

# **MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS**

Monday, February 11, 2013 @ 10:30 a.m.

Legion State Park, Louisville, MS



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Jerry Munro, Commissioners Bryan Jones, William “Billy” Deviney, Commissioner John C Stanley IV, and Charles Rigdon

Among the MDWFP staff attending were: Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Cook, Deputy Director; Ramie Ford; Larry Castle; Michael Bolden; Ed Penny; Ron Garavelli; Col. Steve Adcock; Jim Walker; and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

Chairman Munro recognized the following visitors: Ms. Frances Ball, President, Friends of Legion Park; Mr. Tim Flake, Park Manager of Legion State Park; and Senator Giles Ward, Chairman of the Senate Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Committee. Senator Ward asked Mayor William Hill, Representative Michael Evans, City of Louisville Alderman, and City Clerk to stand and be recognized.

## **MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Minutes of the January 16, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

## **TODAY’S AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, today’s agenda was unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Frances Ball, President, Friends of Legion Park, thanked members of the Commission and MDWFP staff for the beautiful renovation of the main building at Legion Park.



## LICENSE SALES REPORT

Mr. Michael Bolden, Director of Administrative Services, presented the License Sales Report for the month of January, 2013.

He reported the following cumulative sales:

- Overall license sales - \$109,638
- Resident license sales - down \$26,973.00; apprentice license and duck stamp sales are up
- Non-resident license sales – up \$23,000; Louisiana sales - up \$18,696
- Other license sales, including Alligator - up \$90,475

## FISHERIES

### Public Notices - FINAL

Mr. Ron Garavelli, Fisheries Bureau Director, brought four Public Notices before the Commission for approval. He stated that no comments were received on the first three Public Notices listed below. MDWFP did receive around 25 letters concerning P.N. F18-3424 dealing with creel limit changes at Sardis Lake. A public hearing was held January 31 and over 70 concerned anglers were present. After reviewing these concerns, Mr. Garavelli requested Commission permission to change Sardis Lake creel limit in P.N. F18-3424 to 11” minimum length limit on crappie and a three pole limit per person. The creel limit language will remain the same for the other reservoirs.

- Public Notice F07-3550 FINAL - Community Assistance Program Water Bodies – no change
- Public Notice F12-3428 FINAL - Sport Fishing – no change
- Public Notice F16-3423 FINAL - State Lakes Regulations – no change
- Public Notice F18-3424 FINAL - Creel Limits on Sport Fish – language change for Sardis Lake.

**ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the request to approve the Fisheries’ public notices as presented above with the amended language in F18-3424 was unanimously approved.**

### Catfish Donations

Generous donations of mature blue catfish were given to the State of Mississippi by Mr. Robert Jones and Mr. Chat Phillips. These large catfish brooders were used to stock the Lower Pearl River which was devastated by a massive fish kill. Chairman Munro stated that the Commission plans to write a thank you note to these gentlemen for their generous contribution in restoring one of Mississippi’s great rivers.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Award

Col. Steve Adcock, Law Enforcement Chief, informed the Commission that the SRT TEAM was chosen by the Mississippi State Crime Stoppers as the "Top Supporting Law Enforcement Agency of the Year."

### Public Notice of INTENT LE 3822 (I) – WMA Range Fees

Col. Steve Adcock presented Public Notice of Intent LE 3822 (I) – WMA Range Fees. He explained that the current WMA range fees are extremely low and while this public notice increases our fees, they are still not as much as the public sector. He emphasized that the agency wants to keep the fees reasonable for public enjoyment.

**ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the request to approve Public Notice of Intent LE 3822 (I) – WMA Range Fees was unanimously approved.**

### Reinstatement Requests

Col. Steve Adcock brought before the Commission two requests for reinstatement. He advised the Commission that both gentlemen had met the requirements, paid their fines, and recommended reinstatement.

- Coleman Bridges, Batesville, MS

Mr. Bridges was charged with spotlighting on a public road. His fines were \$2,000 - \$2,500. Mr. Bridges stated that he had learned his lesson.

**ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the request to reinstate hunting privileges to Mr. Bridges was unanimously approved.**

- Kye Van Someren, Caledonia, MS

Mr. Van Someren shot a deer illegally. He paid off his fine of \$2,100 with community service.

**ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the request to reinstate hunting privileges to Mr. Van Someren was unanimously approved.**

**Citation Report**

Col. Adcock reported the following:

- 57 No Hunting license violations. This was the #1 offense.  
(15 – North region, 17 – Central region, 25 – South region)
- 21 headlighting citations
- Central WMA region had the most hunting violations

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was presented.

**TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013  
Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Location: State Office, Jackson, MS

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine the need for executive session. The Commission determined that executive session was needed to discuss ongoing criminal investigations, and the job performance of specific personnel in specific positions. Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Commission voted unanimously to enter into executive session.

Dr. Polles and senior staff addressed the Commission on the matters expressed in the discussion to determine the need for executive session. Discussion followed; however, no action was required of the Commission.

There was no further business for Executive Session.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to exit Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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John C Stanley IV, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
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