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**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2015**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Marriott Pyramid North**  
**5151 San Francisco Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM**  
**Call-in Number 218-895-3850 Passcode 6291303#**

**Board Present:**

Lucia Sanchez  
Kim Chesser  
Darr Shannon  
Doug Decker  
Kendell Buzard

Preston Stone  
Caren Cowan  
Anita Hand  
Richard Searle

**Proxies**  
Tom Klumker

**Non-Voting Members & Guests:** Michael Garcia, Laura Schneberger, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Past-President Richard Searle, Coalition Representative for Cochise County, Arizona.

**New Business**

**Item #1: Minutes**

**Action: The motion to approve the Minutes from the July 25, 2015 Meeting was made by Kim Chesser seconded by Kendal Buzard. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Item #2: Treasurer's Reports**

**Action: The motion to approve the General Fund Treasurer Reports for filing for July, August, September, October and November 2015, and the Legal Fund Treasurer Report for filing for November, 2015 Reports for filing was made by Lucia Sanchez seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Item #3: Litigation Update on WOTUS Litigation, Wolf 10(j) and Jaguar Critical Habitat Suits**

Howard stated that the WOTUS litigation is going well with a current Nation wide injunction imposed on implementation.

Howard updated the Board on the Wolf 10(j) suit. We are in the final stages of gathering declarations from the co-plaintiffs, reviewing the administrative record and drafting the motion for summary judgment. The

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complications of intervention in the two environmental group suits and the entry of the state of Arizona and Safari Club International has resulted in delaying the pleading schedule. All billings from Budd-Falen Law Offices have been paid with the exception of the November billing at about \$11,000.00. An accounting of the expenditures and a request for additional contributions will be sent out from the central office.

The Jaguar critical habitat suit motion for intervention and intervention complaint is in the final stage of preparation. We currently have a \$5,400.00 billing and have had \$6,200.00 in contributions. We should have sufficient funding to cover the cost of intervening as Pacific Legal Foundation will take the lead after we make our filings.

### **No Action Taken:**

#### **Item #4: Investigation of Mexican wolf DNA**

The Board discussed the proposed scope of work to investigate the Mexican wolf DNA.

**Action: The motion to approve contributing \$1,000.00 towards the investigation if other sufficient funds are collected was made by Lucia Sanchez and seconded by Kendal Buzard. The motion passed with Kim Chesser abstaining.**

### **Old Business**

#### **Item #1: Update Re-Drafting of By-Laws and Joint Powers Agreement**

There was extensive discussion on the proposed revision of the Intergovernmental Agreement and By-laws. Howard mentioned that the suggested changes would result in increased administrative costs but given the recent changes in the laws in both states we really have no option other than updating the two documents. The Board felt that we should continue discussion before making any changes.

**No Action Taken: The Board will continue discussion through to the annual meeting in March.**

### **Other Business**

#### **Item #1: Upcoming Meetings: Next Meeting, Where, When & How?**

**The next meeting will be at the call of the President on an as needed basis. The annual meeting will take place in March with the meeting to be held in Arizona. The location and date to be determined.**

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.