studies done by J. J. Gibson and G. Locklear.

“Reductions in luminance selectively degrade visual
recognition and visual guidance functions. Fourfold increase in traffic accidents at night during this period of time on a mileage basis, a test to the special hazard under low luminance level.” That’s the end of the quotes from there.

There’s a second article in *Psychology Today* also where it mentioned that “Selective impairment of recognition vision at night to also produce a dangerous discrepancy between self-confidence and ability.” And I end that quote from that article.

There are some other quotes, other facts that I’d like to quote. One is that “The eyes of a 67-year-old will transmit 67 percent less light than the eyes of a 20-year-old.” I think this is pertinent in the fact that many of our hunters are getting up into that age bracket.

I want to mention to you that there are at least 14 other supportive and related studies by scientists for this thing. This, I believe, is another case. From yesterday, we heard that sometimes popular opinion is not supported by scientific data. I think this is another case where we think we can see well at that time of day. We can count the number of antlers on the buck. We know what’s happening, where it’s going.
Referring back to the *Psychology Today* article, I think our self-confidence exudes our ability in that situation. So, therefore, I hope that you will take this under consideration in your vote.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler.

Are there other Commissioners who want to comment on the matter?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: I also have some safety concerns with respect to the issue, which I’m not going to address any further, because I think Mr. Schreffler has covered those. I also do have some concern about the ability to recover animals at this time of the day.

I think I’m also, the additional concerns that haven’t been mentioned, we’re putting a lot of hunting pressure on many of our game animals already. Half-an-hour extension of time throughout the season is a significant amount of additional hunting opportunity.

I know there’s quite a bit of concern about the, at least in some quarters, about the pressure
that we’re putting on our mature breeding bucks
during the rut, which are hunted during that period.
I just think for a lot of reasons that this is not a
decision that we should make.

Anyone else want to comment?

(No response.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, all in favor
indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(Commissioners Schreffler and Boop oppose.)

MR. ISABELLA: Four-two. Ayes for it, nays
two.

PRESIDENT BOOP: So the matter passes on a
four to two vote.

Moving to the next item, the fifth item for
the today, which begins on page 11.

MR. POUSS: That item, Mr. President,
relates to adoption of proposed amendments to
§§141.41, 141.43 and 141.47 of Title 58 of the
Pennsylvania Code.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources
of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its
January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following
changes:
Amend §§141.41, 141.43 and 141.47 (relating to general, deer, elk) to permit the lawful use of .50 caliber or larger muzzleloading handguns while hunting deer, bear and elk. Also amend §141.43 to permit the lawful use of aperture or peep sights during the flintlock muzzleloading season.

Additionally, amend the lawful use and possession of both a bow and arrow or crossbow and a muzzleloading firearm during the overlaps of the early archery and muzzleloader seasons and the late archery and flintlock muzzleloading seasons.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of these amendments to Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code, as shown on Exhibit D, which is on pages 12 and 13, of your agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, you’ve heard the reading of the item that is before us. Is there a motion to approve?

MRS. PALONE: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there discussion on the action item?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Mr. President.
PRESIDENT BOOP: The Chair would recognize Commissioner Schreffler.

MR. SCHREFFLER: I would like to offer an amendment to this motion to remove all reference to muzzleloading handguns in this proposal.

In reviewing Gun Digest Blackpowder Loading Manual, the third edition, I find the key to killing power in this phase is, in the blackpowder firearms is in a high mass projectile. Even .50 caliber and larger appear to be marginal, especially in the light of many other variables. Some of these being hunting ability, but also the powder propellant types and load, the bullet designs and the way it performs.

It’s mentioned in there that there’s marginal in range and in stocking powder. A quote from this book is “The blackpowder revolver is not truly a big game proposition. Fifties and up require a good shot to where careful hunter to be big game worthy.”

The only one that I saw out of there that says the Thompson Scout .50 caliber had to use its maximum load, about a hundred FFG’s grain load to be effective as a big game gun, as to be rated as an effective big game handgun.

So I would like you, everyone to consider
this amendment. I’m making the amendment.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler.

We’ve heard Commissioner Schreffler’s motion to amend. Is there a second to the motion to amend?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, the motion fails.

That takes us back to the original motion. Is there further discussion on the original motion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, I assume we’re prepared to vote on the original action item as stated.

All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(Commissioner Schreffler opposes.)

MR. ISABELLA: Ayes, five. Nays, one.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Moving now to page 14 of the agenda I believe our fifth action item for the morning and I’d call on Mr. Pouss for the reading.

MR. POUSS: This item relates to adoption of proposed amendment to §141.20.
To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following change:

Amend §141.20 (relating to protective material required) to permit the posting of 100 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange-colored material within 15 feet of any blind meeting the requirements set forth in Section 2308(b)(3) of the Game and Wildlife Code in lieu of wearing the required 250 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange-colored material on the heard, chest and back combined.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code, as shown on Exhibit E, which is on page 15, of the agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss. Commissioners, you’ve heard the reading. The item does appear on page 15. Is there a motion?

MR. SCHREFFLER: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler. Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.
Is there discussion on the action item?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we’ll vote.

All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Now moving to page 16, Mr. Pouss.

MR. POUSS: The item on page 16 involves the adoption of proposed amendment to §147.674 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following change:

Amend §147.674 (relating to issuance of DMAP harvest permits) to increase DMAP harvest permit fees from $6.00 to $10.00 for residents and $26.00 to $35.00 for nonresidents.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code, as shown on Exhibit F, which is on page 17 of your agenda.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, you’ve heard the reading. The item is before us. Is there a motion?

MR. SCHREFFLER: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there discussion on the action item?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Now moving to page 18, can we have a reading, Mr. Pouss?

MR. POUSS: Yes.

The item on page 18 relates to adoption of proposed amendment to §137.2 of Title 58, of the Pennsylvania Code.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its
January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following change:

Amend §137.2 (relating to release of animals) to prohibit the release of any members of the suidae family into the wild.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa. Code, as shown on Exhibit G, which is on page 19, of your agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Director Palmer, I believe that there is a proposed clerical change to the action item?

MR. PALMER: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: And that’s as a floor amendment to page 19. Before we take up the matter, could you just explain that, please?

MR. PALMER: Yes. What we wanted to do, Director DuBrock brought it to our attention that the more appropriate terminology and taxonomy would be similar in the commentary. The original had porcine family. Director DuBrock brought it to my attention the most appropriate would be suidae family, as matches the commentary, and that would be the floor amendment.

PRESIDENT BOOP: It’s simply a clerical and
not a substantive amendment?

MR. PALMER: That’s correct, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, the original item as read by Mr. Pouss is before us.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Would you second that, Commissioner Palone?

MRS. PALONE: Yes.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You were both together.

So it’s properly moved and seconded, so the item is on the floor. Is there discussion and/or a motion to amend?

MRS. PALONE: I’d like to move.

MR. ISABELLA: Yes.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone. I recognize Commissioner Palone first. You’re both together again.

MRS. PALONE: Did you have something special?

MR. ISABELLA: Yes.

MRS. PALONE: I wanted to make a motion off of the amendment. We want to discuss it.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Do you want to discuss it before it’s amended, Commissioner Palone?
MR. ISABELLA: We can wait until it gets amended.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Let's have your amendment, Commissioner Palone.

So we have a motion to amend in the form presented by Director Palmer.

Is there a second to the motion to amend?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

So the motion is now on the floor as amended. Do we have discussion?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: While I see that it's more clerical as the information is given, I see the change being greater than that, because it avoids some misleading wording to the public and to our farming community because if you have the word domestic or feral hogs in there. While I've always supported controlling that problem, I was concerned. Some of you may recall at the last meeting about the word domestic hogs in there.

Seeing that change as it is, to me it means more than just a clerical change. It's misleading, understanding that it gives our people the necessary
tool, although I think, like once again, PDA is really the driving factor and should be, but they have no means in which to enforce this on public lands.

So I will not be abstaining and I will be in favor of this vote.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Your point is well taken, Commissioner Schleiden. I think we all did have some concern about the domestic hogs.

Is there any other discussion?

Yes, Mr. Schreffler?

MR. SCHREFFLER: I would just like to encourage the other Commissioners to support this. I live where these hogs are running wild through the habitat and I can see the damage they’re doing. I want to emphasize the seriousness of this and the danger to our game habitat. It’s just really disconcerting to me, so I encourage the other Commissioners to vote for this as amended.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Is there any other discussion?

Commissioner Isabella.

MR. ISABELLA: I was just very, very concerned that we are going to be enforcing private property, private landowners and that’s why I raised
the initial concern with you and I voted against it
at the last meeting. I understand the intent of this
and we do have a major problem that could be getting
much larger than we know in our game lands. I just
hope that the spirit of enforcement is going to be
not focused on the private landowner.

I intend to support it, also.

That’s it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Do other Commissioners want
to comment on the item before us?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, the action item as
amended is now before us.

I don’t believe we voted on the amendment.
We were discussing the amendment. So the first vote
would be on the amendment. All Commissioners in
favor of the amendment indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Then on the original item
as now properly amended, all in favor indicate by
saying aye.

(Signified aye.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

We now move to the last item for final adoption of the original set, which begins on page 20.

Mr. Pouss, if you would read the item?

MR. POUSS: Mr. President, that item relates to the adoption of proposed amendment to §139.4 of 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission, at its January 23, 2007 meeting, proposed the following change:

Amend §139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2007-2008 hunting license year.

The Executive Director and staff recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58 Pa. Code, as shown on Exhibit H, which starts on page 21 and goes to page 28 of your agenda.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You’ve heard the reading by Mr. Pouss. What I would like to propose as the Chair
as we do this, as we’ve done in the past, we’ll have
a motion and a second and then we’ll take each page
to the extent that we can, and then there would be
any amendments offered on a page by page basis.
We’ll consider all of the amendments collectively
when we’re finished and then we’ll vote on the
original motion.

Is that acceptable as we’ve done in the
past? Indicating we’re not voting, but I indicate
there appears to be a concurrence in that.

So if we could start, do we have a motion to
adopt the season and bag limits item?

MRS. PALONE: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

Will you second, Commissioner Isabella?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You two are confusing me
here this morning, because you’re both together.

So it’s properly moved and seconded. We
turn first to page 21. I guess the reality is that
page 21 continues onto page 22. Twenty-one at the
bottom we’re having pheasants and it goes over to the
second page pheasants continuing. Can we do 21 and
22 together? Are there any amendments to be offered
with respect to pages 21 and 22?
(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we’ll move to page 23, which generally covers turkeys and then goes down to migratory game birds.

Do we have any amendments with respect to page 23?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: None are indicated.

We go to page 24. If we could go down to the end of falconry and then consider deer as part of the next several pages?

Are there any amendments down to the end of falconry on page 24?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Seeing none, we would move then to consider the bottom of 24 and page 25, which are generally all the seasons and bag limits with respect to deer. Of course, I would note that we’ll be discussing allocations later in the meeting and we’re not really discussing allocations at this point. We’re just discussing the seasons and bag limits.

With respect to page 24 and 25, are there any amendments?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Mr. President.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, the Chair would recognize Commissioner Schreffler.

MR. SCHREFFLER: I’d like to amend the regular statewide antler/anterless season, commonly known as the rifle season, as it applies to Wildlife Management Units 2C, 2G, 3C and 4E. I would like it to read, “Deer antlered in Wildlife Management Units 2C, 2G, 3C and 4E to be from November 26 to December 1” and “Deer antlered and anterless in Wildlife Management Units 2C, 2G, 3C and 4E to be from December 3 to December 8.”

PRESIDENT BOOP: You’ve heard Commissioner Schreffler’s amendment. Is there a second to his amendment?

I will second the amendment.

So the amendment has been made and properly seconded. Is there discussion on the amendment, which as I understand it would have a one week buck and a second week of buck and then a week of concurrent in Management Units 2C, 2G, 3C and 4E.

Have I properly stated that, Commissioner Schreffler?

MR. SCHREFFLER: That’s right. The second week would be concurrent. The first week antlered only and it would be 2C, 2G, 3C and 4E.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Is there discussion on the amendment? Any discussion by anyone?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: On the item I just would like to note that I think that the amendment has merit for several reasons. Number one, the primary concern that we hear from most people who have expressed reservations about our current deer management program is that they’re not seeing deer when they’re out hunting, particularly with their children and grandchildren.

I think we have the ability, as was indicated yesterday by the deer team, through allocations to control the harvest. I think this would be beneficial in that it would allow in some Management Units, if we would take a look, of giving people an opportunity to see the deer that are out there for that week period when they’re out hunting for antlered deer.

I know when I started taking my children hunting in the nineties, many times that first day and the second day you’d see the same doe or the same group of doe. Sometimes all the children would see the same animals during the course of the day two or three times.
The deer is dead the last day of the season.
It’s just dead as if it were shot at 7:30 the first morning of the rifle season. So I think that it would give an opportunity for more people to enjoy the resource. I think since our only real way of controlling the herd is through the allocations, if we ever do get to the point where we start to allow the herd to expand, we’re going to have a problem with our allocations, unless we can shorten the seasons.

So I think this would give us a good opportunity, just for the 22 Management Units, to try this. I certainly think that we’ve achieved our goals of herd reduction in many parts of the state, so I would encourage other Commissioners to support the amendment.

Other discussion?

MR. SCHREFFLER: I’ll just make one comment. I’ve carefully reviewed the many prescriptions for the Wildlife Management Units and I believe that these particular units deserve a particular prescription in what they and the management of deer there for numerous reasons.

But I think that it only serves to demonstrate that we are looking at each Wildlife
Management Unit individually, looking at it carefully. If we see things like the deer herd health would be good and the habitat health is good and the deer-human conflict might be low, such as found in 4E, that we should seriously consider other prescriptions in the management of deer in those particular units.

PRESIDENT BOOP: If there’s no other discussion -- I’m sorry, Commissioner Schleiden.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Of course, I read my comments in January, and I’ve listened to both you gentlemen and I appreciate your comments.

But, Dave, you just said something in 2G deer health is fair, habitat is poor due to conflict. I don’t see where doing this is treating. Gentlemen, we’re not going to hunt these doe the first week because the people had the chance to see them.

But I think that most dedicated hunters and people who take their children out are usually spotlighting well before the season. So they see those deer. They know those deer there. Just so happens that they probably weren’t in the right place at the right time when they got harvested, so they didn’t see none of them run.

Unless you forget, we still have the October
hunt, which is for antlerless. It’s also for
muzzleloader the first couple of days and rifle the
last three days for what I believe seems moot.

So the opportunity is there. We do see
them. We do make the deer smarter in October. I see
no merit at this point in time, at this point in
time, which leaves the door open down the road in the
amendment.

Those are my remarks.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Are there other comments or
remarks by Commissioners before we vote?

MRS. PALONE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, Commissioner Palone.

MRS. PALONE: First of all, I don’t agree
with Commissioner Schleiden that I’m not sure why he
picked these particular units to do this, but I’m
afraid if we just change some of it that extra people
will come to harvest buck during that first week. We
might get back to the same dilemma that we used to
have, in that we harvest too many buck and not enough
does.

As far as opportunities for children, my
husband and I take our three nephews hunting with us.
In the past, when the seasons were separated, they
had the first day off of buck season to hunt. If
they did not get a deer, then they didn’t have any
other opportunities. Now with the concurrent season,
they can harvest either a buck or a doe, plus have
some extra Saturdays.

So I feel that the concurrent season is very
good for taking the children hunting.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Other comments or remarks?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: We’re voting now on the
amendment which would in effect Management Units 2C,
2G, 3C and 4E.

All in favor of the amendment as presented
indicate by saying aye.

(Commissioners Schreffler & Boop signified
aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(Commissioners Isabella, Palone, Schleiden
and Hill signified nay.)

MR. ISABELLA: Four/two, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Four/two?

MR. ISABELLA: Ayes four, nays two.

MR. SCHREFFLER: You got it backwards. You
got the vote backwards.

PRESIDENT BOOP: We’re voting on the
amendment. Two to four or four--
MR. ISABELLA: Two to four.

PRESIDENT BOOP: So the amendment as presented by Commissioner Schreffler fails.

Are there other amendments with respect to the matter before us, which we’re looking at season and bag limits for deer?

I would offer a second amendment, as I did in January, and that has to do with the October season, which is the muzzleloader and the rifle season for antlerless deer in October. Just very briefly I would reiterate the remarks I made in January.

These were temporary seasons designed to reduce the deer herd. They were never intended to become permanent seasons as I’ve read the literature and the minutes from the various meetings. With the deer herd at the levels that they’re at in many parts of the state, it’s belief that these seasons are not necessary to achieve our harvest objectives. We got plenty of allocation numbers in the two-week season later, so my amendment is to eliminate the October muzzleloader and the rifle season, which is a total of a week in October.

Is there a second to the amendment?

(No response.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, the amendment fails.

I was also going to make another amendment to eliminate the first week of the concurrent season, but being a realist and seeing what happened to Commissioner Schreffler’s amendment, I’m not going to do that at this time.

So we’ll move to page 26 and if we could, again, I realize we’re not doing complete pages, but if we could do bear and elk together, and then we’ll take up furtaking after we do bear and elk.

So we’re looking at bear and elk, the proposed season and bag limits on page 26. Are there any amendments with respect to the proposed seasons for bear and elk?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, if we could then take up furtaking and trapping, which starts on the bottom of page 26 and runs through page 28?

The Chair would recognize Bureau Director DuBrock, who is now at the podium. Again, the way we’ve done this before with Director Palmer, I believe that we do have an amendment. Again, maybe my choice of term’s not the best, but I believe again is just merely a correction rather than a substantive
MR. DUBROCK: That’s correct, Mr. President. Under “Furtaking - Trapping” for the season, and this is referring to page 27, for coyotes, foxes, opossums, raccoons, skunks and weasels (statewide), the dates should be October 21, rather than the twenty-second, and a like change for bobcat in the Management Units specified. Again, that’s under trapping, October 21.

Under “Furtaking - Hunting” on page 28, for raccoons and foxes (statewide), October 20. For bobcat in the Management Units specified, October 20.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Director DuBrock.

If we could then, again, we have our original motion back at the beginning so I believe the proper procedural issue at this point, is there an amendment to furtaking and trapping to reflect the amendment to change the date correction as indicated by Director DuBrock?

MRS. PALONE: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone. Is there a second?

MR. ISABELLA: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.
If there’s any discussion, let me know, if
not all in favor signify aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Unanimous, Mr. Secretary?

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: It is amended as indicated.

That I believe, ladies and gentlemen, takes
us to the end of season and bag limits, so if we
could just go back and refer briefly. We have one
amendment that passed, which was simply under
furtaking and trapping for a date correction. I
believe that’s the only amendment with respect to
this action item that passed.

That takes us back to the original motion,
which was made and properly seconded. Before we
vote, is there any general discussion with respect to
season and bag limits?

Of course, for the audience, please remember
this does not include the allocations, which are
going to be handled later.

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: No discussion indicated.

We’re going to vote on the overall package for season
and bag limits.

All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(Commissioners Schreffler and Boop oppose.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Four to two.

For the record, Commissioner Schreffler and I voted no.

Ladies and gentlemen, that concludes the final rule making adoptions for today, I believe. With respect to the agenda we have some proposed rule making.

Again, the Chair appreciates the help of Director DuBrock, who’s just been at the podium. Director Palmer is now back from wildlife protection. We have three items of proposed rule making beginning on page 29. Again, this is proposed rule making. We’ll go to the first item there.

MR. POUSS: Thank you, Mr. President.

The first item involves an amendment to Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code, §147.553.

Agricultural deer control permits (red tag) are generally valid from February 1 through September 28, each year. However, during the peak fawning season, agricultural deer control permits are
in invalidated for a brief period of time. The permits
have traditionally been invalidated from May 16 to
July 31, for general crop farming and from May 16 to
June 30, for vegetable farming.

Upon further review of the closure dates,
the Commission has determined that making the shorter
closure period applicable to general crop farmers
would provide additional deer control opportunities
without putting an unjustified demand on deer during
fawning season.

You can see the text of the changes on page
29.

The Executive Director and staff recommend
the Commission approve this change.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You’ve heard the reading,
Commissioners.

Is there a motion on this item?

MR. ISABELLA: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

Is there discussion on the item?

I just under discussion would like to
comment briefly on this proposed item. Under our red
tag program, as I understand, this would allow those participating in the program, whether they’re vegetable farmers or general crop farmers, to shoot antlerless deer on July 1, where crop farmers in the past could not shoot them until August 1.

Having grown up on a farm, and having operated a farm and currently operating a farm, it’s been my experience that some fawns are certainly dropped later than this, but many fawns are on the ground the second week of June. The third week of June, the mothers leave the babies for a period of time when they’re out feeding. Having had some experience with the red tag farm at my area, even in August with twin fawns running around without a mother the second week in August, is a bit of a public relations problem.

I just think that this is a public relations dilemma that we don’t need. Certainly, the farmer has the ability year-round except for a limited period from May 16 to August 1. This is a significant change, because in my opinion and I believe that I’m correct on this, there are many more crop farmers across Pennsylvania than there are vegetable farmers.

I really question even if it makes sense
biologically whether this is a policy decision we want to make. The incident from Lancaster County just recently demonstrated a policy issue, significance of some of the things we do here at the agency.

So I’m sympathetic as a farmer to crop damage losses, but I, for one, really don’t want to see those fawns running around in July, when someone shot their mother a day or two before. So I’m just going to oppose it for that reason.

Any other discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, all in favor of the proposed rule making indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed.

(Commissioners Boop and Schreffler oppose.)

MR. ISABELLA: Ayes four, nays two, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Moving to the next proposed rule making, the second of these items, which begins on page 30.

MR. POUSS: That items relates to a proposed amendment to Title 58, §141.15.

Section 2503 of the act (relating to loaded
firearms in vehicles) generally prohibits any person, not otherwise authorized, from having a loaded firearm of any kind in, on or against any conveyance propelled by mechanical power. This prohibition is intended primarily to protect the safety of persons traveling in such conveyances as well as others who may be in the vicinity of the same.

Similar to the hazards associated with having more traditional firearms loaded in a vehicle, loaded crossbows or muzzleloaders also have the potential of causing serious injury or death to persons in a vehicle as well as others who may be in the vicinity of the same if an intended or unintended discharge occurs.

The Commission has determined that it is necessary to limit the various and potential harms associated with this type of conduct. Therefore, the Commission is proposing to amend §141.15 in the manner set forth below in an effort to extend the application of Section 2503 to prohibit “loaded” crossbows or muzzleloaders in, on or against any conveyance propelled by mechanical power.

You then can see the text of the proposed changes.

The Executive Director and staff recommend
the Commission approve these changes.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You’ve heard the reading by Mr. Pouss. The matter is before us.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler.

Is there discussion on the item?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Pouss, moving to page 31, the last item of proposed rule making.

MR. POUSS: Yes, Mr. President, that relates to an amendment of §141.18 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

Each year the Commission is asked to review the potential permissive use of certain devices for
hunting or trapping purposes that are otherwise prohibited by statute or regulation. As part of the review process, the Commission generally considers to what degree the use of a given device might negatively impact principles of resource conservation, equal opportunity, fair chase or public safety.

Two devices have recently been presented to the Commission for consideration: muzzleloading firearms using an electronic impulse to trigger discharge; and illuminated nocks for arrows and bolts. After thoughtful review of these aforementioned devices, the Commission has determined the use of these devices for hunting purposes would be acceptable due to their negligible impacts to the abovementioned principles.

You can then see the text of the proposed changes.

The Executive Director and staff recommend the Commission approve these changes.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss. Commissioners, you’ve heard the reading. Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.
Is there a second?

MR. HILL: I’ll second it.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Hill.

Is there discussion on the action item?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. That completes the second of the agenda dealing with proposed rule making.

We would now move to page 32, where before us we have the matter of hunting license revocations and convictions.

The Chair would recognize Director Palmer.

MR. PALMER: Thank you, Mr. President.

We have one change to the revocation list that the Commissioners were provided. Revocation No. 135, Joel Dulla, (ph) and Revocation No. 274, Joseph Rugawitz, (ph) we’re requesting be removed from the revocation list for consideration.

PRESIDENT BOOP: I think if the Bureau is
requesting the removal from consideration by the
Board, I don’t think we need to vote on that if
you’re asking that they be removed.

So the list that remains with those two
names removed will be what we’ll be voting on?

MR. PALMER: That’s correct, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: The Commissioners did
receive this packet in advance of the meeting.

Presumably, we’ve all had a chance to look over the
list.

Is there a Commissioner prepared to make a
motion to approve these revocations and convictions
as listed?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Mr. Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler.

Is there any discussion on this item of
business?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we will vote.

All in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.
MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you.

Thank you, Director Palmer and Director DuBrock. I guess we’ll be hearing from Director DuBrock later in the morning.

We now recognize Mr. Capouillez, from our Bureau of Habitat Management, and we’re going to move now to the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management.

MR. PALMER: Mr. President, we have one additional for the administrative hearings.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Okay, that was not part of our packet or was it?

MR. PALMER: Does that need a separate motion, a separate vote?

PRESIDENT BOOP: Were the Commissioners provided?

MR. PALMER: We can revisit that. We’ll provide those on the break.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you.

Again, I understand the reason we wanted to do these now is so that the people affected would know where they stood before the new license year started, so I know your department was under some pressure to get those to us.
Bill, good morning.

MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Good morning, sir.

PRESIDENT BOOP: We’re going to now turn to page 33 of the agenda.

Mr. Pouss, would you tell us about the next item of business?

MR. POUSS: The first item is a land acquisition, Option No. 50005.

Fifty more or less acres of land in Haycock Township, Bucks County, adjoining State Game Lands No. 157, which is Exhibit RED 1. There are no reservations. The option price is $82,000 lump sum.

The money is to be paid from funds escrowed by Ladnar, Inc., with respect to mining operations on State Game Lands No. 264. The acquisition of this property is being made possible through partnerships with the Natural Lands Trust and Bucks County.

The property is mostly forested with mature tree species comprised of tulip poplar, mixed oaks, ash, beech and maple. There is a small three-acre wetland located along Stony Garden Road. An unnamed tributary to Haycock Creek runs through the property.

The Executive Director and staff recommend the option listed above be accepted and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat
Management to proceed with the acquisition of this tract.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss.

There is a map attached. It’s page 34, which shows the action item that is before us. Mr. Capouillez is available to answer any questions.

Is a Commissioner prepared to make a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

Is there discussion on this item?

MR. ISABELLA: I’d like to make a comment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes. The Chair recognizes Commissioner Isabella.

MR. ISABELLA: Yeah, this property here, as the description states, was well worth over $1 million. A developer could have acquired this land, but this acquisition prevents encroachment on our State Game Lands and our range there. Our team did a good job.

Thanks, Bill.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Any other Commissioner wish
to comment?

   Commissioner Schreffler?

   MR. SCHREFFLER:  I just want to say this is
great. I think the more land that we can acquire
near population centers to provide the opportunity
for many of those families in that area to experience
hunting and so on is wonderful. I think it’s a real
need that we have to expand our land holdings near
population centers.

   PRESIDENT BOOP:  Thank you for those
comments.

   Any other Commissioner wish to comment?

   (No response.)

   PRESIDENT BOOP:  If not, we’ll vote. All in
favor of this first item of business from the Bureau
of Wildlife Habitat Management indicate by saying
aye.

   (Signified aye.)

   PRESIDENT BOOP:  Opposed, same sign.

   (No response.)

   MR. ISABELLA:  Unanimous, Mr. President.

   PRESIDENT BOOP:  Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

   Moving to page 35.

   MR. POUSS:  Mr. President, the next item is
Option No. 50008. Thirty acres more or less of land
in Shade Township, Somerset County, near State Game Land No. 93, Exhibit RED 2, which is page 36 of your agenda, from Waste Management, Inc. This donation is made possible through the Wildlife for Everyone Endowment Foundation and will provide additional protection of the Flight 93 flight path from development.

The detached tract is a man-made wetland designed and constructed as mitigation for replacement wetlands impacted by a nearby landfill. Presently, the wetland is functioning very well and provides waterfowl habitat opportunities.

The Executive Director and staff recommend the donation listed above be accepted and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the acquisition of this tract.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss.

Again, we have a map on page 36 depicting the tract in question.

Is there a motion?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Second.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler.

Is there discussion?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: The Chair recognizes Commissioner Schleiden.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Serving on the Board of the Wildlife For Everyone Foundation, I want to acknowledge, I saw that Mr. Jim Gebicki, from Waste Management is here. Jim, would you stand up? I want to thank you and your company for stepping forward and making this donation.

Waste Management provides a very important and sometimes unpopular service to the public nationwide. They’ve work very hard. We’ve seen their ads, but they’ve worked very, very hard to do it in a conservation-minded way. They work hard to be a good neighbor.

A number of us went down to this particular area, toured the properties that were given to us as a conduit to the Game Commission. I came away very impressed. They’re very good neighbors down there. They work very hard to being good neighbors. We’re just happy to be a conduit for this donation.

I think, Bill, did you mention Ducks Unlimited was working on this as well?
MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Yes, sir. It's my understanding they've allocated about $18,000 towards improving the waterfowl habitat in the area on that tract as well.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: This property there's a lot of money spent on it, literally millions of dollars to make it a good wetlands. Again, we want to recognize Waste Management for that effort and the effort of all these partners that are coming together. It's just wonderful.

I think the foundation is excited about working with you more in the future, of working to help the public have more land as to enjoy. We thank you for the service you also give.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: I would want to echo on behalf of the Board Commissioner Schleiden's comments, but I also would like to note Commissioner Schleiden is very modest. We'd like to publicly acknowledge the Wildlife For Everyone Endowment Foundation and all that they do. I know at least one other Board member is here. If it were not for Commissioner Schleiden and some of the other people that have been involved with that, this opportunity probably would not have been possible. So I think we
ought to thank them as well.

For those of you who don’t know about the Wildlife For Everyone Endowment Foundation, please there’s a Web site. There’s a lot of information. You can certainly talk to Commissioner Schleiden about it.

Thank you again, sir.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Wildlifeforeeveryone.org.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Okay, we have the item before us. We’ve had some discussion. If there’s no other discussion, we’re going to vote on this second action item from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management.

All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Now moving to page 37, Mr. Pouss.

MR. POUSS: Yes, Mr. President.

The next item involves a land exchange with Arcadia Industrial Corporation, which has agreed to an exchange involving two lots totaling 1.67 acres,
being part of Sate Game Land No. 262, situate in Montgomery Township, Indiana County, shown on Exhibit RED 3, which is I believe page 38 of your agenda.

Arcadia Industrial Corporation desires to expand its current manufacturing facilities. The Commission already has limited use of the property because of safety zones from the current facilities.

In exchange, Arcadia Industrial Corporation will transfer 6.68 acres in Grant Township, Indiana County, which is shown on Exhibit RED 4, which is page 39 of your agenda. The 6.68 acres adjoining State Games Lands No. 262 is forested riparian habitat and will provide additional road frontage along a state highway locally known as Pine Vale Road and protects a portion of Little Mahoning Creek, a trout stream.

The staff has reviewed this proposal and has determined it to be of equal or greater value for the benefit of wildlife.

The Executive Director and staff recommend this land exchange be approved and the Commission authorize the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the exchanges indicated above.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss.

From the reading you’ll note that this
involves two land exchanges, one in Indiana County and one in Westmoreland County.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

Is there discussion on the item?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we’ll vote.

All in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Turning to page 41.

MR. POUSS: The next item involves a resolution endorsing cooperative wind energy agreements.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Game Commission seeks to coordinate wind energy projects with wind energy developers in order to work collaboratively to ensure that wind energy development project sites are
developed in both an environmentally conscientious manner and with best regard for the conservation of the Commonwealth’s wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the jurisdiction granted by 34 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statute §101 et seq. the Game and Wildlife Code, the Commission has the authority to protect, propagate, manage and preserve the game or wildlife of this Commonwealth and to enforce, by proper actions and proceedings, the laws of the Commonwealth relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, both the Commission and Cooperators support renewable energy initiatives and are dedicated to arriving at uniform guidance, in the absence of comprehensive state regulations, on how best to avoid, minimize, and/or potentially mitigate adverse impacts to wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Cooperators, in an effort to best avoid, minimize and/or mitigate potential adverse impacts with specific intent to birds and mammals, have entered into Cooperative Agreements in an effort to standardize wildlife monitoring protocols and wildlife impact review methods associated with wind energy development projects in a mutually beneficial and flexible manner and with high regard to both parties’ goals,
objectives and purviews.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Commission endorses the Cooperative Wind Energy Agreements which are currently pending final execution by the Commission and Cooperators, as well as those Agreements which may be executed in the future.

The Executive Director and staff recommend the resolution shown above be accepted.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You’ve heard the reading of the item as presented. We, as a Board, are being asked to endorse by resolution these wind energy agreements.

I believe, although I’m sure the Commissioners all understand, maybe for the benefit of those in the audience, Bill, could you just comment briefly on this for us, please?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Yes, sir.

This is a collaborative effort that came out of some statewide initiatives for which the Game Commission was the lead with regard to the bats and birds impacts. It’s a voluntary agreement in that there’s really no regulations or permitting mechanism that exist within the state which are encompassing actual reviews and monitoring from wind energy
Wind energy development has taken a forefront on a lot of the landscape across Pennsylvania in the recent two years. So this effort sets in place in absence of those regulations a better means of monitoring, as well as accessing potential impacts to bats and birds and minimizing and mitigating those impacts.

There’s going to be a press release with regard to the Cooperators that have signed in. That’s going to occur at 2 o’clock this afternoon. Again, this is something that these Cooperators not having to do, but voluntarily stepped forward to do the right thing, the higher and better use of the energy resource, as well as the cooperation with the Game Commission.

So it’s been a long effort and it’s been very rewarding based on the amount of Cooperators I have there listed.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Is this going to be a public press conference, Bill?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Yes, sir, at 2 o’clock.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Where will that be at 2 o’clock?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ: That will be right here in
PRESIDENT BOOP: In this room, so anyone who is interested would be able to attend?

MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Okay, I hope that that explanation was further helpful, at least for the people in the audience, but for the Commissioners who are being asked to endorse, you have the item before you.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MRS. PALONE: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

The matter has been properly moved and seconded.

Is there any discussion?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Yes.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, Commissioner Schreffler.

MR. SCHREFFLER: I would just like to commend the efforts of our Bureau Director Capouillez in taking the lead in this matter and recognizing for that. He’s been primarily the person responsible for
Thank you.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, sir, your comments are well noted and I’m sure we all concur.

Any other comments?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: All in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: That takes us to page 42 of the agenda. The item that remains are the allocation matters. We do have a lot of handouts.

I think probably now would be the appropriate time to take a morning break. So I have about ten of. Let’s try to meet back at five after and we’ll take up the allocations.

(Recess 9:50 A.M.)

(Reconvened 10:07 A.M.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: As we mentioned earlier in the meeting, we’re now going to turn to the matter of the allocations. We did have a presentation yesterday afternoon that was open to the public.
Many of you were here for that, but what we plan to do is with the 22 Management Units we’re going to entertain a motion and a second and then we’re going to go through each Management Unit individually to see if there are any amendments. When we complete that process, we’re going to vote on the overall package involving all 22.

So first of all, the Chair would recognize Bureau Director DuBrock, and Dr. Rosenberry is here. Chris, maybe if you’d be willing to share the podium or be over there in that area so if there’s specific questions directed to you from the Board you can help us?

To get started, I’ll ask first of the Board, is there a motion to approve the allocations for 2007-2008 as presented yesterday afternoon and as set forth in the packets that we all have before us?

MR. ISABELLA:  Motion.
MRS. PALONE:  So moved.
PRESIDENT BOOP:  Again, I’m going to give it to Commissioner Isabella with a second to Commissioner Palone, if that’s agreeable.

So it’s properly moved and seconded. I believe now we’ll turn to 1A, which is the first of the Management Units. We do have our Wildlife
Management Unit map up here for those in the audience. Hopefully, you can see it. I think many people are now familiar from the Digest because we’ve been working with this system for some time.

One(A), the recommended allocation is 42,000 for 2007-2008. Are there any amendments with respect to 1A?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we move to 1B, where the recommended allocation is 30,000. Again, as with 1A, this is the same allocation as was recommended and approved for last year.

Any amendments with respect to 1B?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Moving to 2A, recommended allocation is 60,000. The allocation for the previous ’06/07 was 55,000. Is there any discussion for the proposed amendment?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: No amendment with respect to 2A.

Moving to 2B, the recommended allocation is 68,000, which is the same for the previous season.

Any amendment with respect to 2B?

(No response.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Moving to 2C, recommended allocation is 49,000, the same as for '06/07. Is there an amendment with respect to 2C? (No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Moving to 2D, recommended allocation is 56,000, the same as '06/07. Are there any amendments with respect to 2D? (No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Two(E), 21,000 recommended, the same as '06/07. Any amendment with respect to 2E? (No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Two(F), recommended allocation is 28,000, the same as previously set. Any amendment with respect to 2F? (No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Two(G), recommended allocation is 26,000. Previous allocation was 19,000. I think this was discussed yesterday. That’s a 37 percent increase. Is there an amendment with respect to 2G? (No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Going to 3A, recommended allocation of 29,000, which was the same as '06/07. Amendment with respect to 3A?
PRESIDENT BOOP:  Three(B), 43,000, the same as previous. Amendment with respect to 3B?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP:  Three(C), 27,000, the same as previous. Amendment with respect to 3C?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP:  Three(D), 38,000, the same as previous. Amendment with respect to 3D?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP:  Four(A), 29,000, the same as previous. Amendment with respect to 4A?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP:  Four(B), 23,000. The previous allocation was 31,000. So this is a percentage decrease in 4B. Any amendment with respect to 4B?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP:  Four(C), 39,000 recommended. Thirty-nine thousand for the previous year. Any amendment with respect to 4C?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Four(D), 40,000, the same as previous. Any amendment with respect to 4D?

(No response.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Moving to 4E, recommendation 38,000. Previous it was 38,000. If there’s no one else I would like to offer an amendment with respect to 4E. Four(E) is the only Management Unit that we have in the state where the deer health is good.

Of course, habitat is good and our deer-human conflicts are above, so we have positives in all three areas of the deer health. Reproduction for one-year-olds is fair, but as we heard yesterday, although this includes all or a part of eight counties in the central or the eastern center of the state, that was based on a sample size of 13 animals.

It takes now the full period to sell out the allocations. We had no red tag harvest at all in ‘06, and DMAP utilization was low. It is decreasing. If there’s any Management Unit that would seem appropriate to allow the herd to increase, all the factors would seem favorable from the criteria that we’re using.

This is also my home county area, which I’m very familiar, and my amendment would be to reduce the allocation to 30,000, which is a modest reduction, in my opinion, and my amendment would be to reduce the allocation to 30,000.
I understand we’ve not had a Citizen Advisory Committee and that’s the only thing that was indicated we’re waiting for, but I think we, as a Board, can make the political and the social decision before the CAC would meet.

So that’s my amendment.

Is there a second to the amendment?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Second it.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Seconded.

Is there discussion on the amendment?

MRS. PALONE: Mr. President.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.
MRS. PALONE: Thank you.

Our objective in this Wildlife Management Unit is to stabilize the population. I feel if we decrease the doe allocation that our population may, in fact, increase. I also feel that right now the deer herd health and, of course, habitat health is good. If we increase the population of the deer there, that those two things will not remain good. That they could be degraded sometime in the future.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden?
MR. SCHLEIDEN: Yes, sir.
I’m kind of interested in knowing how you came up with 30,000, since I know how staff came up
with 38,000? Is that just a number that you feel comfortable with?

PRESIDENT BOOP: Well, my understanding, and, again, I could be corrected by Dr. Rosenberry, that it takes three to four tags to kill an antlerless deer in that area. Correct me if I’m wrong, and I think that that would allow a modest increase of about 2,000 animals, spread over an eight-county area, which I don’t really consider to be a significant impact.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Well, that’s what I was looking at as well, because the 38,000 over an eight-county area is only roughly about 4,500 permits on average, although it may be that some people hunt more in one area in that unit than others.

So that’s why I was asking.

PRESIDENT BOOP: That was the rationale.

MR. HILL: I’d like to make a few comments.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Sure, Mr. Hill.

MR. HILL: I’m looking at these numbers as well and I take it from your comment that the recommendation is based on political and social factors, not biological ones.

PRESIDENT BOOP: I think it can also be based on biological as well, because we have all of
the factors pointing to the positive. The only thing, as Dr. Rosenberry, if I understood him yesterday that we’re waiting on that would make a recommendation increase, would be a Citizens Advisory Committee, which has simply not been scheduled in that Management Unit.

So I think it’s on all three. It’s biological, political and social.

MR. HILL: But qualitative biological, not quantitative; right?

PRESIDENT BOOP: Well, I guess we can get into that esoteric debate, but I’ll let you have the word on that.

MR. HILL: Well, I think that it was brought up yesterday. I guess I don’t understand the distinction as well either, because if you look at deer health by WMU, we’re barely, the fawns were barely in that category above this line. I can’t with my bifocals see the difference, but I think that’s an important distinction.

If we’re going to mix political and social factors with science, at some point where do we mix so much we lose the science? That’s hard.

PRESIDENT BOOP: I guess my response to that is that in my humble opinion we’ve lost the political
and social for the last five years and science has trumped us for five years. Can’t political and social play a small percentage in the equation?

MR. SCHLEIDEN: Well, it did for 70 years.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Well, that may be and pendulums swing and sometimes they swing too far.

MR. HILL: I’m just confused over the quantitative and qualitative, I guess.

PRESIDENT BOOP: I’ll leave that for the scientists.

MR. HILL: I have.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Anyone else have comments on the amendment?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: So we have the amendment on the floor. We have the comment. All those in favor of the amendment which would reduce the allocation in 4E to 30,000 indicate by saying aye.

(Commissioners Schreffler and Boop signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(Commissioners Isabella, Hill, Schleiden and Palone indicate nay.)

MR. ISABELLA: The ayes two, nays four.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
Moving to 5A, the recommended allocation there is 22,000. The ‘06/07 was 25,000. There’s a 3,000 reduction there. Is there any amendment with respect to 5A?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, moving to 5B, recommended allocation is 53,000, the same as ‘06/07. Is there any amendment with respect to 5B?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Five(C) recommended allocation is 84,000. The ‘06/07 allocation was 79,000. Any amendment there?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Five(D), recommended allocation is 20,000, ‘06/07 was twenty. Any amendment with respect to that Management Unit?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we have the allocation numbers before us for all 22 units. No amendments that have passed, so we would be I guess at this point entertaining any additional discussion or comments on the overall motion, which would be to approve the recommended allocation numbers for the 22 Management Units.

Is there any additional discussion?
I just would like to note as discussion and, again, I guess it gets us back into the political, social, biological. On March 5, some of us as Commissioners attended the House Budget Legislative Committee. I may not have the correct title there. We heard from about 20 Representatives on a bipartisan basis, who all, I believe represent about 50,000 constituents, really pleading for this Board to make some adjustment to our Deer Management Program.

These allocation numbers, if we approve them as stated, again, I may not be exactly correct, but I think about 6,000 more than we had in '06/07. Living in the political environment professionally I just wonder how wise that is when the legislature which controls the budgetary process that affects everything we do here at this agency, not just deer, which enables us to function, whether it's really wise in light of almost the pleading that we had from the legislators to make some modest changes? Do we really want to approve an allocation package that not only does not do that, but increases the allocations over last year?

I just am concerned that that’s politically not wise.
If there’s no other discussion, all those in favor of the motion to approve the allocations as recommended by the Bureau of Wildlife Management indicate by saying aye.

(Commissioners Isabella, Palone, Schleiden and Hill indicate aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

(Commissioners Boop and Schreffler oppose.)

MR. ISABELLA: Ayes four, nays two, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: That completes the allocation as part of the business. Thank you.

Again, Dr. Rosenberry and Mr. DuBrock, I expected there would be more questions. I appreciate your willingness to be here to answer them.

I’m now going to go back to Director Palmer, the Bureau of Wildlife Protection. We do have remaining on our agenda there are some Administrative Hearing matters that we need to take up yet. I know that Mr. Palmer’s bureau has worked very hard to get this to us for the April meeting and we really pressed them, but, again, in fairness to the people affected, we wanted to have these determinations before the new license season begins.

So before us we have a blue packet of
material that probably the people in the audience do not have, but we have, one is for revocations to remain, some are to be reduced and some are to be rescinded.

Without reading the individuals' names, Mr. Pouss, we're going to do this one by one, so would you start with those that remain?

MR. POUSS: The first one, which is labeled A, do you need the explanation, the commentary?

PRESIDENT BOOP: Just give us a summary.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Administrative hearings are held to review hunting and furtaking revocations for those persons who file a petition requesting a review, in accordance with the Administrative Agency Law.

The Commission was furnished a copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of the Hearing Officer. The Findings of Fact set forth the circumstances surrounding this matter.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer Lehman, allowing the revocation period to remain as originally ordered for each of the individuals
There are nine individuals listed to have the revocation period remain the same.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, the matter is before you.

Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

Is there a second?

MR. SCHREFFLER: So moved.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler.

All in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Those opposed.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: I believe with respect to page two, the summary would be the same. It’s just reduced for the three individuals indicated?

MR. POUSS: Yes. The recommendation is, and each one has a different reduction. One it would be reduced from three years to one year. The second one would be reduced from three years to one year and the third one would be reduced from six years to four years.
PRESIDENT BOOP: The matter is before you, Commissioners. Is there a motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella. Is there a second?

MRS. PALONE: Second.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Any discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, all in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Signified aye.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. And the last of these items would be for five individuals, which the revocation period would be rescinded, Mr. Pouss?

MR. POUSS: Yes. That is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that all five individuals have their revocations rescinded.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Motion?

MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Second?

MR. SCHREFFLER: Second.
PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella made the motion. Commissioner Schreffler seconded it. Is there any discussion?
(No response.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, all in favor indicate by saying aye.
(Signified aye.)
PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.
(No response.)
MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.
PRESIDENT BOOP: We’ve now completed the formal agenda for today. We are under new business. Does any Commissioner have any item of new business that he or she wishes to bring before the Board?
Yes, Commissioner Isabella?
MR. ISABELLA: Under new business, I would like the Wildlife Management Committee and the deer people to consider one experimental Wildlife Management Unit to further allocate the basic managerial concept of our existing Deer Management Program and report back with possible recommendations in October of 2007.
PRESIDENT BOOP: As I understand it, Commissioner Isabella, this would then be for the
'08/09 hunting season?

MR. ISABELLA: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BOOP: You’ve heard Commissioner Isabella’s request. I don’t believe that requires formal action in terms of the vote, unless you’re requesting a vote.

Other Commissioners have comment or remarks?

Yes, Mr. Schleiden.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: I don’t believe we vote on new business. I think it was just a request.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Right. I just wondered if anyone else wanted to comment on it.

MR. SCHLEIDEN: As I understand, Commissioner Isabella, you’re asking staff to take a look at this with the Wildlife Committee Commissioners to take a look at the possibility of that next season that may or may not come about, but they’ll have an opportunity to report back to us in October and give us our suggestions as they see and meet your requirements as well?

MR. ISABELLA: That’s correct, Commissioner.

PRESIDENT BOOP: Anyone else want to comment on Commissioner Isabella’s matter?

Would certainly support any effort in this area. I just hope there’s time.
Anyone else have any other matters of new business?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none--

MR. ISABELLA: I'm sorry, Mr. President, just the dates of next meeting.

PRESIDENT BOOP: I'm going to do that. The dates for the next meeting are already previously established as June 25 and June 26, at 8:30 A.M. We'll be here for our June meeting.

If there's no other business, we're going to adjourn.

There will be a press conference in this room because of the training class being active so the members of the media that want to stay, I will be having a press conference immediately after the meeting.

If there's nothing else, we're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned 10:31 A.M.)
CERTIFICATION

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