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

**Thursday June 18, 2015**

**10:00 AM (Arizona MST) – 11:00 AM (New Mexico MDT)**

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

#### **Board Present:**

Tom Klumker  
Tommie Martin  
Lewis Derrick  
Doug Decker  
Caren Cowan  
Kendell Buzard  
Drew John  
Barry Weller

Bucky Allred  
Kim Chesser  
Darr Shannon

#### **Proxies**

**Non-Voting Members & Guests:** Karen Budd-Falen, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Drew John, Coalition Representative for Graham County, Arizona.

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

**Action: The motion to approve the Minutes from the March 28, 2015 meeting to include the correction that Supervisor Barry Weller was in attendance was made by Darr Shanon seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Action: The motion to table approval of the General Fund Treasurer Reports for filing for March, April and May, 2015 and Legal Fund Treasurer Reports for filing for May, 2015 was made by Kendell Buzard seconded by Bucky Allred. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Item #3: Re-Drafting of By-Laws and Joint Powers Agreement**

Hidalgo, McKinley, Apache, Navajo and Cochise County Attorneys have reviewed the JPA and By-Laws and had some concerns and suggested changes.

**Action: The motion to have Howard draft a letter for county attorneys to participate on a committee to make recommendations to change the Joint powers agreement and By-laws was made by Darr Shannon seconded by Bucky Allred. The motion included a request that Navajo Deputy**

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County Attorney chair the committee to include but not be limited to Cochise, Hidalgo, Navajo and McKinley County Attorneys with Doug Decker being able to participate but not lead the committee. The motion passed with Doug Decker, McKinley County and Supervisor Barry Weller abstaining.

**Item #4: Litigation Update and Direction for Wolf 10(j) Suit, Jaguar Critical Habitat Suit**

Karen Budd-Falen presented an update on the Mexican wolf 10(j) litigation. As reported previously the suit has been consolidated with the litigation filed by environmental groups in Arizona who are also challenging the 10(j) rule. She addressed the pros and cons of going forward with cross-interventions with the environmental litigants.

**Action: The motion to approve Karen going forward with cross motions for intervention was made by Doug Decker seconded by Kim Chesser. The motion passed unanimously.**

Karen also requested in her litigation update that the Board consider reducing the number of people having direct contact with her office. She stated that with the page restrictions for the brief detailing violations and presenting our chief arguments and the time deadlines there will have to be better control over the exchanges with co-plaintiffs. Karen said she estimated that the way comments came in during the drafting of the complaint cost the Coalition an additional 20 to 30 thousand dollars with around eighteen sets of comments.

**Action: The motion to have Karen provide a time certain deadline for comments on the brief in chief, to have all comments go through the central office to be reviewed primarily by Mary Darling and if needed to bring in other parties to help review, to have the final draft language sent out to all parties and have Mary Darling be able to contact Karen directly was made by Tommie Martin seconded by Lewis Derrick The motion passed unanimously.**

Caren Cowan and Karen Budd-Falen discussed the progress of the challenge to the Jaguar critical habitat suit. Karen requested the Board provide direction on the Coalition petitioning for intervention or joining Pacific Legal Foundation's case. By joining we may not be able to advance many of our issues that are not being raised by Pacific Legal.

**No Action Taken: Karen will check with Pacific Legal Foundation to determine if the Coalition can add our issues to the initial complaint and after getting this answer the Board will conduct another meeting to consider the options.**

**Also, Karen will provide an estimated cost for going forward with the wolf 10(j) litigation and the cost for the jaguar litigation.**

**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.

Arizona Cattlemen's Summer Conference, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 10:00 am (**Arizona Mountain Standard Time**) Loews Ventana Canyon, 7000 N. Resort Drive, Tucson, AZ 85750 - Howard

Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.