



Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 10, 2022

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Lansing Community College
West Campus Rooms M119-121
5708 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48917

Roll call

Present for the Natural Resources Commission (Commission):

- Tom Baird, Chair
- Dave Anthony
- David Cozad
- Keith Creagh
- Leslie Love - Absent
- David Nyberg
- Carol Moncrieff Rose

Present for the Department of Natural Resources (Department) and Office of Attorney General

- Dan Bock, Legal Counsel, Office of the Attorney General
- Daniel Eichinger, Director, DNR

Meeting minutes

Opening Comments:

Chair Baird called the meeting of the Commission to order at 10:50 a.m.

Chair Baird conducted a roll call of Commissioners, the Director, and the Office of the Attorney General. **Chair Baird** noted **Commissioner Love** is absent due to work conflicts.

Chair Baird called for a motion to approve the day's agenda. **Commissioner Creagh** made a motion to approve the day's agenda supported by **Commissioner Rose**. **Chair Baird** called for discussion, there being none, **Chair Baird** called for a vote. The day's agenda was approved unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the October 13, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. **Chair Baird** called for a motion to approve the October 13, 2022, meeting minutes. **Commissioner Rose** made a motion to approve; supported by **Commissioner Creagh**. **Chair Baird** called for additional discussion. **Chair Baird** noted a change submitted by **Commissioner**

Love to remove Meredith James in her report – the report should read Daryl James. **Chair Baird** called for a vote with the edit to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Director's Report:

Director Eichinger began the report with a recognition of former **Commissioner Louise Klarr** for her many years of service to the Commission. Mr. Gunner Klarr accepted the White Pine Recognition Plaque on former Commissioner Klarr's behalf. **Chair Baird** presented the DNR White Pine plaque.

Director Eichinger continued his report by introducing David Shaw, Chief, Law Enforcement Division.

- Shikar Officer of the Year Award (David Shaw, Chief, Law Enforcement Division and Gunner Klarr, President, Shikar Safari International)
Cpl. Mike Hearn
- Lifesaving Awards – Parks and Recreation Division (*Ron Olson, Chief, Parks and Recreation Division*)
Andrew Lundborg
Arica Johnson
Sarah Loughman
Gerard Molaison
Travis Hall
Dominic Goulette
Claire Hines
Haley Spalding

The Director's Report continued with a presentation by Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division.

- i. [Elk Management Plan Update](#) (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)
- ii. [Wolf Management Plan Update](#) (*Cody Norton, Wildlife Division*)
- iii. [Legislative Report](#) (*Informational Item*)

The meeting continued, at 1:00 p.m., after a lunch break, with Brooke Parmalee, reading the official timekeeping procedures and guidelines for the meeting's public appearances. [NRC Public Appearance Guidelines](#)

- a. 5 Minute Comment
 - i. Molly Tamulevich, Michigan State Director, Humane Society of the United States – Wolves
 - ii. Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – Wolf Management Plan
 - iii. Amy Trotter, MUCC Executive Director– Wolf Management Plan

- iv. Nichole Biber, Anishinabek Caucus – Wolf Management Plan
 - v. Thomas Gilpin, Anishinabek Caucus – Wolf Management Plan
 - vi. Trish Marie – Wolves and Predator Hunting
- b. 3 Minute Comment
- i. Joe Hemming, Angler of the AuSable – Camp Grayling Expansion
 - ii. Bee Friedlander, Attorney for Animals – Wolf Management Plan
 - iii. Erik Schnelle – State President National Deer Association – Wolf Plan
 - iv. JP VanOstenberg – Fisheries Order 206.231

Chair Baird adjourned the public comment portion of the meeting and called to order the regular meeting of the Commission at 1:49 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

New Business

Chair Baird noted there are two items for the Director for Information Only.

- a. Director Matters
 - i. [Elk Management Plan Update](#)
 - ii. [Wolf Management Plan Update](#)

Chair Baird noted there are nine land transactions for the Director.

- b. Land Transactions
 - i. [Gift of Ingress and Egress Easement](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Delta County](#)
[North Cove, LLC Easement Gift](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220196](#)
 - ii. [Acquisition of State Forest Land](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Roscommon County](#)
[The Wanda Rogers Estate Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220053](#)
 - iii. [Acquisition of State Forest Land](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Chippewa County](#)
[The Fulmer Lake Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220064](#)
 - iv. [Acquisition of State Forest Land](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Cheboygan County](#)
[The Harris Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220169](#)
 - v. [Acquisition of State Parks and Recreation Land](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Wexford County](#)

- [The Grubba Living Trust Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case#20220062](#)
- vi. [Acquisition of State Parks and Recreation Land](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Huron County](#)
[The Donaldson Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220079](#)
- vii. [Acquisition of State Parks and Recreation Land](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Genesee County](#)
[The Chevy Commons \(Genesee County\) Tract Gift of Land](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20221095](#)
- viii. [Acquisition of State Parks and Recreation Land](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Mason County](#)
[Mason County Treasurer Gift of Land](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220200](#)
- ix. [Acquisition of State Wildlife Land](#)
[Wildlife Division, Kalamazoo County](#)
[The Katherine N. Maxey Gift of Land](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20220203](#)

Director Eichinger indicated he would sign all land transactions.

Chair Baird noted there are no orders for the Director and NRC for information this month.

Old Business

Chair Baird noted there is one item under Old Business for the Director this month.

- a. Director's Matters
 - i. [Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 8 of 2022](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division Management of the Michigan Iron Industry Museum](#)

Director Eichinger indicated he would sign Land Use Order Amendment No. 8 of 2022.

Chair Baird noted there were three orders for the Director and NRC under old business this month.

- b. NRC/Director's Orders
 - i. [Fisheries Order 206.23](#)
[Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters](#)

Chair Baird called for a motion to un-table Fisheries Order 206.23 – Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters. **Commissioner Rose** made a motion to un-table Fisheries Order Amendment 206.23; supported by **Commissioner Nyberg**. **Chair Baird** asked for a continued

discussion of Fisheries Order 206.23. **Commissioner Cozad** made a motion to amend Fisheries Order 206.23 - [Commissioner Cozad Amendment](#) supported by **Commissioner Anthony**. **Chair Baird** called for a vote on the amendment only. The motion to amend Fisheries Order 206.23 passed with a vote of 4 yes and 2 no. **Chair Baird** called for a discussion on the amended order. After discussion, **Chair Baird** called for a vote on Fisheries Order 206.23 as amended. The motion to approve Fisheries Order 206.23 as amended passed unanimously.

ii. [Fisheries Order 210.23](#)
[Designated Trout Streams for Michigan](#)

Chair Baird called for a motion to approve Fisheries Order 210.23 – Designated Trout Streams for Michigan. **Commissioner Creagh** made a motion to un-table Fisheries Order 210.23; supported by **Commissioner Rose**. **Chair Baird** asked for further discussion on the order. **Commissioner Cozad** made a motion to amend Fisheries Order 210.23 [Commissioner Cozad Amendment](#) supported by **Commissioner Creagh**. **Chair Baird** called the motion to table Fisheries Order 210.23 supported by **Commissioner Nyberg**. The motion to table Fisheries Order 210.23 – Designated Trout Streams for Michigan passed unanimously.

iii. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 5 of 2022](#)
[Spring Turkey Regulations](#)

Chair Baird called for a motion to approve Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 5 of 2022 Spring Turkey Regulations. **Commissioner Creagh** made a motion to approve; supported by **Commissioner Anthony**. **Chair Baird** asked for a discussion. After discussion, **Chair Baird** called the motion to a vote. The motion to approve Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 5 of 2022 passed unanimously.

Chair Baird called on **Commissioner Creagh** to discuss [Dog Tracker Resolution – Commissioner Creagh](#). The resolution was supported by **Commissioner Nyberg**. **Chair Baird** called for a vote on the resolution brought forward by **Commissioner Creagh**. The resolution passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Governance and Policy Committee: **Chair Baird** reported the Governance and Policy Committee received a presentation from Michigan United Conservation Clubs from Amy Trotter, Executive Director, and Tim Muir, Board President.

Fisheries Committee: **Commissioner Cozad** reported the Fisheries Committee received a presentation by Gary Whelan, Fisheries Division, and Chris Vandergoot, Michigan State University.

- o [Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System](#) (*Gary Whelan, Fisheries Division & Chris Vandergoot, Michigan State University*)

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Anthony – reported everything will be shut down for the next three weeks and will be rather focused.

Commissioner Cozad – reported that most of his month was focused on the Fisheries Orders and other Commission business. He also reported that the day after the October NRC meeting, he, **Chair Baird**, and **Commissioner Anthony** visited the Thompson State Fish Hatchery. The US Fish and Wildlife Service was also at the hatchery. They were able to talk with the Fish and Wildlife Service crew and watch as they processed the fish. They were very helpful in getting everyone to understand what they do and the process of each species of fish.

Commissioner Creagh – thanked the Director and the Department staff for their responsiveness to an issue with an HPAI issue at a shooting preserve. He stated that as usual, the staff were true professionals, He reported he attended the Conservation Leadership Luncheon at the Detroit Athletic Club sponsored by the Six Rivers Land Conservancy. About 175 attendees were looking at opportunities for more large-scale conservation opportunities in SE Michigan. He also had the opportunity to participate in a pheasant shoot with Ducks Unlimited (DU). The DU and its partners announced they are pursuing funds for wetlands mitigation to improve water quality and wildlife habitat throughout the state. He stated he will be spending some time in the tree stand in the next coming weeks.

Commissioner Nyberg – nothing to report.

Commissioner Rose – reported she attended a hybrid TB meeting which provided very good information regarding testing in humans, for the interest in science, and precautions that would be helpful in field dressing deer in the TB area. She's looking forward to the world completely changing next week with hunters sitting in blinds and stands looking for the most wonderful species we have in the state. She also recognized Veterans Day and thank those that served in the military for their service.

Director Eichinger – wished everyone a safe and successful firearm season and a Happy Thanksgiving.

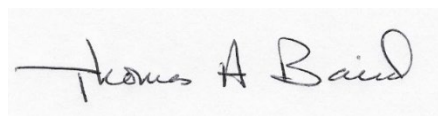
Chair Baird –reported he toured the Thompson State Fish Hatchery and watched US Fish and Wildlife Services process fish. He also spent time with MUCC staff discussing matters of mutual concern. He participated in the AuSable Resilience and Sustainability Project meetings. He reported the meetings are going well and they continue to make progress. He also met with Glen Chown, Executive Director of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and he spent some time in the field bird hunting and is looking forward to the upcoming firearm deer season. He thanked everyone for attending and for the good discussions.

Adjournment

Chair Baird asked for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Creagh** made a motion to adjourn the meeting; **Commissioner Nyberg** supported the motion. **Chair Baird** called for discussion after no discussion a vote was taken, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, December 8, 2022**, at **Lansing Community College, West Campus Rooms M119-121, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917.**



Thomas Baird, NRC Chair



Daniel Eichinger, DNR Director

DATE: December 8, 2022