

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
July 13-14, 2017

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT at AmericInn Teton Conference Center in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota. Commissioners Cathy Peterson, Mary Anne Boyd, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, Russell Olson and Douglas Sharp were present. Approximately 35 public, staff, and media were present.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairperson Peterson called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Peterson called for any additions or corrections to the June 8-9, 2017, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by G. Jensen by Boyd TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8-9, 2017 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Commissioner Peterson requested four additional salary days for attending the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies conference.

Motion by Sharp with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

License List Requests

Chris Petersen, administration division director, presented a full fee licenses list request for elk tags in unit H2 located in the Black Hills area from Out Cold LLC of Piedmont, SD to be used for marketing purposes.

Motion by Olson with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Petersen presented a license list request for 2016 or 2017 resident license holders from the South Dakota Grassland Coalition to be used to share information on conservation issues with landowners and sportsmen.

Motion by Boyd with second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.

Internal Controls – Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest

Petersen indicated that that Governor's Office legal team is currently reviewing the code of conduct and conflict of interest policy for state boards to adopt. Both items will be brought before the Commission for adoption in the future.

Non-meandered Waters

Secretary Hepler provided a brief update stating a lot has happen in the last month. He thanked Representative Duvall and LRC staffer Amanda Jacobs who helped make the compromise happen. Hepler explained how the one year sunset clause puts urgency on work to be done. He said encouraging discussions have been held with landowners and that the GFP Communications team has put together a pathway to aid in efforts specifically the recreation and respect initiative. Hepler said the Department continues to work to resolve issues and have standard operating practices and hopes to provide more access to recreational users. There will be modifications but hopes the core principles remain.

Arden Petersen, special assistant, detailed what has transpired over the last month. He explained the first detail to work out was the communications plan. They have compiled and posted 30 frequently asked questions and answers on the GFP website in regards to the Bill, what is meandered waters and what is not, provide awareness for people, link to HB1001, developed a map of waters closed to recreational use, and contact info for staff. They have also completed a news release and email informing people to go to the GFP website. They are utilizing a contact form for staff to log/track calls to follow up with landowners and compile a report to be provided to legislature and others. Petersen said Rhett Russell, wildlife biologist, is the go to person who has been working on access agreements has been following up with landowners who are interested in closing the water over their lands. In some situations GFP can work with landowners to offer some recreation. He noted that those with Section 8 lakes who want to close water over land will need to go through the established petition process with the Commission. He said they recently met with approximately 50 landowners to work on building agreements and hopefully provide access to property that was previously closed to the public.

Mike Klosowski, wildlife regional supervisor, provided information on the general observations by staff since HB 1001. He said attitudes of sportsmen and women are positive they just want to know where they can and cannot go to avoid trouble. He stated the public is utilizing the website and social media to educate themselves. A lot of calls are coming in and the opening of sections 8 lakes has been very helpful for people who recreate. Klosowski said landowner support ranges from full to very little and that some want to post their waters without following the petition process. Staff continues to track conversations and follow up using the log Petersen mentioned. Businesses are all reporting increases in activities and are generally happy with HB1001 with the exception being in Day County where they report business is not as good as in the past and are hoping to see it increase. He noted four boaters were waiting for the ramp to open near Willow Lake on the day staff opened it.

Secretary Hepler stated two lakes have been marked for closure and are listed on the GFP website. At this time 8-9 landowners have contacted the Department on closure of section 8 lakes, but have not submitted petitions and 8-10 on other bodies of water. Some will wait until winter to close as that is when the angler traffic increases due to ice fishing. Staff are working with landowners on signs and buoy options to keep them as simple and inexpensive as possible. Sign options were provided to the commission.

Commissioner Peterson thanked staff for all their hard work as well as legislature to find a compromise for landowners, people who recreate and business owners. She also noted the importance to recreate and be respectful at the same time.

Public Involvement & Potential for Live Audio and Video Stream

Chris Hull, communications specialist, provided a powerpoint presentation on public involvement specifically through Commission meetings. He noted this is not a new topic and that the Department strategic plan lists this as a priority. Hull began by providing information on the current system being utilized by the Department for the past 13 years that allows meetings to be recorded and audio files posted to the GFP website. He said some of the posted items get up to 1,000 views and approximately 500 views of audio of are of short length. Hull said the Department has been a communications leader and that the current process has worked well. He said the Department has inquired how to make the Commission process live and more accessible to the public and explained options that include continuing with current recordings, livestream, South Dakota Public Broadcasting and Digital Dakota Network sites. Hull detailed the pros and cons of each option noting concerns to be technical failures, poor service and connections, unfiltered communication and expense.

Commissioner G. Jensen inquired if all meetings could be held at the capitol in the appropriations room and utilize the audio visual equipment

Hull noted we could but just like other rooms with these capabilities it would only be one way communication.

G. Jensen asked if the Department could put together a years' worth of meetings and a plan with costs for the Commission to choose from that would note options such as facetime, skype and other alternatives.

Hull explained that we need a system with the ability to record so we can archive and noted other systems would also require procedure and rules changes.

Secretary Hepler stated the Department wants to continue to increase public involvement and will bring back options.

Commissioner Boyd asked if this would be applied to the entire meeting or would public comment be limited to the public hearing and open forum.

Hull said we would utilize the newly selected option for the entire meeting, but this may require more time on the agenda for public comment and depend on the expectations of the public.

Commissioner Peterson agreed that more time for comments would need to be added to the agenda, but we would keep the structure of the agenda as is.

Commissioner Sharp noted that being transparent is a great way to go. He would like to know what other state commissions and boards are doing and what type of public involvement they are currently getting. Also, to check how many are live and how

many recording. He expressed concerns about anonymous communications and technology not meeting the promised options.

PROPOSALS

Petition for landowners with property in non-meandered lakes that are open to public recreation

Tony Leif, wildlife division director, explained the petition process and presented the proposal to create a new rule for petitions to restrict recreational use of a nonmeandered lake and the information that each petition must contain. Leif further noted how this will establish a process per SDCL 41-23-9 whereby an owner of private property underlying any nonmeandered lake listed in section 8 of this Act may petition the commission to allow the owner of the private property to restrict recreational use of the water overlying the owner's private property. The Commission shall determine whether to grant, deny or modify the petition based on specific criteria of privacy, safety, and substantially affected financial interest of the owner of the private property underlying the water, as well as history of use, water quality, water quantity, and the public's interest in recreational use of the water.

Leif stated requests are already being received for section 8 lakes and these will be placed on the Commission agenda in the same manner as petitions currently received. Staff are available to assist as requested and the draft rule provides latitude to act on petition at next meeting if time is needed for further review.

Commissioner G. Jensen stated the statute is well written and asked that criteria/checklist be listed on the form.

Commissioner Olson asked for an example of when staff would recommend the Commission pass a petition on a section 8 lake.

Leif said there is already a particular situation where the property owner has home that is all but completely surrounded by a section 8 lake and they do not want to shut down the lake, but give the owner some space around their home.

Commissioner Peterson noted this is similar to landowners posting around homes, feedlots, churches and schools

Leif said buffer zones have been discussed.

Commissioner Sharp asked if there has been consideration to update the GFP App and asked for more information on the hearing process that requires landowners to debate in public.

Leif responded that the appearance by petitioning landowner is not required, but the option is provided

Secretary Hepler stated this compromise provides landowners the option to petition to close or post section 8 lakes.

Commissioner G. Jensen requested more information on the legal process specifically when a petition is submitted the Commission makes there decision, then what about an appeal process and would it go to a local circuit court? He asked what happens if anything once the Commission makes a decision and they think we abused our discretion.

Secretary Hepler said the Department will follow up on G. Jensen's questions.

Commissioner Peterson stated that at this point the legislature has given the Commission the authority.

Commissioner Boyd asked how long a lake will remain close once a petition is granted

Leif said there is currently is no end date.

Commissioner Peterson reminded the group that people can still go ask the landowner for individual access.

Commissioner Dennert inquired if landowner gave permission would they need their own access or can they utilize public access?

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Olson TO PROPOSAL THE NEW RULE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS ALLOWING PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO PETITION THE COMMISSION REQUESTING RESTRICTED RECREATION USE OF THE WATER OVERLYING THEIR PROPERTY. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 2:15 p.m. and concluded at 2:20 p.m. and the minutes follow these minutes.

FINALIZATIONS

Antelope Hunting Season

Chad Switzer, wildlife program manager, presented the recommended changes to the antelope hunting season noting the only change proposed from the previous year is to 1. Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 2,945 one-tag any antelope licenses to no more than 3,265 one-tag antelope licenses.

Switzer also recommended a change from the proposal presented in June. The change from proposal would adjust the number of West River resident licenses from no more than 3,165 one-tag any antelope licenses, to no more than 4,665 one-tag antelope licenses and 300 two tag antelope license.

Motioned by Dennert with second by Sharp TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL FOR WEST RIVER TAGS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Boyd with second by Sharp TO APPROVE CHANGES TO ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS 41:06:23 AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Antelope Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the Custer State Park antelope hunting season indicating the only recommended change from the previous year is to Adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 3 one-tag any antelope licenses to zero one-tag antelope licenses; close the season.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Olson TO APPROVE THE CUSTER STATE PARK ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:25 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Antelope Hunting Seasons – Hunting Unit Licenses & Access Permit Allocations

Switzer presented the administrative action for the antelope hunting season unit licenses and access permit allocations for the 2017 – 2018 seasons.

Motioned by Sharp with second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO ALLOCATE LICENSES AND ACCESS PERMITS AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix A)

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommendation to close the sage grouse hunting season based on recommendations found within the 2014 – 2018 management plan and 2017 lek survey indicating low numbers.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Olson TO CLOSE THE SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:10. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Coyote Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the Custer State Park coyote hunting season noting it is a two year recommendation.

1. Open season and allow residents to hunt coyotes with any valid hunting license. No Custer State Park coyote license will be issued.
2. All hunters must obtain a free access permit issued by the Department.
3. Amend the 200 yard hunting restriction near roads and buildings within Custer State Park to include coyotes.

Motioned by Boyd with second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK COYOTE HUNTING SEASON 41:06:07 & 41:06:37. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Chairwoman Peterson opened the floor for discussion from those in attendance on matters of importance to them that may not be on the agenda

Russ Roberts, St. Onge, SD said he was disappointed with some of the items and things discussed in the deer management plan. He worked with staff on multiple issues and wants facts to be known. He noted the license allocation system currently allows you to apply for 8 different licenses in first application period and supply is way different than the demand in many locations. He stated statics for types noting low hunter success even though told hunters are happy with the allocation process. He

explained the difference between East River and West River indicating the odds of drawing a license are very different. He said he does not want to put anyone down, but wants the Commission to know stats and facts. Roberts read all public comments to see additional ideas people had and some of those are license allocations, specifically people want quotas for nonresident on archery, better surveys, increase in nonresident seasons noting they were the same as original proposal, exclude the resident portion.

Chris Hesla, South Dakota Wildlife Federation, thanked staff for the opportunity to be part of the workgroup and noted the Federation does support some of the recommendations provided by Russ Roberts. He noted change is hard, but sometimes we got to do it.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Good Earth Land Gift

Al Nedved, parks and recreation assistant director presented the request to acquire Tract 1 of Spring Creek Country Club Addition consisting of 22.52 acres of land to be gifted to GFP from the Parks and Wildlife Foundation. This property will be an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run.

Motioned by Olson with second by Jensen TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-09 (Appendix B) AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE RECEIPT OF DONATED 22.52 ACRES IN LINCOLN COUNTY. Motion carried unanimously.

Little Spearfish Canyon and Bismarck Lake Stewardship Plan Inventory Report

Katie Ceroll, parks and recreation division director, and Jolene, Peaks to Plains consulting, presented a powerpoint on inventory report that has been done thus far. They provided information history beginning January 2016 when the Governor unveiled the plan to create the Little Spearfish Canyon State Park and Bismarck Lake addition to Custer State Park. At this time Peaks to Plains consulting firm was hired to evaluate park location, historical inventory, education value, manage a volunteer advisory committee, design a public involvement plan, outline carrying capacity and develop strategic plan implications. They noted that public meetings were held. The meeting was controversial and 550 people attended with 34 people providing testimony. Focus groups were created and provided valuable information and proved to help shape people's feedback on both projects. Public input pointed out that Bismarck Lake provided a less formal experience for users versus CSP format- users wanted to keep that as an option. Infrastructure inventory indicated numerous resources and are now available on one report. In conclusion extensive public emotion involved with concept, need an updated vision for preserving the resources, management should be a collaborative effort with USFS and GFP.

Commissioner Sharp inquired what the next steps are and how the department feels about spending money on non-GFP owned properties.

Ceroll indicate the plan is to work collaboratively with the Forest Service to collaborate and enhance user base recreation such as fat tire biking. She noted funds will be focused on highly used area and property owned by GFP.

Commissioner Dennert asked about only moving forward with Bismarck Lake

Ceroll indicated it is unlikely any movement on either project in short term.

Secretary Hepler explained we need to rebuild trust with the user groups who were in opposition to these projects. He also highlighted capital development planning and the new 5 year planning process to better plan for the future opposed to a 1 year plan.

Park Planning Update

Nancy Surprenant, parks and recreation division staff specialist, provided the Commission an update on the process being used to work with field staff who appreciated the opportunity to share what they do and begin a trend of sharing about planning projects in accordance to the strategic plan. She explained how this aligns with the opportunities, resources and confidence goal of the strategic plan. She said there are 200-300 active Capital Development projects going on at any one time with the process moving to 5 year planning process versus year to year. Staff have found it to be more efficient and has produced a better end product. Parks staff use 'Work Zone' software that helps staff plan and share projects more efficiently. She explained how the formal planning process for all projects will help provide input and educate staff and the public and allow for better collaboration with the wildlife division.

Secretary Hepler said the department is looking at parks and how we do planning similar to wildlife plans to engage the Commission and be more transparent.

Surprenant noted the importance of public input and involvement stating a statewide plan will be the first plan with presentations and committees.

Nedved said many of the parks were built in 1970's and 1980's so they are working to be able to project the life of roads and infrastructure prioritizing needs to compile and present to the Commission as a five year plan for input.

Commissioner Peterson said long-term planning is good and noted the impact of short term projects for small communities such as picnic shelters and pools.

Parks Revenue and Camping Reservation Report

Ceroll provided the park revenue and camping reservation report. The report includes a year to date comparison of revenue by line and June 2017 year to date comparison by district item. Ceroll said overall revenue is up 4 percent and explained the motorcoach permit increase is due to payment received this calendar year that is typically receive in December of the previous year. She also noted the increase in revenue in district 8 due to the visitation at the new Good Earth state park.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Land Acquisition Projects

Paul Coughlin, habitat program administrator, provided a request to acquire the Jonathan Knisley Memorial WWA (Barrett Property) located in Hamlin County. The property consists of 1.2 acres to be donated and utilized as a public water access area at Lake St. John providing a water-based recreation resource.

Motioned by Olson with second by Dennert TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-08(Appendix C) AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE RECEIPT OF DONATED 1.2 ACRES IN HAMLIN COUNTY. Motion carried unanimously.

Coughlin also provided the list of proposed land acquisitions projects in early development including the North Sanborn GPA property inholding consisting of 1.13 acres in holding and a possible addition to Bitter Lake GPA in Day County consisting of 580 acres.

Deer Management Plan

Tom Kirschenmann, wildlife division assistant director, reminded the Commission of the two year process with efforts from staff and stakeholders focusing on biological components for whitetail and mule deer to complete the deer management plan. He noted the plan objective and strategies pertaining to habitat, population monitoring, and urban management.

Motioned by Olson with second by Sharp TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE SOUTH DAKOTA WHITE-TAILED DEER AND MULE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2017-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Prairie Grouse Management Plan

Kirschenmann presented the Commission the updated version of the current prairie grouse management plan. He highlighted key portions of the plan to include habitat, harvest monitoring, and research needs. Kirschenmann stated that once approved they begin implementation noting this only amends the current five year plan that will conclude in 2021.

Motioned by Dennert with second by Boyd TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE UPDATED AND AMENDED PRAIRIE GROUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOUTH DAKOTA, 2017-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Elk Raffle License

Kirschenmann presented the Commission the request for elk raffle license from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to be raffled off to raise funds for their program which protects and enhances habitat for the elk population and other species.

Tom Slowey, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation South Dakota Regional Director, was present to speak to the importance of the partnership with GFP and highlight projects. He noted a decrease in elk tag funds due to a delay in getting their mailer out even though banquet fundraisers had a substantial increase. And thanks to Commissioner Jensen for facilitation of drawing each year.

Motioned by Olson with second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION TO OBTAIN AN ELK LICENSE TO BE RAFFLED OFF. Motion carried unanimously

State Wildlife Action Plan Update

Eileen Dowd Stukel, senior wildlife biologist, presented the Commission a powerpoint on the wildlife action plan. She explained that the plan focuses on managing native wildlife species and is required in to receive grant funding. She said the US Fish and Wildlife Service oversees and approves plans and funding for all 50 states and that endangered, threatened or species of interest are of special interest in this plan.

Threatened and Endangered Species

Dowd Stukel presented a powerpoint on the threatened and endangered species program describing the law and rules in effect for our state. She explained that the state legislature must approve any reintroduction of extirpated wildlife and the process GFP has for listing wildlife which is similar to that of the federal government. At this time we have 6 species listed.

Casey Heimerl, wildlife biologist, presented information on peregrine falcons noting recent survey work which found two active nests, conservation efforts, and recovery criteria.

Silka Kempema, wildlife biologist, presented information on swift fox noting the distribution across the state, conservation challenges and efforts.

Chelsea Pasbrig, fisheries biologist, presented information on finescale dace noting potential threats, distribution, conservation efforts, recovery goals and strategies.

Commissioner Olson requested information on river otters as he understands they have recently been reintroduced without environmental impact statements.

Dowd Stukel noted Kempema is working on and has draft criteria and will be meeting in the near future in hopes to reach consensus on criteria.

Commissioner G. Jensen requested discussion include butterflies and bumble bees

Secretary Hepler informed the Commission that staff are involving the Department of Agriculture on butterfly and bumble bee discussions and will also be working with the Western Governors Association to enhance the endangered species act.

Scope of AIS Management

Mike Smith, senior fisheries biologist, provided the Commission a powerpoint presentation on various options for management of AIS species used by states across the US. Smith detailed use of watercraft inspections stations and the difficulty of utilizing them in South Dakota due to the numerous bodies of water and their scattered proximity. He explained how the National Sea Grant Law Center and AFWA have put together a legislative framework package that assists states in implementing laws at the state level to assists boaters with uniform requirements when crossing state lines. He noted the clean, drain and dry program has been added to the regulatory framework although our state does not have the dry component. He presented information on the

four tiered program that regulatory framework has provided and said many of the western states currently participate. Smith said if we participated in the tier 1 program (12 inspection stations) it would cost approx. \$800,000 annually and border check stations would be expensive and the logistics would be extremely extensive.

Deer Licenses and Season Structure

Kirschenmann presented the Commission a 26 page information document compiled by staff to summarize comments received for social management considerations for deer management. Kirschenmann focused on license allocation, buck license allocation, public interest in changing the current license system, limited access units, season dates, buck tags per hunter and identified some of the numerous public suggestions offered during the planning process.

Commissioner Sharp asked why people are required to select a weapon during the deer hunting season.

Kirschenmann explained we would likely have to look over data and tweak our deer license allocation due to harvest implications of changing from a 'weapon-specific approach as 15 percent of harvest comes from all other harvest besides rifle.

Fawn Collaring Update

Kevin Robling, provided a powerpoint presentation on fawn collar research operations across the state. He said multiple staff assisted across the state with a high level of staff effort to conduct the study with results showing they are becoming more efficient. Robling noted detailed the methods uses and capture results with 1589 fawns have been collared since 2013. He presented information on survival rates, population projects and monitoring for mule deer and white tail deer.

Unique Plant and Habitat Projects

Jordan Purintun, wildlife biologist, informed the Commission on the responsibilities of his position such as the rare plant database and provided an overview of the unique plant and habitat projects he is working on. He explained that the main project is to inventory native pollinator communities studying the area from Clear Lake to Summit. He is current preparing a proposal, identifying GPA's and private land that will be part of the project.

Drought Task Force and Impacts of Dry Conditions

Keith Fisk, wildlife damage management program administrator, provided a map of US drought monitor and conditions for South Dakota indicating areas of concern are growing. He noted the task force has provided beneficial aid in the allocation of resources and the Governor signed an executive order allowing highway ditches to be mowed a month early and lifted requirements for CDL and allowance for oversize loads when hauling hay on state highway to help relieve hay shortages. Fisk said the Department of Agriculture released some emergency grazing areas and are planning to allow emergency haying after August 1. He expressed concerns for active fire season and noted we are being sensitive to the needs of producers and hoping to accommodate when we can.

Kirschenmann said habitat conditions are tough and only getting worse with anticipated impacts to wildlife. He said grasslands used for grazing and haying have an impact on wildlife populations and hunters will not have some habitat for hunting. Kirschenmann explained the negative impact drought will have on upland game, deer, elk, and antelope.

Private Shooting Preserves for 2017-2018

Janelle Blaha, wildlife program assistant II, presented the Commission statistics on private shooting preserves. Specifics included the total number of preserves by year, pheasant harvest and release records, other game bird harvest and release records for the last 10 years and number of preserves by size for the 2017-2018 seasons. Blaha also provided an overview of the rules and regulations for private shooting preserves.

Commissioner Olson asked if preserve owners calling with concerns about the drought monitor wanting to adjust their acres.

Blaha explained that procedure are in place allowing them to adjust acres by special request for boundary changes due to circumstances such as drought, flooding for current season and reverts back the following season. She noted some have inquired but no formal requests have been received.

Commissioner Olson asked when the fee permit was last adjusted and if they sustain the program

Blaha responded that the kill tag fee was increased in 2009 from \$.05 to \$.25 which is in statute. These fees generate adequate funding to cover the costs of the program.

Leif noted the increase in 2009, which had resistance from the preserve industry, was done to cover the administration of the program.

Outdoor Education Events

Taniya Bethke, wildlife division staff specialist, presented a power point on outdoor education and outlined upcoming education events across the state. She said outdoor campuses have focused on non-traditional, youth and new family hunting opportunities in efforts to recruit new hunters and anglers. Bethke noted outdoor university events have attracted numerous people to come to the campuses to try new outdoor activities. She provided information on the HuntSAFE program which certified 3648 students in 2016 with 225 instructors attended the 2016 HuntSAFE conference. And 292 schools participate in the NASP program with a total of 21,900 students participating/

License Sales Update

Scott Simpson, wildlife administration chief, provided the license sales report as of May 30 for all resident and nonresidents for all license types indicating sales are similar to last year at this time, just slightly down. He noted nonmeandered waters have some impact on fishing sales especially for nonresidents. Simpson said there will be an

increase in the fees charged by licenses agents effective July 1 due to SB 130. He explained how recent changes to the online license sales system allows users to use additional personal information to their user profile making it easier for them to login to the system and reduce the number of calls for password update requests.

Solicitation of Agenda Items from Commissioners

No new agenda items were requested at this time.

Leif informed the Commission that the contested case hearing decision in regards to the Justin Allen bait dealer license has been appealed to circuit court.

Adjourn

Motioned by Peterson TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Appendix A

2017-2018 BLACK HILLS DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RE S	RE S	RE S	RE S	NR	NR	N R	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tag s	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tag s
BD1	0	0	500	0	0	40	500	0	500	500	40	0	40	40
BD2	0	0	100	0	0	8	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
BH1	200	3,500	0	16	280	0	3,700	0	3,700	3,700	296	0	296	296
TOTAL	200	3,500	600	16	280	48	4,300	0	4,300	4,300	344	0	344	344
Unit	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	Any Deer	Any WT	Antlerless WT	RE S	RE S	RE S	RE S	NR	NR	N R	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tag s	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tag s
RES and NR:							4,644	0	4,644	4,644				

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

Unit	Resident Licenses											
	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2016	2017-2018	#	%	2016	2017-2018	#	%	2016	2017-2018	#	%
BD1									300	500	200	67%
BD2									100	100	0	0%
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,500	3,500	0	0%	400	600	200	50%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

2017-2018 EAST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses							
		AnyD	AtlD	AD+AtlD	2 AtlD	AnyW	AtlW	AW+AtlW	2 AtlW
		01	03	08	09	11	13	18	19
01A	Minnehaha	450	100						
03A	Brown	1,100	1,300						
04A	Beadle					500	100		
05A	Codington	250							
06A	Brookings	450	100						
07A	Yankton	250							
07B	Yankton		75						
08A	Davison					200			
10A	Aurora					350	200		
12A	Bon Homme	150							
12B	Bon Homme						50		
13A	Brule	100				600		200	

13L	Brule	20							
14A	Buffalo	100						250	
16A	Campbell	20				400	300		
17A	Charles Mix	100				150			
18A	Clark	600							
19A	Clay	200							
22A	Day	600							
23A	Deuel	400							
25A	Douglas					150			
26A	Edmunds			700	600				
28A	Faulk			600	800				
29A	Grant	300							
32A	Hamlin	600							
33A	Hand	20				450	400		
34A	Hanson					200			
36A	Hughes	175				250	175		
37A	Hutchinson					100			
38A	Hyde	20						500	200
40A	Jerauld					350	200		
42A	Kingsbury	500	100						
43A	Lake	300	100						
44A	Lincoln	200	50						
46A	McCook	350	100						
47A	McPherson	500			500				
48A	Marshall	500							
51A	Miner	400	350						
52A	Moody	350	100						
54A	Potter	150						500	400
55A	Roberts	500							
56A	Sanborn					350	200		
57A	Spink	900	400						
59A	Sully West	100				250	100		
59B	Sully East	20				350	100		
61A	Turner	100							
62A	Union	250	50						
63A	Walworth	50				400	300		
	TOTAL	11,075	2,825	1,300	1,900	5,050	2,125	1,450	600
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW
		01	03	08	09	11	13	18	19

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

Unit #	Unit Name	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	650	550	-100	-15%	650	550	-100	-15%
03A	Brown	2,200	2,400	200	9%	2,200	2,400	200	9%

04A	Beadle	1,050	600	-450	-43%	1,300	600	-700	-54%
05A	Codington	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
06A	Brookings	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
07A	Yankton	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
07B	Yankton	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
08A	Davison	300	200	-100	-33%	300	200	-100	-33%
10A	Aurora	950	550	-400	-42%	1,650	550	-1,100	-67%
12A	Bon Homme	200	150	-50	-25%	200	150	-50	-25%
12B	Bon Homme	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
13A	Brule	1,150	900	-250	-22%	2,000	1,100	-900	-45%
13L	Brule	0	20	20	NA	0	20	20	NA
14A	Buffalo	400	350	-50	-13%	700	600	-100	-14%
16A	Campbell	720	720	0	0%	1,420	720	-700	-49%
17A	Charles Mix	550	250	-300	-55%	550	250	-300	-55%
18A	Clark	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
19A	Clay	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
22A	Day	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
23A	Deuel	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
25A	Douglas	325	150	-175	-54%	325	150	-175	-54%
26A	Edmunds	1,300	1,300	0	0%	2,600	2,600	0	0%
28A	Faulk	1,400	1,400	0	0%	4,200	2,800	-1,400	-33%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
33A	Hand	870	870	0	0%	1,720	870	-850	-49%
34A	Hanson	300	200	-100	-33%	300	200	-100	-33%
36A	Hughes	600	600	0	0%	775	600	-175	-23%
37A	Hutchinson	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
38A	Hyde	920	720	-200	-22%	1,820	1,420	-400	-22%
40A	Jerauld	700	550	-150	-21%	1,300	550	-750	-58%
42A	Kingsbury	700	600	-100	-14%	700	600	-100	-14%
43A	Lake	450	400	-50	-11%	450	400	-50	-11%
44A	Lincoln	200	250	50	25%	200	250	50	25%
46A	McCook	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
47A	McPherson	1,000	1,000	0	0%	2,000	1,500	-500	-25%
48A	Marshall	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
51A	Miner	900	750	-150	-17%	950	750	-200	-21%
52A	Moody	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,950	1,950	0	0%
55A	Roberts	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	900	550	-350	-39%	950	550	-400	-42%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully West	550	450	-100	-18%	950	450	-500	-53%
59B	Sully East	470	470	0	0%	920	470	-450	-49%
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	250	300	50	20%	250	300	50	20%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	1,450	750	-700	-48%
	TOTAL	29,080	26,325	-2,755	-9%	42,055	31,575	-10,480	-25%

2017-2018 REFUGE DEER

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	RES 1- tag	RES 2- tag	RES Li c	RES Tag s	NR 1- tag	NR 2- tag	NR Lic	NR Tag s
Lacreek Refuge														
RFD-LC1	15	0	0	2	0	0	15	0	15	15	2	0	2	2
RFD-LC2	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
Sand Lake Refuge														
RFD-SL1	20	10	0	2	1	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL2	20	10	0	2	1	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL3	20	10	0	2	1	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL4	20	10	0	2	1	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
RFD-SL5	20	10	0	2	1	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3
Waubay Refuge														
RFD-WA1	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
RFD-WA2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RFD-WA3	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	10	10	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	145	50	0	15	5	0	195	0	195	195	20	0	20	20
Unit	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	Any D 01	Any Atl D 03	2 Any Atl D 09	RES 1- tag	RES 2- tag	RES Lic	RES Tag s	NR 1- tag	NR 2- tag	NR Lic	NR Tag s
RES and NR:							215	0	215	215				

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

Refuge Unit	Resident Licenses							
	Any Deer				Antlerless Deer			
	Year		Change		Year		Change	
	2016	2017	#	%	2016	2017	#	%
Lacreek Refuge								
RFD-LC1	5	15	10	200%				
RFD-LC2	15	10	-5	-33%				
Sand Lake Refuge								
RFD-SL1	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL2	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL3	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL4	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
RFD-SL5	20	20	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
Waubay Refuge								

RFD-WA1	10	10	0	0%				
RFD-WA2	10	0	-10	-100%				
RFD-WA3	10	10	0	0%				
TOTAL	150	145	-5	-3%	50	50	0	0%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

STATE PARK ARCHERY ACCESS PERMITS 2017-2018

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

Designated Area	Number of Access Permits		
	Any Deer	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	Total
2016 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
2017-2018 Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve	5	25	30
2016 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5
2017-2018 Good Earth State Park	5	0	5

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON 2017-2018

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
Statewide	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

	Resident	
	Any Deer Licenses	Any Deer Tags
2016 Statewide	1,000	1,000
2017-2018 Statewide	1,000	1,000

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER 2017-2018

Unit	Resident Licenses		
	Any Deer	Any Whitetail	Antlerless Whitetail
	01	11	13
CUD-1	5	29	0
CUD-2	0	0	30
TOTAL	5	29	30

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

Unit	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
CUD-1	10	29	19	190%	10	29	19	190%
CUD-2	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
TOTAL	40	59	19	48%	40	59	19	48%

2017 WEST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses						Nonresident Licenses					
		Any D 01	Atl D 03	Any W 11	Atl W 13	AW+At IW 18	2 AtIW 19	Any D 01	Atl D 03	Any W 11	Atl W 13	AW+At IW 18	2 AtIW 19
02A	Pennington	400				200		32	0	0	0	16	0
02C	Pennington	100		50				8	0	4	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	150		100				12	0	8	0	0	0
11B	Bennett	100		125				8	0	10	0	0	0
15A	Butte	200				650	250	16	0	0	0	52	20
15B	Butte	150				500	150	12	0	0	0	40	12
20A	Corson	100		300				8	0	24	0	0	0
21A	Custer	100		200				8	0	16	0	0	0
21B	Custer	100		50	50			8	0	4	4	0	0
24A	Dewey	100		250	100			8	0	20	8	0	0
24B	Little Moreau			10	10			0	0	1	1	0	0
27A	Fall River	100						8	0	0	0	0	0
27B	Fall River	200		200	100			16	0	16	8	0	0
27L	Fall River	10		10				1	0	1	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	25		500		100		2	0	40	0	8	0
30B	Gregory	25		500		100		2	0	40	0	8	0
31A	Haakon	600		150	100			48	0	12	8	0	0
35A	Harding	300		300	250			24	0	24	20	0	0
35C	Harding	100		300	250			8	0	24	20	0	0
35L	Harding	125						10	0	0	0	0	0

39A	Jackson	150		100				12	0	8	0	0	0
39B	Jackson	250		150				20	0	12	0	0	0
41A	Jones	150		300				12	0	24	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	100		450		100		8	0	36	0	8	0
45B	Lyman	50		200				4	0	16	0	0	0
45C	Lyman	30					20	3	0	0	0	0	2
45D	Lyman	20		40				2	0	4	0	0	0
49A	Meade	700		250	150			56	0	20	12	0	0
49B	Meade	700		400	300			56	0	32	24	0	0
50A	Mellette	200		225				16	0	18	0	0	0
50B	Mellette	200		225				16	0	18	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	300				350	200	24	0	0	0	28	16
53C	Perkins	500				400	300	40	0	0	0	32	24
58A	Stanley	100		100				8	0	8	0	0	0
58D	Stanley	5	5					1	1	0	0	0	0
60A	Tripp	400		700	250			32	0	56	20	0	0
64A	Ziebach	300		200				24	0	16	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	100						8	0	0	0	0	0
67A	Todd	150						12	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	7,390	5	6,385	1,560	2,400	920	593	1	512	125	192	74
Unit #	Unit Name	Any D 01	Atl D 03	Any W 11	Atl W 13	AW+At IW 18	2 AtIW 19	Any D 01	Atl D 03	Any W 11	Atl W 13	AW+At IW 18	2 AtIW 19

2018 WEST RIVER DEER

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses						Nonresident Licenses						License Totals							
		An yD 01	At ID 03	An yW 11	Atl W 13	AW+ AtIW 18	2 Atl W 19	An yD 01	At ID 03	An yW 11	Atl W 13	AW+ AtIW 18	2 Atl W 19	RE S 1-tag	RE S 2-tag	RES Licen ses	RE S Tag s	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licen ses	NR Tag s
02 A	Penning ton	40				200		32	0	0	0	16	0	400	20	600	800	32	16	48	64
02 C	Penning ton	10		50				8	0	4	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12
11 A	Bennett	15		10				12	0	8	0	0	0	250	0	250	250	20	0	20	20
11 B	Bennett	10		12				8	0	10	0	0	0	225	0	225	225	18	0	18	18
15 A	Butte	20				650	250	16	0	0	0	52	20	200	90	1,100	2,000	16	72	88	160
15 B	Butte	15				500	150	12	0	0	0	40	12	150	65	800	1,450	12	52	64	116
20 A	Corson	10		30				8	0	24	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32
21 A	Custer	10		20				8	0	16	0	0	0	300	0	300	300	24	0	24	24
21 B	Custer	10		50	50			8	0	4	4	0	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16
24 A	Dewey	10		25	10			8	0	20	8	0	0	450	0	450	450	36	0	36	36
24 B	Little Moreau			10	10			0	0	1	1	0	0	20	0	20	20	2	0	2	2
27 A	Fall River	10						8	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8
27 B	Fall River	20		20	10			16	0	16	8	0	0	500	0	500	500	40	0	40	40
27 L	Fall River	10		10				1	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	2	0	2	2
30 A	Gregory	50		1,000		200		4	0	80	0	16	0	105	20	1,250	1,450	84	16	100	116
31 A	Haakon	60		15	10			48	0	12	8	0	0	850	0	850	850	68	0	68	68
35 A	Harding	30		30	25			24	0	24	20	0	0	850	0	850	850	68	0	68	68
35 C	Harding	10		30	25			8	0	24	20	0	0	650	0	650	650	52	0	52	52

35 L	Harding	125						10	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	125	125	10	0	10	10
39 A	Jackson	150	100					12	0	8	0	0	0	250	0	250	250	20	0	20	20	
39 B	Jackson	250	150					20	0	12	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32	
41 A	Jones	150	300					12	0	24	0	0	0	450	0	450	450	36	0	36	36	
45 A	Lyman	100	450		100			8	0	36	0	8	0	550	100	650	750	44	8	52	60	
45 B	Lyman	50	200					4	0	16	0	0	0	250	0	250	250	20	0	20	20	
45 C	Lyman	30				20		3	0	0	0	0	2	30	20	50	70	3	2	5	7	
45 D	Lyman	20	40					2	0	4	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	6	0	6	6	
49 A	Meade	700	250	150				56	0	20	12	0	0	1100	0	1,100	1,100	88	0	88	88	
49 B	Meade	700	400	300				56	0	32	24	0	0	1400	0	1,400	1,400	112	0	112	112	
50 A	Mellette	400	450					32	0	36	0	0	0	850	0	850	850	68	0	68	68	
53 A	Perkins	300			350	200		24	0	0	0	28	16	300	550	850	1,400	24	44	68	112	
53 C	Perkins	500			400	300		40	0	0	0	32	24	500	700	1,200	1,900	40	56	96	152	
58 A	Stanley	100	100					8	0	8	0	0	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16	
58 D	Stanley	5	5					1	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	2	0	2	2	
60 A	Tripp	400	700	250				32	0	56	20	0	0	1350	0	1,350	1,350	108	0	108	108	
64 A	Ziebach	300	200					24	0	16	0	0	0	500	0	500	500	40	0	40	40	
65 A	Oglala Lakota	100						8	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8	
67 A	Todd	150						12	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12	
	TOTAL	7,390	5	6,385	1,560	2,400	920	593	1	512	125	192	74	15,340	3,320	18,660	21,980	1,231	266	1,497	1,763	
Unit #	Unit Name	An yD	At ID	An yW	Atl W	AW+ AtlW	2 Atl W	An yD	At ID	An yW	Atl W	AW+ AtlW	2 Atl W	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags	
		01	03	11	13	18	19	01	03	11	13	18	19	16,571	3,586	20,157	23,743					

2016 VS 2017-2018 COMPARISON

Unit #	Unit Name	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change
02A	Pennington	600	600	0	0%	800	800	0
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0
11B	Bennett	225	225	0	0%	225	225	0
15A	Butte	1,000	1,100	100	10%	1,850	2,000	150
15B	Butte	800	800	0	0%	1,450	1,450	0
20A	Corson	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0
21A	Custer	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0
21B	Custer	150	200	50	33%	150	200	50
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0
27A	Fall River	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0
27B	Fall River	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0
27L	Fall River	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0
30A	Gregory	850	1,250	400	47%	1,550	1,450	-100
30B	Gregory	850	0	-850	-100%	1,550	0	-1,550
31A	Haakon	850	850	0	0%	850	850	0
35A	Harding	650	850	200	31%	650	850	200

35C	Harding	500	650	150	30%	500	650	150
35L	Harding	125	125	0	0%	125	125	0
39A	Jackson	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0
39B	Jackson	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0
41A	Jones	550	450	-100	-18%	900	450	-450
45A	Lyman	800	650	-150	-19%	1,500	750	-750
45B	Lyman	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0
45D	Lyman	90	60	-30	-33%	90	60	-30
49A	Meade	1,000	1,100	100	10%	1,000	1,100	100
49B	Meade	1,400	1,400	0	0%	1,400	1,400	0
50A	Mellette	450	850	400	89%	450	850	400
50B	Mellette	600	0	-600	-100%	600	0	-600
53A	Perkins	850	850	0	0%	1,400	1,400	0
53C	Perkins	1,200	1,200	0	0%	1,900	1,900	0
58A	Stanley	550	200	-350	-64%	550	200	-350
58D	Stanley	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0
60A	Tripp	1,800	1,350	-450	-25%	1,800	1,350	-450
64A	Ziebach	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	100	25	33%	75	100	25
67A	Todd	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0
	TOTAL	19,765	18,660	-1,105	-6%	25,185	21,980	-3,205

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

Appendix B

RESOLUTION 17- 09

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation owns real estate (Property) described as:

Tract 1 of Spring Creek Country Club Addition in Government Lot 1 and the E½ of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4NW1/4) of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township One Hundred (100) North, Range Forty-Nine (49) West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota according to the recorded plat thereof; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Inc. desires to gift the Property to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department) as an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated and determined that the Property would serve very well as an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for park and recreational purposes per SDCL §§ 41-2-19 and 41-2-24;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission does hereby authorize the Department to accept the gift of the Property from South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to be used as an addition to Good Earth State Park at Blood Run.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation for its generosity, and further acknowledge the benefits this gift will provide at Good Earth State Park at Blood Run.

RESOLUTION 17 - 08

WHEREAS, Lois A. Barrett and Richard A. Barrett, 19510 450th Avenue, Lake Norden, SD 57248, own real estate (Property) described as:

Barrett Addition in Government Lot 4 of Section 33, Township 113 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Hamlin County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, pursuant to their wishes, Lois A. Barrett and Richard A. Barrett desire to gift and transfer title to the Property to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department), for use as a Water Access Area; and

Whereas, the Department has evaluated and determined that the Property would serve very well as a Water Access Area, offering fishing and boating access and other recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, the Department is authorized to accept gifts of property for recreational purposes as per SDCL 41-2-19 and 41-2-21 and desires to accept the gift of the Property upon confirmation of the gift by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission; and

Whereas, the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission desires to acknowledge the Department's acceptance of this gift of property from Lois A. Barrett and Richard A. Barrett for use as a Water Access Area, and further acknowledge the extreme generosity of Lois A. Barrett and Richard A. Barrett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission does hereby confirm the decision by the Department to accept the transfer and gift of the Property from Lois A. Barrett and Richard A. Barrett to be used as a Water Access Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Commission, on behalf of the citizens and sportspersons of South Dakota, does hereby acknowledge and express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Lois A. Barrett and Richard A. Barrett for their generosity, and further acknowledge the outdoor recreation opportunities this gift will provide to South Dakotans for many years to come.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish and Parks Commission
July 13, 2017

The Public Hearing Officer Scott Simpson began the public hearing at 2:15 p.m. at the AmericInn Teton Conference Center in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota with Commissioners Peterson, G. Jensen, Boyd, Dennert, Olson and Sharp present. Simpson indicated written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Simpson then invited the public to come forward with oral testimony.

Antelope Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received

Custer State Park Antelope Hunting Season

No oral or written testimony was received

Sage Grouse Hunting Season

No oral testimony was received

Roger Dietrich, Yankton, SD, emailed, "I think closing the Sage Grouse season makes sense. I am a birder and have never seen a Sage Grouse but hope to do so someday soon. I do not understand having a hunting season on a bird that is such low in numbers when there are so many other birds to hunt if someone needs the food or if they just want the sport. Please stick with your decision to close the season. Thanks you for your consideration."

Michael J. Karcz, Huntley, Illinois, emailed, "S.D. GFP Commission: Ladies and Gentlemen, Having read your email of June 12, 2017 re: your current Sage Grouse management plan, I SUPPORT THE CLOSING OF THE 2017 SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASON. I will also support more such closings in the future until such times as the apparent trend of decline in Sage Grouse population numbers reverses, and increases SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE the levels you have chosen. In your state I have hunted Pheasants, and here in Illinois (and a few other states) have hunted other species as well. I believe conservation and protection of ALL species now, and for future enjoyment & utilization is VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!"

Custer State Park Coyote Season

No oral or written testimony was received

The public Hearing concluded at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary