



# Natural Resources Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2022

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Outdoor Adventure Center

1801 Atwater Street

Detroit, Michigan 48207

### Roll call

Present for the Natural Resources Commission (Commission):

- Tom Baird, Chair
- Dave Anthony
- David Cozad
- Keith Creagh
- Leslie Love
- 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
- Shannon Lott, Natural Resources Deputy, DNR

### Meeting minutes

Opening Comments:

**Chair Baird** called the meeting of the Commission to order at 11:17 a.m.

**Chair Baird** conducted a roll call of Commissioners, Director, and the Office of the Attorney General. **Chair Baird** called for a motion to approve the day's agenda. **Commissioner Creagh** made the motion to approve the agenda for August 11, 2022, **Commissioner Nyberg** supported the motion. **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 July 14, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. **Chair Baird** called for a motion to approve July 14, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. **Commissioner Cozad** made a motion to approve; supported by **Commissioner Anthony**. **Chair Baird** called for additional discussion, there being none, **Chair Baird** called for a vote. The motion passed. **Commissioners Creagh** and **Nyberg** abstained from the vote noting they were absent from the meeting.

**Chair Baird** called for a motion to approve July 14, 2022, closed session meeting minutes.

**Commissioner Love** made a motion to approve; supported by **Commissioner Cozad**. **Chair Baird** called for additional discussion, there being none, **Chair Baird** called for a vote. The motion passed. **Commissioners Creagh** and **Nyberg** abstained from the vote noting they were absent from the meeting

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Director's Report:

**Deputy Lott** began the report by introducing Law Enforcement Division Acting Assistant Chief Brandon Kieft.

- o Law Enforcement Division Awards (Brandon Kieft, Acting Assistant Chief, Law Enforcement Division)
- o Lifesaving Award – Conservation Officer Nicholas Ingersoll
- o Lifesaving Award – Captain David Nadeau, Monroe Township Fire Department
- o 2021 Hunter Instructor of the Year Award – James Cherry

After a short break for photos, the Director's report continued.

- o Licensing Mobile Application (*Tom Weston, Marketing and Outreach Division*)
- o [Fisheries Orders](#) (*Dr. Seth Herbst, Fisheries Division*)
- o [Legislative Report](#) (*Informational Item*)

The meeting continued 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. Erik Schnelle, Michigan Advisory Council President, National Deer Association – APR CWD Management Experiment
  - ii. Justin Tomei, MUCC – Turkey Regulations
  - iii. Zach Snyder, MUCC – Turkey Regulation
  - iv. Dave Buikema, Southern Mecosta Whitetail Management Association – APRs
- b. 3 Minute Comment
  - i. Neil Wallace – Camp Grayling expansion
  - ii. Dick Zook – APRs and Deer Management

**Chair Baird** adjourned the public comment portion of the meeting and called to order the regular meeting of the Commission at 2:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

New Business

**Chair Baird** noted there is one oil and gas lease auction for the **Director** this month.

- a. Director Action
  - i. [June 14, 2022, Oil and Gas Lease Auction Results](#)

**Deputy Lott** indicated she would sign the oil and gas lease auction.

**Chair Baird** noted there are 10 land transactions for the **Director**.

- b. Land Transactions
  - i. [Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Forest Resources Division, Alpena County  
Land Transaction Case #20220076](#)
  - ii. [Sale of Deed Restriction on DNR Conveyed Land  
Parks and Recreation Division, Barry County  
Land Transaction Case #20220058](#)
  - iii. [Exchange of State Forest Land  
Forest Resources Division, Chippewa County  
The Drummond Dolomite Exchange  
Land Transaction Case #20180089](#)
  - iv. [Exchange of State Forest Land  
Forest Resources Division, Baraga County  
The Lyme Great Lakes Exchange  
Land Transaction Case #20210058](#)
  - v. [Exchange of State Forest Land  
Forest Resources Division, Benzie County  
The Shires Exchange  
Land Transaction Case #20210240](#)
  - vi. [Exchange of State Forest Land  
Forest Resources Division, Keweenaw County  
The Griffith Exchange  
Land Transaction Case#20210264](#)
  - vii. [Acquisition of State Forest Land  
Forest Resources Division, Marquette County  
The Plant Tract  
Land Transaction Case#20220017](#)
  - viii. [Acquisition of State Forest Land  
Forest Resources Division, Chippewa County  
The Harrison Tract  
Land Transaction Case#20220052](#)
  - ix. [Acquisition of State Wildlife Land  
Wildlife Division, Allegan County  
The Smith Tract  
Land Transaction Case#20220081](#)
  - x. [Acquisition of State Wildlife Land](#)

**Deputy Lott** indicated she would sign all the land transactions.

**Chair Baird** noted there are four orders for the Director and NRC for information this month.

- c. NRC/Director's Orders
  - i. [Fisheries Order 204.23](#)  
[Spawning Closures](#)
  - ii. [Fisheries Order 206.23](#)  
[Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters](#)
  - iii. [Fisheries Order 215.23](#)  
[Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass](#)
  - iv. [Fisheries Order 226.23](#)  
[Hook and Line Restrictions During Walleye Spawning Runs](#)

Old Business

**Chair Baird** noted there are no orders for the **Director** this month.

- a. Director's Orders - None

**Chair Baird** noted there are no orders for the **Director** and **NRC** under old business this month.

- b. NRC/Director's Orders - None

Wildlife Committee Report

Wildlife Committee: **Commissioner Creagh** reported the Wildlife Committee was provided with two presentations from the Wildlife staff.

- o [Turkey Regulation Overview & 2-Bird Bag Limit Discussion](#) (*Adam Bump, Wildlife Division & Ryan Boyer, National Wild Turkey Federation*)
- o [Overview of APR CWD Study](#) (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)

Commissioner Reports:

**Commissioner Anthony** – reported he had a radio interview and conversations with sport user groups regarding primarily hunting issues and was able to spend a great deal of time in the outdoors.

**Commissioner Cozad** – reported he and **Chair Baird** attended a very informative presentation on Project FishPass in Traverse City. He and Chair Baird also attended the Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee meeting.

**Commissioner Creagh** – apologized for missing the July Commission meeting. He was able to do a little fishing with family in Northern Canada. He also fished the Hex Hatch on the Manistee River. He reported he and Dr. Herbst discussed the impact of the lack of timber cover due to the emerald ash borer and the increased fluctuation of the stream temperature on the Manistee. Chief Dexter and staff are aware of the issue and are monitoring the challenges this has created. He stated he appreciates the calls regarding CWD and APR. He also appreciates meeting with the Department, NWTF, and MUCC to figure out a path forward to integrate some new information to assist with turkey harvest regulations.

**Commissioner Love** – recognized employees of the City of Detroit and Wayne County for their exemplary contributions: Rashon Landrum, Rosemary Edwards, Jack Kyle, and John O'Mary were all given certificates of appreciation signed by Commissioner Love.

**Commissioner Nyberg** – thanked the staff from the Outdoor Adventure Center, Linda Walter, and Jackie Hoskins for their hospitality, He also thanked Amanda Treadwell, Parks and Recreation Division, and Andy from the Detroit Bus Company for the tour of the Conservatory and Belle Isle. This was his first visit back to the Belle Isle since he was a kid. He's looking forward to the Commission meeting in Marquette in October.

**Commissioner Rose** – shared the sentiment of the other Commissioners regarding the tour of the OAC, Conservatory, and Belle Isle. It was her first time visiting Belle Isle and the Conservatory. Commissioner Rose expressed she enjoyed the environment and the wonderful experience. She thanked Commissioner Love for making it possible in so many ways. She also thanked the Department staff for their presentations and the public for coming to the meeting and providing public comment.

**Deputy Lott** – reported the Department hosted Shannon Estenoz, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, US Department of Interior in Flint. This was the first time US Assistant Secretary Estenoz was in Michigan. She was given a tour of the Hamilton Dam on the Flint River. She was also given the plan for the removal of the dam and the vision of the river with the state park renderings which will add 26 miles of fish habitat back to the Flint River.

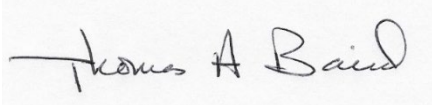
**Chair Baird** – highlighted the synergy going on between MUCC, NWTF, the Commission, and the Department staff. He stated it's a big deal to have that kind of conversation on that basis on that level. That's the kind of thing you need to have a world-class conservation operation as we do here in Michigan. He discussed Camp Grayling's proposed expansion. Public comments can be made to the Department at [DNR-Camp-Grayling@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-Camp-Grayling@michigan.gov) and more information can be found on the Department's website. Chair Baird shared that Consumers Energy announced they will begin to review licenses for river hydro plants which will expire in the next 10 years. More information can be found on the Consumers Energy website. Comments and feedback can be provided directly to Consumers Energy at [hydro@cmsenergy.com](mailto:hydro@cmsenergy.com). He also thanked staff from the OAC, the Department staff for their presentations, and the public for attending the Commission meeting and providing public comment.

Adjournment

**Chair Baird** asked for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Nyberg** made a motion to adjourn the meeting; **Commissioner Rose** supported the motion. **Chair Baird** called for discussion. a vote was taken, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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

Handwritten signature of Thomas A Baird in black ink on a light gray background.

Thomas Baird, NRC Chair

Handwritten signature of Daniel Eichinger in blue ink.

Daniel Eichinger, DNR Director

DATE: September 8, 2022