

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

9 a.m.

1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Chairman Bill F. Cossar, Commissioners Scott Coopwood, Gary Rhoads, Leonard Bentz, and William Mounger II; as well as, Drew Malone, Special Assistant Attorney General; and Art Kennard, MDWFP Lands Coordinator.

STAFF attending: Lynn Posey, Deputy Executive Director; Larry Pugh; Doug Mann; Amy Blaylock; Col. Jerry Carter; Lt. Col. Scottie Jones; and Sharon Polzin.

Noted for the Record: Attached to these minutes are copies of the Special Teleconference Meeting Notices, which were posted twenty-four hours prior to the meeting on the doors of the MDWFP office building located at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS, and on the MDWFP website and the Mississippi Open Meetings website, as per the provisions of the Mississippi Open Meetings Act.

Having determined that a quorum was present, the Chairman opened the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman asked if there was a need for an Executive Session. Deputy Executive Director stated that there was a need for an Executive Session.

ACTION: Commissioner Bentz made a motion to close the meeting to determine the need for Executive Session. Commissioner Rhoads seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting.

Doug Mann, Executive Staff Officer, announced to those present that the meeting was now closed to determine the need for Executive Session.

The meeting was closed. Discussion was held and it was determined that there was a need to enter into Executive Session to discuss the prospective purchase of land.

ACTION: Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the prospective purchase of land. Commissioner Coopwood seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Mr. Mann announced to those present that the Commission had entered into Executive Session to discuss the prospective purchase of land.

Art Kennard, MDWFP Lands Coordinator, updated the Commission on appraisals received on two tracts of land contiguous to the Malmaison Wildlife Management Area. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Coopwood the Commission unanimously voted to authorize the Deputy Executive Director to bid to purchase one or both tracts of land, in the upcoming auction of those lands, consistent with the appraisals and State Law.

There being no further items for discussion in Executive Session, Commissioner Bentz made a motion to open the meeting. Commissioner Rhoads seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to open the meeting.

Mr. Mann announced to the public that the meeting was now open and that during Executive Session the Commission voted to authorize staff to proceed towards the purchase of two tracts of land.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Mounger moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coopwood, and the motion carried.

Chairman Cossar gaveled the meeting into adjournment.



Bill F. Cossar, CHAIRMAN

8/11/22

Date



Scott Coopwood, VICE CHAIRMAN

8/11/22

Date

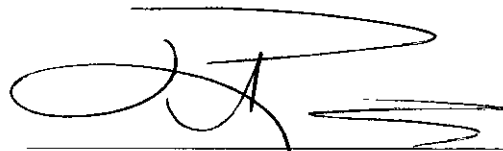
PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Meeting of the MS Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED '25-41-5 and '25-41-13, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks hereby issues this notice to the public of a special (telephonic) meeting to be held on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022**, in Jackson, Mississippi, at **9:00 A.M.** At this special meeting, the Commission will: Review information regarding the prospective purchase of a tract of land contiguous to the Malmaison Wildlife Management Area, and will discuss authorizing the Deputy Executive Director to make an offer to purchase the land, consistent with the appraisals and State Law. This meeting is for the stated purpose only, and no other items will be discussed nor is any other vote or action anticipated or required. No other items will be considered by the Commission.

The meeting will be held in the Commission Meeting Room of the Department's offices at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211. The meeting is open to the public and the Commissioners will be attending telephonically from remote locations.

This the **26th** day of **July, 2022**.



Lynn Posey, Deputy Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
Fisheries, and Parks

Special Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211

County: Hinds

For more information please contact Sharon Polzin at 16014322009 or by email at sharon.polzin@wfp.ms.gov

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State Agency: Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks

Public Body: Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks

Title: July 2022 Special Mtg of Commission

Subject: Special Meeting of Commission

Date and Time: 7/27/2022 9:00:00 AM

Description:

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MEETING LOCATION

1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson MS 39211

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