

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources



Quarterly Commission Meeting

MINUTES

March 29, 2023 | 9:00 AM (ET)

Live Video Teleconference

Web link: https://youtu.be/hD_UnraM_1s

Call to Order and Welcome (Video: 7:58) – Chairman Clinard

Invocation (Video:8:42) Michael Scott, Director of Engineering, Infrastructure, and Technology

Pledge of Allegiance (Video:9:25) Ralph Swallows, Commission Member

Commission Members in Attendance (Video 9:48) Dr. Karl Clinard, Jerry Ferrell, Brian Fisher, Dr. Robin Floyd, Paul Horn, Josh Lillard, Doug Morgan, and Ralph Swallows.

Chair's Remarks (Video: 10:35) – Chairman Clinard

Commissioner's Remarks - Rich Storm (Video: 12:49)

Action Items

- Minutes from December 2, 2022 quarterly meeting and Minutes from January 13, 2023 special called meeting (Video:14:48)
 - Commission member Josh Lillard made a **motion to accept both the December 2, 2022, and January 13, 2023 minutes** with a modification to reflect the board's discussion in the December 2, 2022 meeting regarding concerns about the proposal to discontinue special commission waterfowl permits in lieu of adding bear permits. Seconded by Paul Horn. Votes were as follows: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn and Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- Set Numbers of Elk Hunt Permits available through the 2023 Elk Hunt Drawing (Video:16:53)

- Ben Robinson, Director of Wildlife and Dr. John Hast, Elk Program Coordinator recommended retaining for the 2023 season the same total number and distribution of elk permits as 2022.
- Paul Horn requested that an update on the SPR elk population model be included as a new business item for the next quarterly meeting.
- Paul Horn made a **motion to approve the 2023 permits for the 2023 elk hunting season to be the same as 2022**, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn and Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- Authorize the Commissioner to promulgate regulations necessary for the department to conduct administrative functions (Video: 20:27)
 - Lisa Cox, Director of Administrative Services, proposed filing administrative regulation(s) as necessary to comply with [Senate Bill 241](#) in the event the bill passes during the 2023 legislative session. Regulations would have to be filed before the next quarterly meeting in order to meet deadlines outlined in the bill.
 - Paul Horn made a **motion to authorize the Commissioner to promulgate regulations necessary for the department to conduct administrative functions**, seconded by Dr. Robin Floyd. Votes were as follows: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn and Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried unanimously.***
- Authorize the Commissioner to conduct auctions as necessary to dispose of surplus and confiscated property (Video: 23:45)
 - Lisa Cox, Director of Administrative Services, explained that if [Senate Bill 241](#) should become law, it amends [KRS 150:120](#) as well as changes the authorization for the auctions from the Finance Cabinet Secretary to the Commission. The agency is currently preparing for the spring auction that would take place in May.
 - Brian Fisher made a **motion to authorize the Commissioner to conduct auctions as necessary to dispose of surplus and confiscated property**, seconded by Ralph Swallows. Votes were as follows: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn and Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Adjourn (Video: 26:16)

- Ralph Swallows made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Brian Fisher. Votes were as follows: Dr. Robin Floyd, Brian Fisher, Ralph Swallows, Josh Lillard, Jerry Ferrell, Paul Horn and Doug Morgan. ***The motion carried unanimously.***