

# MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

1:30 p.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.

**STAFF attending:** Lynn Posey, Executive Director; Doug Mann, Executive Staff Officer; 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. The Executive Staff Officer stated that there was a need for an Executive Session.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Coopwood 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 personnel matters concerning the appointment of the new Executive Director of MDWFP.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters concerning the appointment of the new Executive Director. 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 personnel matters.

The Chairman instructed the Commission that the Commission is required by statute to transmit notice of the Governor’s appointment of the new Executive Director, to the State Personnel Board, along with the Commission’s recommendation on the salary for the new Executive Director. The Chairman stated his thoughts that the Commission should recommend a salary for the newly-appointed Executive Director, Lynn Posey, of \$145,000. Discussion followed.

**Upon motion by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Mounger, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend a starting salary of \$145,000 for newly-appointed Executive Director, Lynn Posey, as proposed by the Chairman. The Chairman asked that staff forward this information to the State Personnel Board.**

There being no further items for discussion in Executive Session, Commissioner Coopwood 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 direct staff to forward notice to the State Personnel Board of the newly-appointed Executive Director, along with the Commission’s request for his salary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Chairman Cossar gaveled the meeting into adjournment.

  
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Bill F. Cossar, CHAIRMAN

  
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Scott Coopwood, VICE CHAIRMAN

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