

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission
May 4-5, 2017

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. MT at the Blue Bell Lodge in Custer, South Dakota. Commissioners Cathy Peterson, Barry Jensen, Mary Anne Boyd, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, W. Scott Phillips and Douglas Sharp were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately 50 public, staff, and media.

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 April 6-7, 2017, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Boyd by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6-7, 2017 MEETING. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Commissioner Salary Days

Commissioner G. Jensen requested one additional salary day for fisheries and waterfowl meetings.

Motion by Dennert with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAY AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Non-meandered Waters Update

Secretary Hepler provided an update on the status of the non-meandered waters and noted an Interim Committee meeting was held April 27 where Representative Qualm requested people submit their recommendations for Committee review. The next meeting will be held April 9 and 10 in Aberdeen at Northern University with a field tour scheduled the afternoon of April 9. Hepler stated people continue to inquire if there may be a special session associated with this issue and explained that they will only convene if a possible compromise can be presented to be voted upon.

PROPOSALS

Good Earth State Park Rental Fees

Bob Schneider, parks and recreation assistant director, explained the need to re-propose the Good Earth State Park rental fees rules due to the Department failing to meet the statutory requirement for the rules promulgation process.

Schneider then explained the rule proposal on fees for meeting space rental at the Visitor Center and associated special events held on the nearby park grounds at Good Earth State Park.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR PARK FACILITY USE FEES AT GOOD EARTH STATE PARK. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Brown, South Dakota parks and wildlife foundation development director, provided the Commission an update on Good Earth State Park at Blood Run specifically the donor wall and visitors center. Brown emphasized the importance donations and reminded them of the Visitors Center dedication to be held May 19.

Brown also provided an update on the status of the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center project and noted it will be a major education component of Custer State Park.

Bison Management Update

Chad Kremer, parks and recreation herd manager, provided a power point presentation to inform the Commission on the management history specifically by herd reduction and brucellosis eradication. He detailed bison sales and changes to management since 2002. Kremer also explained the herd summary, bison genetics since 2004 and the 2015 and 2016 season auction sales

Mark Hendrix, parks and recreation division staff specialist, informed the Commission on recommended changes to the Custer State Park non-trophy bison harvest. Hendrix said there have been issues with hide condition of animals harvested the last half of the non-trophy season as the hair begins slipping from their coat so they recommend moving the season. Hendrix also explained that cow bison for the non-trophy season are selected when the herd is handled and sorted for the auction in October. Criteria for selecting cows for hunts are open and dry (not nursing). This prevents orphaning retained late calves and prevents us from shooting bred cows during the non-trophy season. Cows are also selected based upon intact horns and adequate body condition. Based upon selection criteria a reduction in cow tags is warranted due to an inability to select sufficient cows in this classification to support cow hunts.

Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison Harvest Season

Hendrix presented the recommendation to change the season dates from 47 days beginning the 2nd Monday in January 2018 to begin the last Monday in October 2017 and reduce the number of cow licenses from five to zero

Motioned by Phillips with second by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PROPOSALS CHANGING THE SEASON DATES AND ELIMINATING THE COW LICENSES. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Trophy Bison Bull Harvest Season

Hendrix detailed the season dates, licenses available, requirements and restrictions stating no changes are being recommended from the previous year. He explained that the trophy bison bull harvest season is a management tool used to remove those that are over mature as well as a sought after trophy opportunity. Hendrix noted these bulls are eligible for the Boone and Crockett awards and most qualify above the 115 inch minimum score.

Custer State Park Trophy and Non-Trophy Bison Harvest Fees

Hendrix presented the recommended changes to adjust license fee from \$5000 to \$6,500 for trophy bull permits and \$2250 to \$3250 for non-trophy bull permits to be comparable to the average price nationwide.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL INCREASING THE FEES FOR TROPHY AND NONTROPHY BISION HARVESTS IN CUSTER STATE PARK. Motion carried unanimously

Authorization for Terminally Ill to Hunt

Tom Kirschenmann, assistant wildlife director, explained the reason to re-propose was due to a Department error in the statutory requirements. Kirschenmann then presented the proposed amendment to the rules governing the issuance of permits allowing terminally ill residents to make application for a permit to take one antelope, turkey and/or deer as authorized by the Department Secretary. The rule change would allow the Secretary to authorize a terminally ill resident to hunt and take the above species outside established hunting season dates should the person's illness advance to a point justifying this special allowance.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL ALLOWING TERMINALLY ILL RESIDENT HUNTERS TO HUNT OUTSIDE THE ESTABLISHED SEASON PER SECRETARY AUTHORIZATION. Motion carried unanimously.

Deer Population Status and Management Plan

Chad Switzer, wildlife program manager, provided power point presentation overview public input process portion of the deer management plan noting the three surveys used, deer stakeholder group, and additional outreach through multiple mediums such as mailings, GFP website, press releases.

Andy Lindbloom, wildlife senior biologist, highlighted objectives and strategies of the plan. He detailed the nine over-riding objectives identified in the draft South Dakota White-tailed Deer and Mule Deer Management Plan for 2017-2023 as being habitat, biological surveys, maximum opportunities considering all social and biological input, cooperative work with landowners on depredation, monitor and evaluate risk and impact of disease, provide public with access to private and public land for hunt, engage the public on research and management needs, (involve regional advisory panels), promote awareness of management needs and changes, cooperatively work with municipalities and agencies to manage urban deer and deer vehicle collisions.

Switzer noted staff will provide the Commissioners with public comments received and a copy of the draft management plan within the next week for review prior to adoption of the plan.

Kirschenmann provided a handout containing the preliminary list on deer license structure, allocations and season structure item. He indicated the vast majority of changes will require change to administrative rule. Kirschenmann also thanked the members of deer stakeholder group for their efforts.

Lindbloom explained that surveys to obtain biological data, data analysis units, detailing survey result by license type as well as 2016 EHD information and winter severity index all goes into population model projections which is part of the deer management plan.

East River Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the east river deer hunting season as specified below.

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 17,505 one-tag, 10,175 two-tag and 1,400 three-tag deer licenses to 21,085 one-tag, 5,250 two-tag and zero three-tag deer licenses.
2. Create a new Limited Access Unit (Unit 13L) in Brule County that would be restricted to Corp of Engineers property, all Game Production Areas, and the Elm Creek Lakeside Use Area immediately adjacent to the Missouri River, and the Pease Game Production Area in southwest Buffalo County (see map). This unit is all public land and landowner preference does not apply.
3. Modify Unit 13A to include all of Brule County excluding that portion within Unit 13L.
4. Modify Unit 14A to include all of Buffalo County excluding the Pease Game Production Area within Unit 13L.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2016	19,955	22,100	42,055
2017-2018	18,870	12,715	31,585

Buck Tags (-5%)
Doe Tags (-44%)

Motioned by Dennert with second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

West River Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the west river deer hunting season as specified below.

1. Adjust resident license numbers from no more than 14,345 one-tag and 5,420 two-tag deer licenses to no more than 15,340 one-tag and 3,320 two-tag deer licenses.
2. Discontinue the split seasons for Gregory and Mellette counties and align with the regular West River deer season (16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 12 days before Thanksgiving).
3. Change the season date for Unit 24B (Little Moreau) from open for 23 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 12 days before Thanksgiving.
4. Adjust rule to make allowance of issuing nonresident license for Unit 58D

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2016	16,480	8,705	25,185
2017-2018	16,175	5,805	21,980

Buck Tags (-2%)
Doe Tags (-33%)

Motioned by Phillips with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED EXCLUDING DISCONTINUING THE SPLIT SEASON FOR GREGORY AND MELLETTE COUNTIES. Roll call vote: Boyd-no; Dennert- no; B. Jensen- no; G. Jensen- no; Phillips-yes; Sharp-no; Peterson- no. Motion failed with 1 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Black Hills Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended change from last year to adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 4,100 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 4,300 one-tag deer licenses.

Motioned by Boyd with second by Dennert TO ADJUST THE NUMBER OF ONE-TAG DEER LICENSES TO NO MORE THAN 4,300 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the Custer State Park deer hunting season as specified below.

1. Increase the total number of one-tag licenses from no more than 40 to no more than 64.
2. Modify the hunting dates from 14 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to November 1-30, with only archery equipment allowed from November 1-15.
3. Modify the muzzleloader hunting dates from 14 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to December 1-15.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CUSTER STATE PARK DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Refuge Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the refuge deer hunting season as specified below.

1. For Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 20 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 25 one-tag licenses.
2. For Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, adjust the number of resident licenses from no more than 30 one-tag deer licenses to no more than 20 one-tag licenses.
3. All licenses within Waubay National Wildlife Refuge are restricted to muzzleloading rifles.

Motioned by B. Jensen with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Archery Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the archery deer hunting season as specified below.

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, close units 17A, 25A, 41A, 50A, and 58A and open units 44A and 62A.
2. Extend the end date for archery deer hunting in Sand Lake NWR from December 31 to January 15.

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

Motioned by Dennert with second by G. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ARCHERY DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season

Switzer presented the recommended changes to the muzzleloader deer hunting season for unit MZD-LM1, closing units 17A, 25A, 41A, 50A and 58A and open units 44A and 62A to mirror the antlerless season.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Deer Hunting Season

Switzer detailed the season dates, licenses available, requirements and restrictions stating no changes are being recommended from the previous year.

Administrative Action

Tom Kirschenmann, assistant wildlife director, presented the comparison of number and type of hunting licenses in each unit for the Black Hills, East River, West River, Refuge, Muzzleloader, Archery and Custer State Park Deer Hunting Seasons and proposed allocation of hunting unit licenses and access permits.

Motioned by B. Jensen with second by Sharp TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LICENSE ALLOCATIONS AND ACCESS PERMITS AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Furbearer Trapping Seasons

Keith Fisk, wildlife program administrator, presented the season dates by area and beaver harvest data stating no changes are being recommended from the previous year.

Fisk presented the skunk, opossum, jackrabbit, fox, raccoon and badger season harvest data and indicated no changes are being recommended from the previous year.

Fisk presented the mink, weasel and muskrat trapping season harvest data and indicated no changes are being recommended from the previous year.

Fisk presented the muskrat hunting season data noting no changes are being recommended at this time.

Fisk presented the Commission with the recommended change to clarify the trapping prohibitions to include snares. So neither traps nor snares can be used within 30 feet of any exposed bait.

Motioned by Phillips with second by B. Jensen TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE SNARES IN THE TRAPPING PROHIBITIONS. 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

Deer Plan Listening Session

Nancy Hilding, Prairie Hills Audubon Society, Black Hawk, SD said the primary predator of deer in South Dakota is humans and that many hunters resent fact that other predators can take pray. Hilding said that rules should be changed to read non-human predators.

Marshall Johnson, regional director of the Mule Deer Foundation, Billings, MT, informed the Commission on the mission of the Mule Deer Foundation and stated he supports the deer management plan with his only concern being nonresident archery.

Mark DeVries, Belvidere, SD, said as a member of stakeholder group, farmer/rancher and hunter he was glad to be part of the deer stakeholder group and the good work that was done by the group. He requested GFP consider drought mitigation and population goals for the Black Hills be kept stable at current levels or less in consideration for permittees. DeVries thanked GFP and the Commission for quick action on TB outbreak.

Wyatt Skelton, Bryant, SD said he want to see unlimited archery for residents continue.

Dana Rogers, Box Elder, SD, thanked the commission and staff for work done over last year and the opportunity to be involved in the deer stakeholder workgroup. Rogers requested that no further technological advances be allowed for primitive hunting seasons. He also said he would like to continue to see surveys and additional surveys for those tags that are not currently being surveyed to capture pressure. Rogers would like a reduction of nonresident archery licenses with the preference going to residents and have all non-depredation deer seasons end at end of December.

General Open Forum

David Niemi, Buffalo, SD said he is a neighbor to quarantined farmers during the TB outbreak and wanted to thank the Commission and staff for testing wildlife. He is also satisfied to see disease management included in the deer management plan.

Nancy Hilding, Prairie Hills Audubon Society, Black Hawk, SD provided the Commission handouts and spoke in regards to trapping and biannual review of endangered species. Hilding requests the trapper ID's be required as well as a 24 hour trap check. She also requested beaver be required to be reported when taken as they are an indicator species. She is also concerned about the listing of fox as the swift fox is not listed as a specific species and needs to be clarified. Hilding provided the group notices of endangered species day is Friday, May 19. She is also concerned that the South Dakota endangered species list is separate from federal list and does not list plants or invertebrates so why should GFP manage spearfish canyon when they do not list plants as endangered species

Larry Bowden, SD Fur Harvesters, Hot Springs, SD, would like to address trap check time which is currently 48 hours and 72 hours. He would like all trap check times be set at 72 hours due to landscape and conditions.

Tuffy Halls, Hot Springs, SD said he would like to see the trap check times remain as they are currently.

Joe Bowden, Western SD Fur Harvesters, education coordinator, Rapid City, SD, said he would not support anything other than a 72 hour trap check time. Bowden says the 72 hour time has allowed for students ability to attend school and do their own trap check and pass on the heritage of trapping by involving the youth.

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Good Earth Land Acquisition

Wayne Winter, parks and wildlife foundation executive director, provided information on the track of land for acquisition through the foundation. Winter explained how the foundation purchases the property at the appraised price and sells it to GFP for 75 percent of appraised price. He noted this would probably be the last purchase utilizing forest legacy funds as they are at the end of the fund.

Al Nedved, assistant parks and recreation director, explained how this land purchase will potentially bring request to acquire land that is currently designated as spring creek country club and that the 22 acres that would be gifted to GFP. He also stated that Winter will request the foundation make the purchase at their next meeting and GFP would then present a request to accept the gift at the June Commission meeting.

Nedved presented resolution 17-06 to authorize GFP to purchase lot 9E of the Spring Creek East Addition from the parks and wildlife foundation at a price of \$90,750 which represented seventy-five percent of the appraised value.

Motioned by Boyd, with second by Sharp TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-06 (Appendix A) AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LOT 9E OF THE SPRING CREEK EAST ADDITION. Motion carried unanimously.

Custer State Park Project Update

Matt Snyder, parks and recreation regional supervisor provide a powerpoint on the history of buildings in Custer State Park. His presentation detailed recent updates and upcoming projects at State Game Lodge, New Legion Lake Lodge, Blue Bell Lodge and Sylvan Lake as well as new reunion cabins at the Game Lodge and Blue Bell. Snyder also outlined the repair and maintenance plan and other park projects specifically the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center, wildlife station visitor's center and Custer State Park visitor's center.

Parks Revenue and Camping Reservation Report

Bob Schneider, assistant parks and recreation director, provided the park revenue and camping reservation report. The report includes a year to date comparison of revenue by line and April 2017 year to date comparison by district item. Schneider indicated overall revenue is up 6 percent, camper units are up 9 percent in the district comparison and visitation is down 3 percent. He noted it is early in the season and they expect to see visitation increase.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Land Acquisition Projects

Kirschenmann presented information on the Costlow property addition to the Payne WAA in Lake County that consists of 0.8 acres to be utilized as a public water access area addition at Lake Madison. The property has been advertised for acquisition and will be brought before the Commission for final action in June.

Kirschenmann also provided the list of proposed land acquisitions projects in early development including the Northwest Day County property consisting of 783 acres to be used as a GPA and the Addition to Bitter Lake property consisting of 580 acres to be used as a GPA.

Waterfowl Season Structure

Kirschenmann will provide information on waterfowl season structures and zone splits at the June meeting when Commissioner Olson can be present.

Boating Restrictions

Per the Commission's request Kirschenmann went back to staff to discuss identifying bodies of water, specifically those in the northeast that may need to be under additional restriction as they are waterfowl resting areas. Staff worked to prepare a potential list of lakes by county and immediately had concerns such as impact to waterfowl hunters, boating opportunities taken away from anglers, and how this would impact surrounding waters. Kirschenmann said that providing restrictions could provide additional waterfowl resting area allowing birds to concentrate in that area, but could also cause loss in angling opportunity and that the primary reason staff would not recommend additional restrictions at this time is due to the nonmeandered waters issue at this time.

Commissioner Sharp reiterated his desire to see some lakes closed to boating after a determined date, in an effort to keep waterfowl resting undisturbed and in the State longer. He referenced to North Dakota and Iowa and their boating closures for such reasons.

Nonresident Waterfowl

Commissioner G. Jensen presented handouts indicating current distribution of licenses and proposed changes based on input received from the public and waterfowl groups. He also provided handout of the proposal presented by the Commission at April meeting in regards to 3 day licenses and the third handout listing the three different options.

G. Jensen motioned TO AMEND THE CURRENT PROPOSAL AS DETAILED BELOW, with second by Sharp

1. Reduce the total allocation of temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses from 2,000 to 1,750.
2. Move Brown County from NRW-00Y to NRW-00X
3. Reduce the number of licenses available for NRW-00X from 1,500 to 1,000 and restrict 500 of these licenses to having a valid start date of December 1 through the end of the waterfowl seasons.
4. Establish a new unit that includes all of the state other than the counties in NRW-00X and NRW-00Y and Bennett, Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay and Union Counties and allocate 250 licenses to this unit.
5. Keep the current license allocation for Unit NRW-00Y at 500 3-day licenses that are valid on both private and public land.
6. Make all temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses except those for Unit NRW-00Y valid only on private land.

G. Jensen also requested finalization at the June meeting allowing for 30 day public comment period. He noted everyone has worked very hard and tries to make decisions based on biology as well as all information provided. He further clarified the areas identified in each unit.

Tony Leif, wildlife division director, requested rationale for changes to the proposal for licenses beginning after December 1.

G. Jensen explained the importance for those along the river as their business kicks in providing them the opportunity and giving back what it once was.

Leif noted the proposal serves the need to provide sufficient license availability for the original agreement made back in the late nineties by providing licenses at a time of the year when waterfowl hunting opportunities are limited to that geographic area (central SD) without drawing an additional line on the map.

Dennert asked if opportunity will still be there for people to purchase over counter tags.

Leif responded that leftover license sales would be available.

Sharp stated he supports the proposal and agrees with leaving tags on private land.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp requested staff develop a plan for waterfowl similar to how elk and deer plans are developed to aid in making management decisions.

Upland Game Season Report

Travis Runia, senior wildlife biologist, provided a powerpoint detailing the 2016 preliminary upland game summary. Runia detailed pheasant statistics for resident and nonresident hunters as well as 30 years of harvest data and population estimates. He also provided statics for prairie grouse showing a slight decline in harvest due to drought. Runia provide information on sage-grouse noting it is a unique opportunity. He provided maps indicating the applicants, permit holders, hunters and successful hunters.

Commissioner Dennert said he and his family enjoyed their opportunity to hunt sage-grouse and indicated they were successful.

Prairie Grouse Management Plan

Runia presented information on the draft 2017-2021 prairie grouse management plan that is currently out for public comment. He detailed the goal of the plan to maintain or expand sustainable populations and noted the five objectives: promote and implement responsible grassland stewardship; monitor abundance, harvest, and hunter satisfaction, evaluate research needs; hunting opportunity on public and private land; prairie grouse conservation awareness.

Black Hills Fisheries Management

Jake Davis, senior wildlife biologist, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Black Hills fisheries management noting the native species, stocking on reservoirs, management area and angler satisfaction. Davis also provided information on the progress made toward objectives indicating they have accomplished each of the 14 objectives.

Spawning/Trap Transfer Update

John Lott, wildlife aquatics chief, presented a summary on the 2017 spawning and spring stocking. Lott detailed the walleye egg take and sauger stocking schedule by body of water and the walleye stocking schedule by type. He stated 101,740,000 walleye eggs were taken, 43,454,032 walleye were stocked and 324,505 sauger were stocked.

Body Camera Demo

Brandon Gust, wildlife officer training supervisor, provided a demo on the newly purchased body cameras being utilized by GFP law enforcement staff. Gust displayed the different camera options available and the 30 second pre-record option. He also explained how the system archives the video feed and the security measures in place for retention.

License Sales Update

Scott Simpson, wildlife administration chief, provided the license sales report as of April 28. Simpson said good weather and good fishing may be factors for resident sales that are ahead of last year with the biggest two fishing months coming up. Nonresident sales are still a little bit behind with the nonmeandered water issue possibly having some impact on this but not major at this point and hopefully GFP will soon have some clear direction staff can provide to people.

Secretary Hepler thanked GFP staff attorney Dick Neill and wildlife regional supervisor Scott Lindgren for their service to the Department. Both Neill and Lindgren will both be retiring June 8.

Leif stated Lindgren is both a leader and friend and said he will provide notice of retirement gatherings to Commission.

Commissioner Sharp requested staff compile information to review the quantity of inaccessible public lands by region.

Commissioner B. Jensen requested review of noxious weed control in deer habitat per correspondence recently received by the Commission in regards to the deer management plan.

Commissioner G. Jensen requested the parks division implement a workgroup concept similar to what is utilized by the wildlife division to identify thoughts, trends, and issues plus receive public input.

Snyder indicated the parks division is working to utilize master plans for each park which are like strategic plans for each park and comparable to the wildlife management plans.

Adjourn

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

Appendix A

RESOLUTION 17-06

Whereas, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Pierre, South Dakota, which property is described as:

Lot 9E of Spring Creek East Addition in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E½NW¼) and in Government Lot 1 in the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 26, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Whereas, the property is to be acquired by and utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park in Lincoln County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

Whereas, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchase, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which the Commission's action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the intended purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to purchase the above described real property at a price of \$90,750.00, which represents seventy-five (75%) percent of the appraised value of the property, and consummate a purchase agreement with the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to purchase the above described real property to be utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park in Lincoln County, South Dakota.