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PRESENT: Commissioner Charles Rigdon; Commissioner Bryan Jones; Commissioner Billy Deviney; Commissioner John C Stanley IV; and Commissioner Jerry Munro.

Among the MDWFP Staff attending were: Executive Director, Dr. Sam Polles; Deputy Administrator, Don Brazil; Budget Director, Rickie Felder; Director of Technical Programs, Larry Castle; Parks Director, Ramie Ford; and Attorney, Doug Mann.

WELCOME

Chairman Rigdon welcomed everyone to the meeting and Don Brazil opened with prayer.

MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the Minutes of November 19, 2010 were unanimously approved as presented.

TODAY'S AGENDA

There were no changes made to the Agenda.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the December 13, 2010 Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

LICENSE SALES REPORT

Mr. Rickie Felder presented the License Sales Report for the month of November 2010. The report shows a decline in license sales as compared to the same time period last year. However, marketing efforts have paid off as we are seeing numbers leveling off. Discussion followed regarding the fact that 90% of licenses sold occur during November and December.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Larry Castle presented the following request for license reinstatement:



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Shannon Lindsey was convicted on 2/20/2007 of head lighting and hunting without a license. Mr. Lindsey was present to inform the Commission of the details surrounding his conviction. Law Enforcement recommends approval of this request and states that Mr. Lindsey has paid all required fees and has completed Hunter's Education Class.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the request from Shannon Lindsey to have his license reinstated was unanimously approved as presented.

WILDLIFE

Larry Castle presented Public Notice 3810 (Indianola WMA Closure) (Intent) for approval. He stated the closure is needed in order to develop regulations that address trespassing and vandalism issues that have occurred at this WMA.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Munro, Public Notice 3810 (Intent) was unanimously approved as presented.

Mr. Castle also informed the Commission that the Department had received a complaint from a citizen in Jackson County about the restrictions placed on camping opportunities at the Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area during hunting season. Mr. Castle let the Commission know that for the present, those concerns were being addressed by staff as users presented themselves wanting to camp at primitive areas on the WMA. The matter will be reviewed for possible amending of the regulations prior to next Spring. No action was needed from the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Polles reminded the Commission of a discussion several meetings prior, regarding Moon Lake State Park and Coahoma County. The Commission had discussed turning over the development responsibilities to Coahoma County, and retaining control of the bond proceeds intended to fund the project. By letting the county assume the primary development role, using the County Engineer and other resources, more of the bond proceeds could be spent on actual construction rather than professional fees. Dr. Polles presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Coahoma County to accomplish this purpose. The Commission indicated its approval as no formal action was required of them to proceed.

There was no other business to discuss.



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NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman asked if there were a need for an Executive Session. Dr. Polles indicated that there was no such need at this time.

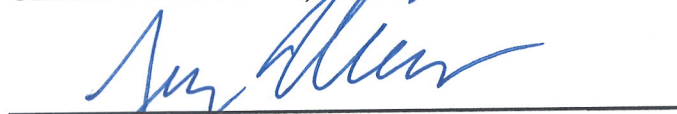
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Rigdon gaveled the meeting into adjournment.



CHARLES RIGDON, CHAIRMAN

1-18-11
Date



JERRY MUNRO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

1-18-11
Date