

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
Special Meeting  
January 25, 2017

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CT via teleconference. Commissioners Mary Boyd, Barry Jensen, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, Russell Olson, and W. Scott Phillips were present when the roll was called. It was noted that a quorum was present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with 6 staff in Pierre, 2 staff in Sioux Falls and no attendees at the Rapid City location.

**License List Request – Rapid City Journal**

Secretary Hepler provided an overview of the license list request from the Rapid City Journal for all elk licenses for the 2016 season statewide and in Custer State Park to be used for a news article about the distribution of elk licenses for the 2016 hunting season and the option of waiving the fee. Hepler indicated that he and Chris Petersen followed up with the Rapid City Journal per the Commission's request. He indicated that they are willing to pay the fee and want to use the information to produce news stories and do not plan publish the names. Hepler indicated the concern remains that there is no guarantee that they will not publish the names. It was again stated that applicant's user profile provides the option to opt out of these lists and the \$100 fee is utilized to cover the administrative costs per administrative rule and we cannot put stipulations on requests.

Motioned by Olson, seconded by Boyd TO AUTHORIZE THE LICENSE LIST REQUEST. Roll call vote: Boyd-yes; Dennert-yes; B. Jensen-yes; G. Jensen-yes; Olson – yes; Phillips-yes; Peterson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commission's Role in the Spearfish Canyon Land Acquisition Process**

Secretary Hepler began the discussion explaining how GFP acquires land and assesses fees. Hepler also expressed the importance of the Commission and public having an active role in the land acquisition process.

Commissioner G. Jensen asked if the land acquisition process would be part of the master planning meeting scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary Hepler stated that the information will be presented to the panel, master planning staff and Commission prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Phillips inquired if GFP staff would be in attendance prior to the meeting to answer questions.

Secretary Hepler noted staff will be available before the meeting for questions.

Commissioner Peterson and Hepler thanked the Commissioners and panel members for assisting in the project.

Motioned by Phillips with second by G. Jensen TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.