MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
10:00 AM Business Session
DMR Headquarters
1411 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Billy Mounger, Commissioners Gary Rhoads, Drew St. John, Colin Maloney, and Todd Hairston.

Among the MDWFP staff attending were Executive Director Lynn Posey, Michelle Carter, Jeremy Bass, Scottie Jones, Colonel Jerry Carter, Jason Thompson, and Mitchell Boulanger (Deputy General Counsel).

The Chairman gaveled the meeting into order and welcomed all guests, both in person and watching the livestream.

OPENING PRAYER

Chairman Mounger asked Jason Thompson, Director of Administrative Services, to open the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES

Chairman Mounger asked the Commission to review the minutes from the September meeting and then called for a motion to approve them.

ACTION: Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Hairston seconded by Commissioner Maloney, the Commission meeting minutes for September 23, 2026, were unanimously approved.

AGENDA

The Chairman asked Executive Director Posey if there were any changes to the proposed agenda. Executive Director Posey indicated that there were no public comments and that an Executive Session would not be required.

ACTION: Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Hairston and seconded by Commissioner Maloney, the Commission unanimously approved the meeting agenda for October 21, 2026.

LICENSE SALES REPORT

Jason Thompson, Director of Administrative Services, presented the September 2026 License Sales Report. The total revenue for the month decreased by 5.42% ($2,727,318.20) compared to September 2025.

Highlights of this report are listed below:

- Resident license sales - $1,464,780.40 (down 7.99%)
- Non-resident license sales - $978,052.80 (down 7.58%)
- Other licenses - $83,485.00. (up 38.14%)
- Lifetime license category – $201,000.00 (up 16.18%)

GREAT MISSISSIPPI NATURE TRAIL

Jeremy Bass, Marketing Director, gave a brief update on the agency's marketing efforts and continued the Great Mississippi Nature Trail series by highlighting Clark Creek Natural Area. He noted its unique terrain, more than 50 waterfalls, rare plant species, and five miles of trails. He encouraged the public to visit MississippiNatureTrails.com for more information.

WILDLIFE

Jason Thompson presented a license exemption request on behalf of Amy Blaylock, Director of Wildlife. The request came from G6:2 Outdoors, an organization that hosts annual special hunts for individuals with disabilities or special needs. They asked the Commission to exempt participating out-of-state hunters from license requirements for the events scheduled for December 4 and 5, 2026.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner St. John and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hairston, the Commission unanimously approved the license exemption request from G6:2 Outdoors for special hunts for disabled and special needs hunters on December 4 and December 5, 2026.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Col. Jerry Carter reported that during September 2026, a total of 432 citations were issued with "No Resident License" being number one (65), "Violation of State Lake" being number two (45), "Unlawful Possession" being number three (30), "Unplugged Gun" being number four (17), and "No Federal Stamp" being number five (13).

Next, Col. Carter asked Hunter Harrison to appear before the Commission regarding his hunting license reinstatement. On December 13, 2024, MSG Stanton conducted a decoy deer operation in Benton County after multiple headlighting complaints. Officers saw a Toyota Tacoma shining spotlights into a cornfield and at a deer decoy, then stopping

briefly before driving away. They stopped the vehicle, identified the occupants as Hunter Wayne Harrison and Jordan Luke Harris, and found three loaded rifles and two spotlights. Both men admitted they were attempting to shoot a deer. Officers issued citations, seized the equipment, and filed privilege revocation notices.

The Commissioners reviewed the incident with Mr. Harrison. He expressed regret, and Col. Carter confirmed he met all reinstatement requirements.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Maloney, the Commission unanimously approved the reinstatement of Hunter Harrison's hunting license.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Executive Director Posey announced the proposed date and time for the next meeting as follows:

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Location: MDWFP Headquarters

Time: 9:00 AM Education Session
10:00 AM Business Session

Executive Director Posey reminded everyone that the December meeting will not be held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Mounger called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to adjourn the October 21, 2026, Commission Meeting, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hairston. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Mounger gaveled the meeting into adjournment.

W. M. Mounger — 11/18/26

Billy Mounger, CHAIRMAN — **Date**

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Todd Hairston, VICE-CHAIRMAN — **Date**