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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

9:00 AM (Mountain Daylight Time) 8:00 AM (Mountain Standard Time, Arizona)

Prescott Resort & Conference Center

Prescott, Arizona

Board Present: Jackie Powell
Lewis Derrik
Richard Searle
Richard Lunt
Doug Decker
Caren Cowan
Kim Chesser
Richard Lunt

Proxies

Hugh B. McKeen
Nita Taylor
Darr Shannon
Tom Klumker

Non-Voting Members: Howard Hutchinson, Sue Krentz

Guests: Dan Crowler, Therese Griffin, Sy Sokoll, Darcy Ely, Mike Johnson, Angel Peraza, Terry & Diane Wheeler

The meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kim Chesser, Coalition President and Representative for Chaves County, New Mexico.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Reports

President Chesser called for approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2012 Meeting And Treasurer Reports for filling for March, April, May, & June 2012 and June 2012 Litigation Fund.

- 1. Action: The motion to approve the Meeting minutes was made by Doug Decker and seconded by Richard Searle. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Action: The motion to approve the filing of the Treasurer's reports was made by Jackie Powell and seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item #2: Litigation Updates

- 1. Consideration of appeal of Spikedace-Loach Minnow critical habitat & uplisting decision.**

Howard reported on the discrepancies in the Economic Impact Analysis and Environmental Impact Statement.

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Action Taken: Motion was made by Richard Lunt and Seconded by Jackie Powell for Howard to contact other interested and affected parties to determine if there is support for going forward with challenging the declaration and uplisting decisions and if so \$5,000.00 from the litigation is authorized to be contributed to issuing a notice of intent to suit and commencement of litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of appeal of Spikedace-Loach Minnow critical habitat & uplisting decision.

Howard and Mary Darling updated the Board on the critical habitat & uplisting decisions. The Board had discussions on how to proceed with an appeal.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Jackie Powell and Seconded by Tommie Martin to have Howard explore going forward with an appeal with partners from Arizona & New Mexico. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Report on Northern Stockmen's/Rio Arriba County suit against Forest Service.

Howard updated the Board on the suit. Karen Budd-Falen reported the case is going forward with the court splitting the case into two parts.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Jackie Powell and Seconded by Doug Decker to authorize up to \$3,000.00 to provide an amicus brief in support of the litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Mexican Wolf suit by Wildlife Guardians against New Mexico Game & Fish and New Mexico Game Commission

Howard and Caren Cowan updated the Board on the suit. The litigation partners are requesting additional funding to pay the cost of litigation.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Caren Cowan and Seconded by Jackie Powell to authorize an additional \$500.00 contribution from the litigation fund. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Report Catron County suit over San Francisco River Road opening.

Howard updated the Board on the suit. Catron County is awaiting the decision of the District Court.

No Action Taken

Item #3: Report on Colorado Springs, CO. Heritage Social Media Training

Howard reported on the Heritage Foundation meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. There were a number of presentations on the use of social media and training on how to prepare for and conduct a news video interview. There was also a meeting of grass roots leaders for the development of strategies and tactics to advance protections of property rights and natural resource access on federal lands. Also discussed was suggestions and strategies for reform of the Endangered Species Act.

No Action Taken

Item #4: Report on Wolf Compensation Interdiction Committee Actions

Howard reported that the Wolf Interdiction Stakeholders Committee was making progress on development of a compensation program for wolves impacting ranching operations in the wolf recovery zone.

No Action Taken

Item #5: Assisting Soil & Water Conservation Districts and Natural Resource Conservation Districts with Coordination and Cooperating Agency actions.

Howard reported that he has been requested to assist with coordination and cooperating agency actions by Soil & Water Conservation Districts in New Mexico and Natural Resource Conservation Districts in Arizona.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Richard Lunt and Seconded by Richard Searle to have Howard assist the districts in the two states. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: People for Preserving Our Western Heritage Request

People for Preserving Our Western Heritage requested that the Coalition draft a letter of support for HR4334 a bill to designate national monument lands in Dona Ana County, New Mexico sponsored by House Member Steve Pearce.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Richard Lunt and Seconded by Caren Cowan to draft the letter of support for HR 4334. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Final Wolf Compensation Interdiction Guidelines

Howard gave a presentation on the Mexican Wolf Interdiction Guidelines.

No Action Taken

Item #8: Consideration for Affiliation with American Lands Council

Howard presented information on the American Lands Council.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Richard Searle and Seconded by Richard Lunt to have Howard draft a letter of support to the American Lands Council. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Howard was asked by the Board to keep track of issues and events and look at scheduling a meeting for September.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 a.m.