

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Game and Fish Commission  
Appointment Recommendation Board  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85086

**PRESENT:** (Board Members)  
Phillip D. Townsend, Chair  
Susan E. Chilton  
W. Hays Gilstrap  
Donald R. Johnson

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

(Directors Staff)

Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General

Chairman, Phil Townsend called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and led those present through the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting followed an agenda dated October 26, 2012.

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board.**

The Board members introduced themselves: Don Johnson Gold Canyon, Susan Chilton Arivaca, Phil Townsend Yuma and Hays Gilstrap Phoenix.

The staff introduced themselves: Susie Ruppel, Secretary to the Board; Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General

Henry Scutoski ASRPA Research, Jack Husted Arizona Game and Fish Commissioner; and Steve Clark were in the audience.

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### **2. Discussion and Deliberation of Board Process and Procedures, Including the Process for Evaluating Applicants.**

Ms. Chilton suggested that the Board consider allocating 10 points to each board member to distribute with a maximum of eight to any one candidate. Each member could give 6 points to one person, 2 and 2 points to other persons, or they could give 7 and 3, or they could just give 7 points and not give out the rest, but no more than 8 to any one candidate. Ms. Chilton explained she is not proposing that Board members must use all 10 points just that they have the 10 should they desire to use them.

**MOTION:** Ms. Chilton moved and Chairman Townsend seconded TO ALLOW 10 POINTS PER BOARD MEMBER WITH A MAXIMUM OF 8 POINTS AWARDED TO ANY ONE CANDIDATE IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

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Chairman Townsend explained what the Board has done in the past is to allow the interviewees to make a prepared statement for 2 or 3 minutes about themselves, and then commence the interview. In the past the Board allowed two questions per Board member with follow up questions that may occur based on the interview. Chairman Townsend asked the Board, if any member had proposed questions.

Mr. Gilstrap explained the standard question he asks, is to ask a candidate what he or she brings to the Commission as a policy-making body to enhance that role or responsibility.

Ms. Chilton said she has three issues. First, what is their view of border security issues and the impact of the proposed Jaguar Critical Habitat for hunting and recreation. Another issue is their view of the efforts of the department to increase access to lands for recreational purposes and management uses.

Mr. Johnson stated he would question the candidates on Predator Management and Predator Control. Mr. Johnson explained he would also like to inquire as to whether the candidate is a member of or has participated in any conservation organizations and related activities. He stated he shares Ms. Chilton's concern over security issues as it relates to lost hunting opportunities.

Chairman Townsend proposed 4 questions for possibilities. What can the candidate tell the Board about the North American Model Wildlife Management? What is their opinion on controlling Predators as a means to increase the herd numbers of species managed for hunting? Can they explain what they know about how the Arizona Game and Fish Department is funded and its revenue sources? Does the candidate currently hold a hunting and or fishing license and do they purchase one annually?

The Board then discussed the order in which questions would be asked of the candidates and which Board members would present the question. Mr. Gilstrap suggested a question is to ask what the candidate could propose to augment the declining wildlife in several species.

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### **3. Interviews of Selected Applicants for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission**

Chairman Townsend reminded the Board their interview notes are public records.

**Mrs. Julie Bradley** – Interview began at 9:23 a.m.

Chairman, Townsend requested Mrs. Bradley to give a short opening statement. Ms. Bradley spoke of her background and qualifications for the position. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate.

[Candidate Bradley responded to all questions propounded to her]

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The meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

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**Mr. Alvin Kamin** – Interview began at 10:06 a.m.

Chairman Townsend requested Mr. Kamin give a short opening statement. Mr. Kamin gave a short statement. The Board then proceeded to question the candidate.

[Candidate Kamin responded to all questions propounded to him]

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The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 10:38 am

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**Mr. Edward Madden** – Interview began at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Townsend asked Mr. Madden to give the Board a short opening statement followed by questions from the Board. Mr. Madden described his background. The Board then proceeded to question Mr. Madden.

[Candidate Madden responded to all questions propounded to him]

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The meeting recessed at 11:06 a.m.

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#### **4. Recommendation of Candidates for Appointment to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to be Forwarded to the Governor.**

Board members offered their opinions on the candidates' responses to Board questions and their qualifications.

Mr. Gilstrap stated that while he was not commenting on any one candidate, there were 70 to 50 applicants last year and only 7 this year. Mr. Gilstrap questioned why that happened and expressed concern that a number of otherwise qualified individuals could not apply due to county residency issues. Mr. Gilstrap asked whether it would be appropriate for the Board to make some recommendations to the Governor's office that might prevent some of these problems.

Chairman Townsend stated he was not sure that is a Boards role and responsibility that the solicitation of applications is the sole responsibility of the Governor's office. Ms. Pollock advised the Board that their responsibility and duty today is interviewing the candidates, select and recommend at least two but not more than five for the Governor to consider. Chairman Townsend stated the Board can look at that discussion under Future Agenda Items and Mr. Gilstrap agreed.

Ms. Chilton proposed the Board recommend only two candidates. Chairman Townsend suggested seeing how the votes are tabulated.

The votes were as follows:

Julie Bradley	6
Alvin W. Kamin	2
Edward Madden	28

**MOTION:** Mr. Gilstrap moved and Mr. Johnson seconded TO FORWARD EDWARD MADDEN AND JULIE BRADLEY TO THE GOVERNOR FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Gilstrap asked if when the names are submitted whether the Governor is made aware of the Board's level of support for the candidates. Chairman Townsend stated that in the past he didn't believe the Board had officially done that. Ms. Chilton stated she had the same question perhaps the Board would like to be specific. Linda Pollock explained there is a pending motion; the Board should vote on the pending motion then return to the second issue; which is how the Board's views should be transmitted to the Governor's office.

**MOTION:** Chilton moved and Gilstrap seconded THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE VOTE TABULATIONS FOR THE NOMINATIONS OF MR. MADDEN AND MS. BRADLEY

Ms. Pollock noted that another option for the Board would be to have the minutes of today's meeting also transmitted to the Governor's office. That would require the Board to review the minutes for transmission to the Governor's office.

Chairman Townsend called the question for the motion as amended.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

Chairman Townsend asked Ms. Pollock if there was time for the Board to review the minutes and get them reviewed and to the Governor's office by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Pollock informed the Board that according to ARS 17-202, the Board's recommendation of at least 2 candidates must occur on or before November 25<sup>th</sup>. She said it is an option for the Board, but is not necessary.

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## **5. Future Agenda Items.**

Mr. Gilstap noted the Board shall assist the Governor in interviewing, evaluating, and recommending candidates to fill vacancies in Arizona Game and Fish Commission. He explained it has been and should be the Governor's prerogative on how they recruit candidates, although if there were something that with three years' experience the Board could provide to the Governor's office, that could assist in making the public more aware of the opportunity to apply.

Chairman Townsend said he didn't disagree, although he knew that a lot of people took time to try and recruit candidates. Sportsman Clubs spent a lot of energy trying to recruit candidates and because of the perimeters of the qualifications for this seat the pool for whatever reason didn't expand. Chairman Townsend asked Ms. Pollock if she would do the research and find out what role if any the Board can play in assisting the Governor's office and getting the word out in the search for candidates. He said once the Board finds out what they can and cannot request of the Governor's office then if there is some role for the Board, the Board will address it at that time. Mr. Townsend asked Mr. Gilstap if that would be satisfactory and he agreed.

Ms. Chilton said another issue the Board faced with one of the candidates was that they were not registered to vote and perhaps the Board could raise the question of whether that should be included as a requirement in the law. Mr. Gilstap noted that one commissioner moved from one county to another. Which county counts: the one they were originally in or the one they're currently in? The applicants in the other county wouldn't have realized they were eligible so at least have clarification of the current residency or the residency at the time of appointment.

Chairman Townsend asked if there were any other discussions on future agenda items.

Mr. Gilstrap asked if there is an advantage for the Board to identify the date for their two future meetings further in advance, such as after the first of the year. Chairman Townsend replied the issue has been the Governor's office establishes the time frame for acceptance of applications. Immediately upon the date of the close of applications, the Board sets dates for its meetings. The Board is at the mercy of the Governor's office and that the Governor's staff had been approached at one time about the time frame.

Chairman Townsend discussed a conference call to be scheduled in the future to review and approve the minutes of the Board's meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Chilton moved and Chairman Townsend seconded THAT THE BOARD VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

**VOTE:** Unanimous

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The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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Phillip D. Townsend, Chair

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W. Hays Gilstrap

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Susan E. Chilton

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Don Johnson

**\*These minutes were approved telephonically on January 22, 2013\*\***