

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

PRESENT (by telephone):

FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Phillip D. Townsend, Chairman
Don Johnson
W. Hays Gilstrap
W. J. "Jim" Lane

Chairman Phillip D. Townsend called the meeting to order at **8:35 a.m.** This meeting followed an agenda dated February 10, 2014.

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

Sue Chilton, Arivaca, AZ (absent), Hays Gilstrap, Phoenix, AZ (calling in), Don Johnson, Gold Canyon, AZ (calling in), Jim Lane, Scottsdale, AZ (calling in) and Phil Townsend, Yuma, AZ (calling in).

Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General
Debbie Carter, Secretary to the Board

Mark Stewart, Officer

No members of the Public in attendance.

2. Telephonically Review and Approve the Minutes.

Chairman Townsend asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes.

MOTION: Hays Gilstrap moved and Don Johnson seconded FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 29, 2013 AND NOVEMBER 8, 2013 MEETINGS.

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Discussion and Recommendations for the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board Operating Procedures.

Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General, noted the Board has expressed concern regarding their ability to discuss candidate qualifications in open session. She informed the Board that she and AG Jim Odenkirk are working on a written memorandum of law addressing this issue and it should be completed within thirty (30) days. Ms. Pollock will also discuss the Board's scope of coverage with the ADOA Risk Management Division and this will be in the memorandum.

Board members discussed the issue of the lack of information in applications sufficient to allow the Board to determine a candidate's qualifications for a position on the Commission. Mr. Gilstrap said that he would like the opportunity to have a dialogue with the Governor's office for recommendations and/or clarifications of what the Board can or should ask for in candidate applications for Commissioner. He will report back any suggestions that he receives.

The Board also discussed candidates' letters of reference. One candidate had over 100 letters. Chairman Townsend noted that the Governor's website makes it clear that the Governor's office prefers to receive not more than ten letters.

Chairman Townsend will contact someone at the Department to draft a letter for distribution to rural newspapers and communities when it is closer to the time that the applications are due for the next commission seat.

4. Future Meeting Schedule and Locations.

The Recommendation Board may call another (telephonic) meeting in April to discuss Mr. Gilstrap's conversation with the Governor's office and Ms. Pollock's memorandum of law.

MOTION: Mr. Lane moved and Mr. Johnson seconded THAT THE BOARD VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

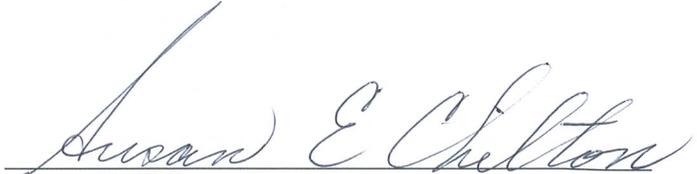


Phillip D. Townsend, Chair



Don Johnson

W. Hays Gilstrap



Susan E. Chilton



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