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### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Minutes**

**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

**8:30 AM (Arizona MST) – 9:30 AM (New Mexico MDT)**

**Loews Ventana Canyon, 7000 N. Resort Drive, Tucson, AZ 85750**

**Call-in Number 218-895-3850 Passcode 6291303#**

#### **Board Present:**

Drew John

Tommie Martin

Lewis Derrick

Doug Decker

Barry Weller

Kim Chesser

Darr Shannon

Richard Searle

#### **Proxies**

Tom Klumker

Caren Cowan

Bucky Allred

**Non-Voting Members & Guests:** Karen Budd-Falen, Jim & Sue Chilton, Jeff Menges,  
Susan Krentz, Ruth Cowan, Cindy Coping, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 8:36 a.m. by President Drew John, Coalition Representative for Graham County, Arizona.

#### **Old Business**

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

McKinley County Attorney Doug Decker reported that the Hidalgo, McKinley, Apache, Navajo and Cochise County Attorneys have begun review of the JPA and By-Laws. They conducted a teleconference with the outcome of Navajo Deputy County Attorney Jason Moore to produce a draft that the committee will review. After their review it will be sent out to the Board for consideration.

**No Action Taken: The Board will await delivery of the draft proposed changes.**

#### **New Business**

##### **Item #1: Minutes**

**Action: The motion to approve the Minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting was made by Darr Shanon seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Action: The motion to approve the General Fund Treasurer Reports for filing for March, April, May and June, 2015, the Legal Fund Treasurer Report for June, 2015 and Six Month Budget to Expenditures Comparison Reports for filing was made by Richard Searle seconded by Darr Shannon. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Karen Budd-Falen presented an update on the Mexican wolf 10(j) litigation. The administrative record will be filed on August 31. The record will be massive. October 15<sup>th</sup> to determine if the record is complete and if it is not complete we have until November 4<sup>th</sup> to supplement the record. The first major brief is to be filed December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: Karen will send five disk copies of the record with instructions of what to look for to Cindy Coping, Mary Darling, Sue Krintz, Drew John and Howard to review and get findings back to Karen.**

Karen discussed the progress of the challenge to the Jaguar critical habitat suit. She contacted Pacific Legal Foundation to determine if the Coalition and other Arizona plaintiffs should enter the case.

**Action: Kim Chesser moved to go into executive session to discuss possible participation in the Jaguar litigation second by Richard Searle. The motion passed unanimously. Drew John made the motion to come out of executive second by Richard Searle.**

**Action: The motion to approve intervention in the Jaguar litigation with a not to exceed \$6,000.00 was made by Richard Searle seconded by Kim Chesser. Howard will seek co-plaintiffs from Arizona.**

**Item #3: Consideration of Joining Litigation on Waters of the US Rule**

Howard presented the information on the litigation brought by Pacific Legal Foundation on the EPA Waters of the U.S. regulation. The Board asked about the cost and Howard stated that normally Pacific Legal Foundation only billed for actual court costs for filing.

**Action: The motion to approve seeking to join Pacific Legal Foundation's litigation with costs not to exceed \$1,000.00 was made by Darr Shannon and seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Richard Searle and Jim Chilton led a discussion on seeking funding for an independent analysis of Mexican Wolf DNA. A pelt has been donated to New Mexico State University that is over 100years old that may provide genetic material suitable to determine the validity of claims that wolves being released under the captive breeding program are in fact true Mexican wolves. Arizona Cattle Growers have made an application for a grant to conduct the analysis.

**No Action Taken: The Board will await the decision on the grant and seek alternate funding in case the grant is not awarded or if the grant does not provide sufficient funds.**

**Item #9: Upcoming Meetings: Next Meeting, Where, When & How?**

**The next meeting will be at the call of the President on an as needed basis.**

Adjourned at 9:53 a.m.