

Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee (HPAC) Meeting

Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2013 (Approved 1/11/14)

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona

APPROVED January 11, 2014

Committee Members:

Robert Mansell, (Chairman) - Present
Nick Lund, (Co-Chairman) – Present
Simone Westbrook Hall, - Present
Jeff Williamson, - Absent
Ron Pearce, - Absent
Steve Campbell, - Absent
Noah Stalvey, - Present
Clark Dierks, - Present

Doug Von Gausig, - Present
Danny Howe, - Present
Jonathan Lines, - Absent
Louie Galaviz, - Absent
Kerry Baldwin, - Absent
James Terlep, - Present
Gary Allen, - Absent
Rex Stulting, - Present

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- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:** Commissioner Robert Mansell, Chairman, called the meeting to order promptly at 8:30 a.m. The Chair opened the meeting by expressing his appreciation to committee members on behalf of the Heritage Fund for their time, effort and dedication of service to the committee.
 - 2. Introductions:** Chairman Mansell asked committee members and Department Staff to introduce themselves.
 - 3. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2012 HPAC Meeting:** Upon motion by Nick Lund and seconded by Noah Stalvey, the August 18, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.
 - 4. Presenter:** Mr. Bob Broscheid, Deputy Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department provided an overview to the committee on current and future fiscal year budget status within the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Mr. Broscheid discussed funding streams available to the Department and discussed essential use of the Heritage Fund throughout the Department.
 - 5. Presenter:** Mr. Tony Guiles, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Game and Fish Department, briefed the Committee that the State Legislature had just begun the new session and was looking to wrap-up the session within 100 days if possible.

Mr. Guiles stated the primary emphasis of the Department would be introduction of legislation for a new license simplification process. He stated the Arizona Game and Fish Commission would be asking the State Legislature to allow the Commission to establish hunting and fishing license structure directly through a streamlined rulemaking process rather than through the current legislative process. He stated the intent was to make it much easier for customers to understand and apply for hunting and fishing opportunities and provide the Commission more flexibility to respond to future biological factors, customer demand or market conditions.

Mr. Guiles emphasized the importance of keeping our statewide constituents fully engaged in this proposed legislation. Mr. Guiles thanked the Heritage Public Advisory Committee for assisting the Department in getting our strategic message and talking points out to the public as well as to constituent groups located within the communities they serve.

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- 6. Presenters:** Ms. Angie Lohse, Land and Water Program Supervisor and Rod Lucas, Region-6 Regional Supervisor, Arizona Game and Fish Department, provided a presentation on properties purchased with Heritage Fund dollars. Ms. Lohse discussed the Horseshoe Ranch purchase by the Department as the most recent purchase using Heritage Fund dollars, and the process used to acquire the property. Mr. Lucas discussed the role that the Department's Lands Council provides as part of the overall property acquisition process for the Department.

They discussed challenges posed in the Operation and Maintenance of Commission owned properties purchased with Heritage dollars. Although Heritage authorizes purchase of properties to conserve and protect wildlife and wildlife habitats throughout the State, Heritage does not allocate dollars to support O & M associated with maintaining these properties. They discussed the strategies and partnerships developed in the past several years to assist the Department's stewardship efforts in maintaining Heritage funded properties throughout the state.

- 7. Presenter:** Nick Lund, HPAC Co-Chairman and Region-1 HPAC Representative provided information to the Committee about the first ever International Trails Symposium hosted by American Trails at the Ft. McDowell Resort in April, 2013. Mr. Lund extended an invitation and encouraged other HPAC committee members to attend the event if available to do so.

- 8. Presenter:** Marty Herrera, Heritage Fund Administrator, Arizona Game and Fish Department, briefed the committee on the status of the Heritage Fund Grants Program for grant cycle 2013. Mr. Herrera stated the Department had received a total of seventy-three grant applications that were reviewed, scored and compiled by rank-order and that thirty-two of these applications were now being considered for Heritage Grant award. Mr. Herrera stated that the rank-order list for Outdoor Education was awaiting final approval from Director Voyles before announcement to the public. He stated the other five rank-order lists were compiled and presented to the Department's Executive Staff for review, discussion and tentative approval. Once these lists are approved by the Director, applicants are then notified and informed they have 60-days to complete all requirements associated with a full Heritage grant application prior to grant award.

- 9. Committee Business - Open Committee discussion:** The committee used this opportunity to discuss other issues and topics related to their roles and responsibilities as committee members. No additional items were motioned or voted on by committee members.

- 10. Call to the Public:** No members of the public requested to be heard.

- 11. Future Meetings:** The Committee discussed tentative dates in May, 2013 for the next meeting with possible meeting location of Pinetop or at the SIPE Wildlife Area in Springerville, AZ. Marty Herrera stated he would follow up with tentative meeting dates in May 2013 and forward this information to committee members to consider and coordinate their availability.

- 12. Awards:** No awards were presented during the meeting.

- 13. Adjournment:** Nick Lund motioned and Clark Dierks seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.