

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Commission Meeting

Minutes

June 21, 2024 | 8:30 AM (ET)

In-person: #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

Livestream: [YouTube.com/FishandWildlifeKY](https://www.youtube.com/FishandWildlifeKY)

Call to Order and Welcome (Video 4:39)

Invocation (Video 5:01) – Colonel Jeremy McQueary

Pledge of Allegiance (Video 6:21)

Chair's Remarks (Video 6:39)

Commissioner's Remarks (Video 7:58)

Commission Members in attendance (Video 19:21) Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Dr. Robin Floyd, Josh Lillard, Chuck Meade (virtual), Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, and Walter Robertson

Informational Items

- Quarterly Financial Reports (Video 20:08)
 - Lisa Cox, Director of Administrative Services, and Melissa Trent, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, presented the quarterly financial reports.
- Budget approved by General Assembly (Video 28:48)
 - Lisa Cox, Director of Administrative Services, and Melissa Trent, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, presented the budget that the General Assembly approved.
- Informational update regarding the spring 2024 turkey season (Video 41:44)
 - Zak Danks, Turkey and Grouse Program Coordinator, provided an update on the spring 2024 turkey harvest. Over 33,000 turkeys were harvested this year, making it the third-highest total on record and 9% higher than

our 5-year average. Zak also provided an update on the turkey banding research project that has been ongoing since 2022.

(Video 56:38) – Commission member Jerry Ferrell arrived for the meeting.

Action Items

- Resolutions recognizing Cumberland Forest WMA project partners (Video 50:10)
 - Commission Storm presented resolutions recognizing the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Kentucky House of Representatives, Kentucky Senate, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Kentucky Chapter of the Nature Conservancy for their partnership in establishing the Cumberland Forest Wildlife Management Area.
 - Dr. Robin Floyd made a **motion approving the resolution**, seconded by Walter Robertson. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- Resolution recognizing Lisa Cox, Director of Administrative Services (Video 57:51)
 - Commissioner Storm presented a resolution recognizing Lisa Cox, Director of Administrative Service, for her work at the department.
 - Dr. Robin Floyd made a **motion approving the resolution**, seconded by Greg Cecil. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- Minutes from March 1, 2024 quarterly meeting (Video 1:01:17)
 - Greg Cecil made a **motion to approve the March 1, 2024 quarterly meeting minutes**, seconded by Jeff Raymer. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- Revised provisions for hunting and fishing on public lands (Video 1:02:53)
 - Steven Fields, Staff Attorney, proposed amending 301 KAR 3:005 Public use of newly acquired or newly managed lands. This proposal would define terms and promulgate new definition regulations for Chapter 3, review provisions for FILO properties, add provisions for property acquired or set aside for other uses (such as office space, equipment storage, etc.), and adjust the timing properties may be under temporary restrictions.
 - Greg Cecil made a **motion for the revised provisions for hunting and fishing on public lands**, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt

Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- Increase selected deer hunting opportunities in CWD Surveillance Zone counties, and statewide for youths and mentored hunters (Video 1:14:38)
 - Commission member Floyd proposed amending 301 KAR 2:172 – Deer hunting seasons, zones, and requirements. This amendment would expand early youth gun deer season to nine consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in October in all four deer hunting Zones and expand early muzzleloader deer season to seven consecutive days beginning the third Monday in October in CWD Surveillance Zones counties with antlerless harvest during first five days of this season.
 - Commission member Floyd would also like to expand the legal methods that adults could hunt with, such as straight-walled cartridges, Sharps rifles, and shotguns with slugs.
 - Jerry Ferrell made a **motion to table this item to the next quarterly commission meeting**, seconded by Walter Robertson. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
 - Video 3:36:36: Commission member Matt Rhodes asked if the motion included the added reference to cartridges or other equipment types. Chairman Lillard said it does not.

- Recommendations for the 2025 Bear Hunting Season (Video 1:46:12)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, and Dr. John Hast, Elk and Bear Program Coordinator, proposed amending 301 KAR 2:300 – Black bear seasons and requirements. This amendment would establish a 14-day early archery and crossbow season in Clinton and Wayne Counties to begin on the third Saturday in September and coincide with the opening of deer crossbow season.
 - Greg Cecil made a **motion to approve the recommendations for the 2025 bear hunting season**, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

- Recommendations for the 2025 elk season (Video 1:49:09)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, and Dr. John Hast, Elk and Bear Program Coordinator, proposed amending 301 KAR 2:132 - Elk hunting seasons, permits, zones and requirements.
 - Ben requested that the Commission strike the bullet "prohibit drone use in take of elk" since it will be addressed later during the drone discussion. Ben also asked that they move "Draw elk hunting units during the initial drawing and amend loyalty redraw to fit this new drawing system" to a stand-alone discussion item at the next quarterly

- meeting to allow for more extensive discussion.
 - With the above revisions, the recommendations for the 2025 elk season would be to amend 301 KAR 2:132 - Elk hunting seasons, permits, zones and requirements as follows: open Paul VanBooven WMA and Fishtrap Lake WMA to elk hunting, move opening day of cow firearm week 2 to the first Saturday in January to alleviate overlap with Christmas and Christmas Eve holidays, clean up baiting regulations to prohibit hunting over a baited area within 30 days of bait being removed, and landowner elk permits (provided in exchange for public hunting access) can only be used on property enrolled in public access agreements.
 - Dr. Robin Floyd made a **motion to move forward with the recommendations as well as remove drone language and discuss during the “drone” discussion at this meeting. Remove language regarding drawn elk units and language regarding loyalty redraw and move to a discussion item at the next commission meeting**, seconded by Greg Cecil. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- Require identification on trail cameras on WMAs/public hunting areas (Video 1:58:35)
 - Colonel Jeremy McQueary, Director of Law Enforcement, and Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, proposed amending 301 KAR 3:010 – Public Use of Wildlife Management Areas. This amendment would require all trail cameras used on WMAs/public hunting areas to be externally labeled with its owner’s Fish and Wildlife customer identification number and clean up this regulation to conform with other regulations in Chapter 2.
 - Greg Cecil made a **motion to require identification on trail cameras on WMAs/public hunting areas**, seconded by Walter Robertson. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- Modifications to the permitting criteria, holding criteria and area requirements for multiple permit holders and facilities types (Video 2:01:20)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, and Laura Palmer, Furbearer and Wild Pig Program Coordinator, proposed amending 301 KAR 2:041 – Shooting areas, dog training areas, commercial foxhound training enclosures, and bobwhite shoot-to-train season, 301 KAR 2:081 – Transportation and holding of live native wildlife, 301 KAR 2:082 – Transportation and holding of live exotic wildlife, and Amend 301 KAR 5:022 – License, tag, and permit fees. These amendments would include creating a noncommercial foxhound training enclosure permit for \$25/year and prescribe enclosure

criteria including 40-acre size minimum, fencing, cover, and stocking requirements.

- Dr. Robin Floyd made a **motion to accept all the bullet points as written**, seconded by Jerry Ferrell. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. Matt Rhodes abstained from voting. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

❖ Deer dispersal research project within CWD Management Zone counties (Video 2:06:57)

- Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, and Joe McDermott, Deer Program Coordinator, sought Commission approval to conduct research to determine deer dispersal rates and distances within CWD Surveillance Zone counties. This project would be in partnership with the University of Kentucky, and the estimated total cost would be between \$400,000 and \$450,00, but there would be no impact on the Fish and Game Fund.
- Matt Rhodes made a **motion to approve the item**, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

10 Minute Break (Video 2:11:57)

Discussion Items

- Prohibit use of aircraft (drones, helicopters, airplanes, etc.) for taking fish or wildlife (Video 2:26:56)
 - Colonel Jeremy McQueary, Director of Law Enforcement, and Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, presented a department proposal to promulgate a new regulation to prohibit taking of fish/wildlife with aircraft. This regulation would comport with federal law prohibiting take with aircraft (16 US Code § 742). It would prohibit use in any aspect of take per wildlife definition in KRS 150.010. Exempt the department and its agents conducting research, communications, enforcement, and other authorized management activities. Lastly, the regulation would allow for authorized landowners/their agents engaged in lawful wildlife damage control activities, and commercial fishers for use in locating or removing invasive carp.
 - Greg Cecil asked if the department wanted to include prohibit “scout of elk” in this item.
 - Greg Cecil suggested they move this item onto an action item with the addition of scouting.
 - No objections were made to passing his item on to an action item.

- Prohibit the use of decoys on public dove fields before October 1st (Video 2:36:08)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, and John Brunjes, Migratory Bird Program Coordinator, proposed amending 301 KAR 2:225 Dove, wood duck, teal, and other migratory game bird hunting. The use of decoys, both motorized and static, would be prohibited on dove fields managed by the Department during the month of September.
 - No objections were made to passing his item on to an action item.

- Streamline, clarify and update public lands waterfowl hunting requirements (Video 2:39:29)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, and John Brunjes, Migratory Bird Program Coordinator, proposed amending 301 KAR 2:222 Waterfowl hunting requirements on public lands. This amendment would add Harris-Dickerson, Clear Creek, and Blackford Oaks WMAs to the list of WMAs that have entry and exit requirements, assign public land waterfowl hunters in Ballard County to a single unit per day, allow flexibility in timing for managers administering in-person standby drawings in Ballard County, remove the automatic assignment of surrendered hunting units during quota hunts at Boatwright WMA, remove the requirement to use primitive weapons on Barren River WMA while hunting waterfowl, change the rest days for waterfowl hunting at Sloughs WMA from Tuesday and Wednesday to Monday and Tuesday, require daily check-in before waterfowl hunting at Sloughs WMA, and remove the penalty for violating state or federal law during waterfowl quota hunts that excludes hunters from applying for or participating in department quota hunts in the subsequent year.
 - No objections were made to passing his item on to an action item.

- Commission Bylaws (Video 2:55:40)
 - Rich Storm, Commissioner, requested that the commission hold off on proceeding with this this proposal to allow for a historian or other advisor to the commission in the bylaws, due to the recent addition of 4 new commission members. He suggested that the commission consider addressing this item together in the future if they wish.

New Business Items

- Establish a permit for rabbit hunting enclosures (Video 3:04:30)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, proposed amending 301 KAR 2:041 Shooting areas, dog training areas, commercial fox hound training enclosures, and bobwhite shoot to train season. This amendment would develop a permitting process for rabbit training and hunting enclosures.

- Add the Federal Duck Stamp (e-stamp) to the list of licenses/permits offered for sale online by the Department (Video 3:06:08)
 - Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife, proposed amending 301 KAR 5:022 License, tag, and permit fees. This amendment would allow the Department to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Duck Stamp Office to allow the electronic sale of the federal Duck Stamp (e-stamp) on the Department website.

- Modify traditional fishing regulations on selected water bodies (Video 3:11:13)
 - Dave Dreves, Director of Fisheries, proposed amending 301 KAR 1:201 – Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods. This amendment would remove the catch and release special regulations for sport fish on Clear Fork (Logan and Warren counties), remove the special regulations of 4-fish daily limit for channel catfish and 15-fish daily limit on sunfish from ponds on the Boone Tract of Kentucky River WMA, add a 10-inch minimum size limit for crappie on Nolin River Lake and Rough River Lake, and add an 18-inch to 26-inch protective slot limit and 2 fish daily limit for native walleye on the Rockcastle River.

- Modify the language regarding the usage of electric motors on selected water bodies (Video 3:14:41)
 - Dave Dreves, Director of Fisheries, proposed amending 301 KAR 1:015 – Boat and motor restrictions. This amendment would clarify that the restriction to the usage of electric motors only on selected water bodies means electric motors equal to or less than 3 hp or 150 lbs of thrust.

Public Comments (Video 3:17:32)

“For all the new Commissioners, most people don't know who Back Country Hunters and Anglers are. In Kentucky our chapter was started 5 years ago. We have 1,997 paying members. We have over 15,000 supporters. Those are people that get our newsletters, get our blog, and actually will step up and vote or support an issue. Like they might support Dr. Floyd's issue, they might support something else, but they are conservation people out there paying attention, and five years ago, I don't think I could have said this when me and Dr. Clinard were trying to work this out, but we did 41 events last year all right, so we just got done a small game boot camp which was an educational event, which the Fisheries people did a great job helping us with, and the wildlife people showed up to do some cool Quail stuff and it was awesome. All right, next month we're doing a hack and squirt at Higgins and Henry. You do a hack and squirt in July, you really want to be there. All right, because you're going to pull ticks off yourself, and these are volunteers that are helping your field biologists, and the regional biologists in both Wildlife and Fisheries have asked for our help. Last month we did aquatic habitat project at Buckhorn. Two months hence, we're going to do something in Otter Creek. So, our volunteers are out on the ground helping your

district. So, I just want to say that. So, that the new folks kind of know who we are, but what I'm here to talk about today is about Fair Chase, and this is a Backcountry Hunters and Anglers issue. In the early 1900s Theodore Roosevelt helped Pioneer standards for ethical hunting. Our country has changed enormously since then and new challenges have arisen with the changes in technology and financially motivated special interests. In recent years, the use of these so-called unmanned aerial vehicles has skyrocketed even in the backcountry. Increasingly and worryingly there are sightings of drones being used to scout and stalk big game; while many users operate drones responsibly, this technology presents easy opportunity for abuse, and if not regulated now, it poses a significant threat to ethical hunting and the fair distribution of hunting opportunity. BHA maintains that hunting should involve an element of skill, woodsmanship, and challenge. Consequently, BHA State chapters, including Kentucky have initiated and led a national grassroots movement to ban the use of drones in scouting and hunting and uphold the principles of fair chase. Principles central to Back Country Hunters and Anglers all over America and in the Commonwealth. Thank you.” – Mike Abell

“Welcome to new commission members. My name is Donald Thomas. I'm actually the owner and operator of Kentucky Bulls and Beards Guide Service. Been an elk guide for going on 20 years now. We do more than elk. We do bear, deer, and turkeys. We are widespread on our guiding, but what I'm addressing today is the elk draw system. We've addressed this over the last couple years with the department. It needs to be changed. We've got an issue there, just as our group—we had done a survey a couple years ago. I can get you letters to the emails to the commission that was like our number two complaint with this draw system and the complication of this draw system on acquiring your units and so forth on. Just the whole process. We had suggested ourself, just like there was on the agenda, is that when you initially apply, pick three units. Just three units, just three numbers. You don't have to go through and pick the RAs. Then, you would have a secondary one that you could just say put me in a random one if you prefer. Then, just continue with how it's going now with the regulated areas. One of the prime examples we could use for that, just look at some numbers there. Right now, we've got the regulated areas. I don't know if you all are all familiar with what they are, but they're limited hunting area elk hunting areas. Let's say unit two, for instance, that seems to be the hot spot. So, we'll take unit two, for example; right now, the way the system is we'll take archery. There's 170 archery tags this year. You will have 170 people that could possibly be applying for that unit 2 regulated area. Now, unit 2 altogether only has I think this year's 30 archery hunters. So, you're decreasing, well, you're increasing your odds of getting into the regulated area, because you just went from 170 people applying for this one spot, down to 30 that initially got drawn in the first drawing. When they get their units. What it would really help as far as the guides, when they call the guides, we've got the process now. We start in May, we're not done till mid-July with this entire time, it's just kind of limbo, and you're, you're talking to the

hunters daily, but I just wanted to let you all know that the Elk Guide Association, we are in support of changing this draw system. I can send you some emails and bring you all up to date on what we had addressed to the commission before regarding these issues and the survey results.” - Donald Thomas

Brian Clark, Deputy Commissioner, read the following statement regarding public comments:

“Public comments regarding New Business Items or Discussion Items on the agenda may be submitted by email to FW.PublicAffairs@ky.gov. Emailed comments received by 5:00 PM (eastern) two days preceding the meeting will be distributed to all Commission members the day prior to the meeting and will be read by KDFWR staff during the Commission meeting for up to 3 minutes total per commenter, time permitting and at the discretion of the Commission chair. Emailed comments allow Commission members adequate time for consideration and correspondence if necessary, and they allow the Commission to conduct business more efficiently during meetings. Note: A commenter’s contact information is not required for emailed comments, but will be necessary if a response is requested, and other than name and affiliation it will not be publicly disclosed if provided. Anonymous comments will be distributed to the Commission members but may not be read during the meeting. The Commission chair reserves the right to not read publicly any comments that are libelous, profane, derogatory of others, not pertaining to business items on the meeting agenda, or redundant with other comments. Questions will receive an email response. Commenters should include “Commission meeting” in their email subject line and include in their email message their first and last name(s), Kentucky county(s) of residence (or state of residence if a nonresident), and organizational affiliation and position if they are an officer or official representative for a particular organization. In-person attendees of meetings may also request to speak up to 3 minutes total per commenter on New Business Item(s) or Discussion Item(s) on the agenda, but will be required to sign-in on the public comment request form on the table at the meeting room entrance by 9:00AM (eastern) on the day of the meeting, and provide name, county and state of residence, organization represented and position (if applicable), and applicable agenda items. Commenters who speak in person will not have their emailed comments read publicly at the meeting and are asked to avoid voicing comments that are redundant with others speaking prior to them during the allotted public comments time.”

Brian Clark, Deputy Commissioner, read the following emailed comments:

“If I’m reading correctly Commissioner Floyd wants to get the youth out more and control the over population of deer, which I couldn’t agree more. When it’s all said and done it comes down to the hunters. We need to get kids out more not

just deer hunting but small game, waterfowl, varmint hunting and trapping. To control the population of deer it comes down to taking out does. I'm against this proposal because youth has plenty of time to harvest a deer if people wouldn't just take them during youth season. I took mine during crossbow, muzzleloader, modern gun season, and youth season. My son was my focus when hunting. What percentage of mentors are going to be trying to take a doe out? I'm guessing it's probably going to be real low and they will be buck hunting. So how will this help the population? I do agree we need to do something and it needs to be discussed more. I thank Commissioner Floyd for bringing it to everyone's attention and hopefully with more discussion a resolution can be reached. Thank You" - Kenny Bird

"I oppose the newly introduced longer season for the youth and muzzleloader seasons. Archery season is open to youth all year and a crossbow makes it almost as easy as gun. What's the parents excuse for not involving their kids with it? If they want longer seasons pick up a bow or crossbow." - James Cash

"I wanted to voice my support for the proposed expanded youth and muzzleloader seasons." - Mark Mayes

"I do not support the expansion of muzzleloader seasons for deer. I think there are many better options. Thanks" - Brian Berry

"I would like to encourage the commission to support the expanded proposal of an early youth and adult muzzleloader season. With declining/aging hunters this would be a good opportunity to get the young hunters involved as well as some adult aged hunters that have not hunted but are interested in trying it. As an added benefit this would bring in more funding for the department through license fees. The 9-day season most likely would not have an impact on the other seasons since archery already has a long season. And from what I read in the proposal there would be a 3-week period between the end of the muzzleloader season and modern rifle season which would be a reasonable amount of time that the deer could recover from the pressure. If the science of the population numbers are good and with CWD being around harvesting more animals in an area may be able to help alleviate some of the disease effects. So I would encourage you to consider taking the necessary measures to add this season to your schedule. You could use it as an experimental season for 3-5 years and then reevaluate to make necessary adjustments. Thanks for your time." - Tom Bruha

"Hello, I ask for all of the commissioners to vote against the changes being proposed for the muzzleloader season. I feel like the addition of days to the youth is perfect! The muzzleloader hunters will be basically using rifles and interfere with the youth and archery hunters. I have a proposal, how about a requirement of all hunting seasons except the youth have to take 1 to 2 does before being

able to purchase a buck tag. This should greatly increase to number of deer taken in a season. I ask you to consider my proposal. Thank you” - Jeff Rowland

“I would like to see youth be given more opportunity to take up hunting and so I want to request that you vote to pass the proposed expansion of Early Youth and Early Muzzleloader Deer Seasons as written. Please give each Commissioner a copy of this email prior to the Commission Meeting. Thank you.” - Eric Richeson

“Dear KDFWR Commission, I am writing to express my support for the proposed expansion of youth rifle season and early muzzleloader season in CWD zones. These changes offer much-needed opportunities for our youth and hunters in CWD areas. However, I would like to suggest a few adjustments:

1. Youth Season Timing: I support the extension of the youth season but recommend scheduling it later in the season, during the winter break when kids are out of school. This would make it easier for them to participate and help manage herd numbers more effectively.
2. Rifle Season for Does: If the goal is to decrease the herd, extending the rifle season specifically for does would be a targeted and effective strategy.
3. Muzzleloader Season: The primary intent of the muzzleloader season is to provide more testing opportunities, as muzzleloaders are allowed on most public lands. Increasing the number of quota hunts in CWD areas would enhance testing and monitoring efforts. Thank you for considering these recommendations to improve the proposed changes. Best regards.” - Scott Blevins

Closed Session (3:36:32) Steven Fields, Staff Attorney, read the following statement for public notice about the Commission entering into closed session:

“All meetings of a quorum of the members of any public agency at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken by the agency shall be public meetings, open to the public at all times except for specific exceptions listed in KRS 61.810 or otherwise provided by law.

The commission has business today that will require entering into a closed executive session. For most open meeting exceptions, KRS 61.815 requires notice of the general nature of the business to be discussed in the closed session, the reason for the closed session, and the provision of KRS 61.810 that authorizes it to be publicly announced prior to entering closed session.

Closed sessions for litigation matters are not subject to the requirements of KRS 61.815; however, in the interest of transparency, that information will also be provided. During the closed session today, the commission will discuss and receive a status update regarding pending litigation with the Kentucky Open Government Coalition. The discussion of pending litigation portion of the closed session is authorized by KRS 61.810 subsection 1C.

In the proposed closed session, the commission will also discuss two potential land acquisitions via purchase. The discussions shall occur in the closed session to protect

the state's interest in the acquisition of land by identifying the Department's interest in the particular parcels. The general public would be alerted to the various owner's willingness to sell the properties and our intent to purchase. As such, the publicity increases the likelihood that other parties may make offers on the properties. Such competing offers could increase the value of the subject properties. Alternatively, a private party could purchase a property from the current owner more quickly than the commonwealth and require the commonwealth to pay a premium to acquire it from them. Additionally, the commission shall deliberate on the sale of a piece of real property owned by the commonwealth. These deliberations are to occur in the closed session to allow the commission to freely deliberate the merits of the property for various potential uses. Such deliberations could likely impact the value of the specific property by encouraging or dissuading potential buyers from attempting to purchase the property. The deliberations for the land acquisition and sale of property portions of the closed session are authorized by KRS 61.810 subsections 1C. Upon approved motion, the commission will enter into closed session.

The commission shall not discuss any other matters, and no action shall be taken during the closed session. During the closed session council and necessary members of staff will be present to advise the commission.”

- Dr. Floyd made a **motion to enter executive session**, seconded by Chuck Meade. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Action Items (Video 5:07:56)

- Chuck Meade made a **motion to proceed with three land projects that were discussed during closed session**, seconded by Jerry Ferrell. Votes were as follows: Yes: Dr. Robin Floyd, Jeff Raymer, Matt Rhodes, Greg Cecil, Jerry Ferrell, Chuck Meade, Walter Robertson. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

(Video 5:09:36) Susan Clary, Director of the Executive Branch Ethic Commission, provided ethics training for the commission members.

(Video 5:29:04) The 3rd quarterly commission meeting was set for August 30th.

Adjourn (Video 5:29:47)

- Greg Cecil made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry Ferrell. ***The motion carried unanimously.***