

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

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BEFORE: SCOTT H. FORADORA, PRESIDENT
Dennis Fredericks, Vice President
Allen DiMarco, Secretary
Stanley I. Knick, Jr., Member
Michael F. Mitrick, Member
Todd A. Pride, Member
Haley J. Sankey, Member
Kristen Koppenhafer, Member
Robert C. Schwalm, Member

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P R O C E E D I N G S

PRESIDENT FORADORA: I'd like to reconvene the meeting. Thank you. We need to call for the approval of minutes. So, do we have a motion for the approval of minutes from the January meeting?

COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any discussion?

Thank you. Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(AYES RESPOND)

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, the same sign.

(NO RESPONSE)

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Motion carries.

PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Okay.

Next item is the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

ATTORNEY MARTSON: And the first item for consideration can be found on page two of your

1 agendas.

2 To effectively manage the wildlife
3 resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at
4 its January 27th, 2024 meeting, amended Section
5 141.28 to eliminate age restriction and permit
6 requirements and provide the Director the authority
7 to annually designate WPRAs to be opened to hunting
8 and establish appropriate season dates and bag
9 limits. As a result of this regulatory change, all
10 individuals eligible to hunt pheasants statewide
11 would also be allowed to participate in pheasant
12 hunting within WPRAs, subject to landowner
13 permission.

14 This amendment is now before the
15 Commission for final adoption.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
17 motion?

18 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second?

20 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
22 second. Discussion on the motion? Okay.

23 Mr. Secretary, call for a vote.

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: All those in
25 favor, signify by saying aye.

1 (AYES RESPOND)

2 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, the
3 same sign.

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Motion
6 carries.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

8 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
9 consideration can be found on page four of your
10 agendas, and also comes from the Bureau of Wildlife
11 Management.

12 To effectively manage the wildlife
13 resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at
14 its January 27th, 2024 meeting, amended Section
15 139.4 to provide updated seasons and bag limits for
16 the 2024-2025 license year.

17 This amendment is now before the
18 Commission for final adoption.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
20 motion?

21 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
24 and second. Discussion? Any discussion on the
25 motion?

1 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: I'd like
2 to offer a floor amendment if I could, Mr.
3 President.

4 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Go ahead,
5 Commissioner Koppenhafer.

6 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: On page
7 ten, regarding white-tail deer seasons, we heard
8 yesterday from Staff about the need for additional
9 opportunity in increasing antlerless harvest within
10 our disease management areas. Staff has recommended
11 an extended season for antlerless only in three
12 WMUs, WMU 4A, 4D, and 5A. And they proposed that
13 season run January 2nd, 2025, to January 20th, 2025.

14 I'd like to make a motion that we
15 amend what is written on page ten for deer season
16 and adopt that recommendation that was proposed by
17 staff yesterday.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Clarification,
19 Commissioner Koppenhafer. Is it page 11 that was
20 the new one? The new one? Page ten is good.
21 You're amending page 11?

22 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So it's
23 the seasons for white-tail deer on page ten.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Okay.

25 That's - sorry. That is where it

1 begins. Sorry, my mistake. Okay.

2 We have a motion on floor. Do we
3 have a second?

4 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any discussion
6 on that motion?

7 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: You know,
8 I'd like say a word about that. I, you know, my hat
9 is off to the Bureau of Wildlife Management. This
10 CWD issue is obviously getting very serious. And at
11 least initially there seemed to be a huge outcry,
12 especially for those hunters and sportsmen in the -
13 in the DMA areas, you know, Blair County mainly.
14 But the information that we're getting from staff
15 and Andrea Korman's presentation yesterday.

16 I mean, I don't know about you all,
17 if you were here, I mean, it's absolutely scary
18 what's going on. And here, she - she was predicting
19 that things would be in certain places in two
20 decades, and in reality, we were there in four
21 years. So, it's a real challenge. It's going to be
22 a real challenge to harvest enough deer to keep the
23 herd under control and try to keep the CWD at bay.

24 So, my hat's off to the Bureau of
25 Wildlife Management, and this is a first move. I

1 mean, this isn't something that is partly it's done.
2 This is Commissioner Giger's proposal is a step, and
3 I suspect that there'll be more steps to come.

4 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
5 Commissioner Fredericks.

6 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Scott, can I ask
7 one question?

8 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: And Matthew, not
10 that I'm expecting you to answer this question. And
11 I think for most of the staff, they know how
12 fiercely I have attacked the CWD issue. And so, to
13 Denny's point about how serious this is. And for
14 those that may have seen Andrea's presentation
15 yesterday, she specifically, you know, showed a
16 chart regarding where it was in 2020 and where it is
17 in 2024.

18 And from a biologist standpoint, not
19 that you have to answer this question, but if we
20 took the approach of what we probably should do, and
21 you can correct me if I'm wrong, we'd probably
22 depopulate all of the deer in those areas. We
23 effectively can't do that for a number of reasons,
24 but we've got more work to do because if we look
25 out, and I think I had asked a question in our

1 January meeting to Andrea at the Staff presentation,
2 where would she project CWD to be in that map in ten
3 years? And I'm going to shorten that to say in five
4 years.

5 If we look at what we saw yesterday,
6 in four years, the next four years, it's probably
7 going to double in terms of where it is. So we've
8 got some significant decisions to make. I mean,
9 this is a step in the direction, but I think we've
10 got to really double down. I mean, I heard some
11 comments earlier regarding the significance of
12 Pennsylvania nationally. We've got to be a little
13 bit more aggressive because in my area, in the
14 Philadelphia area and our surrounding counties,
15 we've got the largest number of Sportsman's club in
16 the entire state. In the southeast where we are, we
17 have over 100 by a multiple.

18 And if and when CWD gets down where
19 we are, as I heard from a number of hunters this
20 past fall, and these are hunters that manage deer
21 management groups. A number of them said, their
22 wives said to them, don't bring this in the house,
23 in terms of the venison. This is a real issue that
24 we've got to get a little bit more aggressive. I'm
25 not proposing anything new, but just to share with

1 those that are in this room, those that are
2 listening online, and to the media, we've got to
3 take, I think, a bit of a little bit more of an
4 aggressive approach, so.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
6 Commissioner Pride. Agree with your comments.

7 Any other discussion or Matthew, do
8 you have anything -?

9 DR. SCHNUPP: Yeah, if I may. If you
10 don't mind. I'm an eternal optimist, so I do want
11 to provide some level of a silver lining here. We
12 are proposing three WMUs, and the reality is, is
13 that our hunters did step up with our increased
14 allocations in the other WMUs that have CWD. So I
15 really want to re-emphasize the importance of us
16 collaborating with hunters, and they showed up. I
17 mean, they really did.

18 We asked them to increase their
19 harvest. We talked to them about harvesting the
20 antlerless - antlerless deer, and they stepped up.
21 And that's why we're only needing to propose three
22 WMUs. And so, these three that we are proposing, we
23 really need them to go out and help us manage this
24 issue. And I think, from what we've seen last year,
25 we really expect that to happen. And we just can't

1 thank them enough for doing that and working
2 collaboratively with NGOs and with the hunters to
3 really everybody take this responsibility seriously.

4 And so, I just want to wanted to
5 provide that note of optimism as well. That we do
6 have great partners, but - but we certainly need to
7 take this seriously, and I think that we're doing
8 that with these kind of step forwards.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
10 Matthew. And I want to reiterate what Matthew said
11 from the Commissioners. I want to thank the hunters
12 for stepping up to the plate as well. So, thank you
13 for mentioning that.

14 Any other discussion -?

15 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: I just want to
16 say in terms of the allocation. So, what I think a
17 number of us saw from last year, both January and
18 now in terms of season bag limits and increasing the
19 allocation, you know, I saw a number of references
20 in the media and the social media being critical of
21 us increasing the antlerless allocation. And it was
22 very general and broad. Just the comments of the,
23 you know, Game Commission is increasing allocations.

24 And I think I've asked and I'd like
25 to see in what we put out, you know, some references

1 to the formula that we use for those and for these
2 particular reasons. So we're not haphazardly, okay?
3 Increasing the allocation, okay? Just to do it for,
4 you know, the purpose of doing it. And we hear the
5 comments about, you know, not enough deer here, you
6 know, too many deer here. But I think we, you know,
7 that allocation element, I think we'd, and I would
8 like to see us, you know, add a little bit more
9 information to what we put out to the public.
10 Because there's a reason why we're increasing the
11 allocation, you know, in various areas, whether or
12 not it's CWD, whether or not we're not harvesting
13 enough in certain areas.

14 But just so we can put something out
15 so the public knows and our media partners know that
16 when they print these things, you know, let's, you
17 know, share with the public why we're doing this.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.
19 Thank you, Commissioner. Okay.

20 Any other discussions on the floor
21 amendment? If not, Mr. Secretary, can you call for
22 a vote on the amendment?

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in
24 favor, signify by saying aye.

25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
2 no.

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Motion
5 carries.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Okay.
7 We need to come back to seasons and
8 bags, and we had a motion and a second.

9 Discussion on that? If there is
10 discussion - if there's no further discussion on the
11 entire season and bags package, Mr. Secretary, we
12 need to call a vote for that entire season and bags
13 recommendation.

14 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in
15 favor, signify by saying aye.

16 (AYES RESPOND)

17 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
18 no.

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
21 motion carries.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.
23 Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

24 I just want to read a statement after
25 we approve season and bags here. We as

1 Commissioners want to make a statement to the
2 public.

3 With today's vote, the Board has once
4 again scheduled the start of the firearms deer
5 season to be on Saturday. We do this firmly
6 believing that starting the season on a Saturday
7 creates the most opportunity for hunters, and thus
8 helps ensure the future of the sport that we are
9 charged with protecting.

10 Nonetheless, we understand that there
11 are those with different opinions who would like to
12 see a return to the Monday opener, and we recognize
13 the passion that many of you feel about this issue.
14 We may disagree, but we have heard your voices. As
15 the debate over a Saturday or Monday opener lingers
16 on, it has unfortunately caused considerable
17 disagreement within our hunting ranks. It has
18 fractured and divided us at a time when we need to
19 be united.

20 Therefore, I am directing staff
21 within the Commission to work with the leadership of
22 the House Game and Fisheries Committee to develop a
23 plan to once again study and analyze this issue. It
24 is our hope that a comprehensive review can take
25 place to address some of the concerns that we have

1 heard and ensure that the Board's decision is truly
2 in the best interest of our hunting community. Thank
3 you.

4 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
5 consideration can be found on page 15 of your
6 agendas.

7 The American Marten is a furbearer
8 once commonly found in portions of Pennsylvania but
9 extirpated from the Commonwealth in the early 1900s
10 due to deforestation and unregulated harvest.

11 In accordance with Goal 1.3(b) of the
12 Pennsylvania Game Commission Strategic Plan 2020 to
13 2023 and as authorized by the Commission at its July
14 9th, 2022 meeting, Commission staff developed an
15 American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan
16 for Pennsylvania. The plan outlines a long-term,
17 10-year strategy, to translocate the species back to
18 the state and then conduct long-term monitoring to
19 evaluate the reintroduction. Communication
20 strategies, partner engagement, costs, and timelines
21 are also included.

22 At its September 16th, 2023 meeting,
23 the Commission authorized release of the proposed
24 American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan
25 for a 60-day public comment period. At its January

1 27th, 2024 meeting, the Commission tabled the
2 proposed American Marten Reintroduction and
3 Management Plan to allow for collection of
4 additional information on habitat and human
5 dimension elements of the potential reintroduction.

6 All comments were considered and
7 appropriate revisions to the plan were made. Staff
8 compiled data confirming habitat suitability of
9 potential reintroduction sites and clarified the
10 underlying reasons for supportive or neutral
11 attitudes towards marten reintroduction among
12 respondents to hunter surveys. The Bureau of
13 Wildlife Management is requesting final acceptance
14 of the 2024-2033 American Marten Reintroduction and
15 Management Plan.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
17 motion?

18 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
20 second?

21 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Second.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
23 and a second. Discussion on the motion?

24 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I'd like to
25 say something, Mr. President.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes,
2 Commissioner Mitrick.

3 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Last evening,
4 I had the opportunity to see the first episode of a
5 series called Franklin. In one of the opening
6 scenes, Benjamin Franklin was in front of the French
7 nobility seeking aid for the failing American
8 Revolution in 1776. As he was doing so, he was
9 dressed in what he termed a very American looking
10 outfit. And part of that outfit encompassed a fur
11 hat that he was wearing.

12 Benjamin Franklin, of course, was a
13 native son of this great State of Pennsylvania, this
14 Commonwealth. And anyway, the French people were
15 very much enthralled with this hat that he was
16 wearing. And when he talked about it, he mentioned
17 that it was the fur from the marten. And I thought
18 that was very interesting in light of what we're
19 taking into consideration today. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Is
21 there discussion?

22 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yeah. So,
23 Chair.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes,
25 Commissioner Knick.

1 COMMISSIONER KNICK: You know, I
2 believe Tom did a great job. On presenting this for
3 martens. And right now, I feel that I'm still
4 getting comments both ways. People that want them,
5 people that are against them. And right now, I'm up
6 in the air. I don't feel that I think I need more
7 information to put it that way. And speak to more
8 people.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. And
10 Commissioner Knick, I'll make a comment likewise.
11 Tom Keller has done an amazing job and the team, and
12 right now with the testimony of some sportsman
13 groups and what I'm hearing, it's - the gentleman
14 said it correctly. It's a matter of timing. So, you
15 know, myself, I think it's important to reintroduce
16 a species, but I just need a little more
17 information.

18 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: I think I echo
21 some of your concerns. I think, as I think back
22 from when this started, and I was brand new at this
23 job, still don't know a whole lot about it,
24 obviously. But it's been interesting to see and to
25 hear and to read the emails and the articles and

1 papers and magazines and hearing you people stand up
2 here and do your presenting.

3 And I think it has really, in my
4 mind, we started like this, but the scales are doing
5 this. And I think it is a wonderful job. And, Tom,
6 I give you every accolade in the world for spending
7 on what you tell me the other night, 105 different
8 times, and he has been across this state and has
9 given absolute positive responses to people and
10 education. I invited him to a meeting that I was -
11 that we were two together, and went to Benton on
12 Tuesday evening. And I was told, when the gentleman
13 called me, be prepared, because everybody in this
14 room is against introducing the martens. And I said
15 to him at that time, I said, well, I doubt if
16 everybody is, but there may be a significant number
17 that are. So I told Tom what we were walking into.

18 And the interesting thing about being
19 at that meeting was when Tom started, at the very,
20 very beginning, laid out everything that had to do
21 with the martens, and he talked about what we
22 believe or what we hear. And my challenge at the
23 end of the meeting was everyone says, well, they say
24 this or they say that. And my question was, who is
25 or who are "they"? There's the guy right back

1 there. That's the guy.

2 And the amount of time he has spent
3 to put all these facts out against the - for us to
4 consider has come a long way. You've heard what
5 everybody has said here. That we postponed this
6 thing twice now to try to get some more information
7 and for Tom to do his magic and waving his wand.
8 I'm not sure if I skipped a part. When the meeting
9 was over, not one person, not one out of all these
10 people that are going to jump all over us, came up
11 and talked to us in a negative manner about the
12 martens being introduced.

13 I also understand that we have a lot
14 of people who are concerned about the numbers of
15 turkeys and the number of grouse. Tom has shown us,
16 a lot of the articles have shown us that there's not
17 really probably going to be a real big issue with
18 it, but there's a perception out there that they
19 could take a hold. Well, I believe that that is
20 possible, but I also believe that from what we heard
21 yesterday from our reports, from our staff, people
22 are seeing more turkeys and they're also seeing more
23 grouse. And that's from visual experience.

24 And I believe that if we have another
25 good year, spring, where the hatches and the

1 clutches are all, have the opportunity to do their
2 jobs with their mothers, that we're going to hear
3 even more success about the turkeys and the grouse
4 coming back. Now what we're going to do about West
5 Nile, and maybe it isn't even an issue, but that's
6 also a perception that's out there.

7 So, where I am is, I ask for more
8 time. And I'm just, Tom and the rest of you, I am
9 right here. And I believe that if we give ourselves
10 enough time to look at what the clutches are for
11 this year. And we have, Tom, a little more time to
12 spread the honest word, the truth of the Bible. I
13 believe that most people, if not more than most. I
14 think the large, large majority of hunters and
15 non-hunters and conservationists, I think we can do
16 this in a very positive manner and I think we can
17 take everybody with us.

18 So I am with, in agreement with some
19 of the other people that I think I need just a
20 little more time. And I know, Tom, you have to be
21 saying, not again. And I apologize to you.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
23 Commissioner DiMarco. You said what I wanted to
24 say, my feelings on that, I'm bad at verbalizing
25 that, but thank you for your comments.

1 Other discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Yeah. So
3 to point, counterpoint that and to show the
4 variation not only that we're hearing in public, but
5 amongst the Board of Commissioners, I embody hook,
6 line, and sinker on this and I think we should go
7 full steam ahead. I also understand that I'm one
8 vote out of nine. And I know that the thought
9 process of this board is very similar to the thought
10 process of hunters as a whole across Pennsylvania.

11 And to Allen's very visual scale
12 analogy that he just put up there, we're tipping
13 that scale. And I'm going to sit back and ride this
14 wave out because I'm confident that that scale is
15 going to tip in the direction of Marten
16 reintroduction. And, you know, I'm just going to
17 watch us bide our time and get as much hunter buy in
18 as we can.

19 You know, we do hear routinely from
20 hunters that say, you don't listen to us, our
21 opinions don't matter. I mean here we are begging
22 hunters to talk to us about this. Still, go back to
23 that one third of folks that have no opinion, which
24 is - blows my mind that one third of hunters in
25 Pennsylvania have no opinion because we all know

1 that if you have 100,000 hunters in the room, you've
2 200,000 opinions. Part of the process, and it's
3 going to be a whole lot of fun and very interesting
4 to watch it continue to unfold. And so, hats off to
5 you, Tom and Matthew and your team. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
7 Commissioner Koppenhafer. Any other? Commissioner
8 Schwalm.

9 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Mr. President,
10 I concur with my fellow Commissioners. And I had
11 the pleasure of traveling with Tom on many of his
12 presentations in which he's done an outstanding job.
13 And he had to drive some long ways to visit the
14 various clubs in district nine. And the work that
15 he put into this is just unbelievable. And I truly
16 appreciate and respect everything that you have
17 done, Tom, and I thank you for that.

18 But I also would like to ask for more
19 time on this. I think this is something that's very
20 important, and it needs to be done right. So,
21 again, Tom, I thank you for everything. I really
22 appreciate what you did. I know you worked your
23 tail off, but at this time, I concur with the other
24 fellow Commissioners. Thank you.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,

1 Commissioner.

2 Other comments? Yes, Commissioner
3 Sankey.

4 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: If you don't
5 mind, yeah. So, I respectfully disagree with a lot
6 my patriots up here. I think the plan is
7 straightforward. It answers all the questions. I
8 don't necessarily - I'm not a patient person, and I
9 think I've been patient enough, and I'd like to see
10 this move forward as it is.

11 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
12 Commissioner Sankey. Is there -?

13 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Scott?

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Commissioner
15 Pride.

16 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Yes, thank you.

17 I also want to acknowledge the work that Tom has
18 done on this and the team has worked with him, both
19 within the agency. And then, as we heard yesterday,
20 some of the other organizations, universities as
21 well.

22 But, you know, I just wanted to touch
23 on the point of Tom and the staff have done a
24 tremendous job. This has been several years of
25 work. Several years of work. And in reaching, but

1 I think I've got agreement that I think all of us
2 are in support of reintroducing something that was
3 here. But once we do it, when we do it, it's done.
4 I mean, the species may not - in the presentations
5 we heard yesterday, I think there's some questions.
6 That there's always a possibility that the species
7 may not survive for a multitude of reasons. But
8 once it's introduced, it's introduced.

9 And so, in the many, many
10 presentations, we heard over 100 that were given.
11 So you know, sportsman's groups, other wildlife
12 groups and others have been presented to at our
13 presentation, 90 minutes. But there were years of
14 work that the team put into researching and then
15 proposing, putting together the plan for this. And
16 so, I think to the point of asking for more time,
17 and again, we're not going to spend the same amount
18 of time that Tom and the staff did, and the
19 organizations that support it are not going to spend
20 that time.

21 But to sit with something for just a
22 little while, we're not saying years, because we do,
23 I think we all know that we're continuing to get
24 reach outs from different groups that, you know, are
25 important to us. I mean, everybody that reaches out

1 to us is important. And so to give time, a little
2 bit more time to educate, I mean, I said relatively
3 the same thing in January. But I just think, you
4 know, we just need to think about the process of
5 what we're asking people to - to do and to consider
6 in the support of us.

7 And all of us have a role in this. I
8 mean, we're volunteers in what we do. And so, you
9 know, we take our time to educate. We ask Tom to go
10 out and present, you know, to other groups. And I
11 think for the partners that we have in here, I mean,
12 it's great to see our Penn State Wildlife Society
13 here. You know, we all have a role in educating
14 others and more so those that are on the fence or
15 that oppose.

16 And so, I just wanted to make that
17 point regarding the process of, you know, what we're
18 going through and the decisions that we make but
19 also acknowledging that there's been several years,
20 many years of work going into this. And so, you
21 know, to the time, I do think we need a little bit
22 more time.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Pride. Commissioner Fredericks.

25 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.

1 President, after hearing my fellow Commissioners and
2 their concern, to which I truly understand. Me
3 personally, as one of nine of us, I'm entirely
4 satisfied with the plan, the information that we've
5 been given, convinced that the species being
6 discussed is going to be relatively confined to a
7 small habitat area up there where they're planned to
8 be introduced. And personally, it would make me
9 extremely happy to introduce another species that
10 was once native to the state, and now is extirpated.

11 To me, it's a very exciting thing,
12 but with all that said and out of respect for each
13 and every one of you and most importantly,
14 everything that you just heard these Commissioners
15 say, most importantly, we take a lot of heat, and
16 it's been intense lately. About how we don't
17 listen. We do listen. Each and every one of us
18 listens. And we hear you, and we try as hard as we
19 can to react to each and every one of your concerns.

20 It's not easy sitting up here and,
21 you know, I've been here the longest. I won't talk
22 about how long, but I've been here a long time. So
23 given that, it's a little easier for me than one of
24 my fellow Commissioners or for more than a year,
25 just for a year or two.

1 One thing I want to point out before
2 I say what I have to say is I don't recall ever
3 being in a public meeting where I heard so many
4 public commenters thank the Board. You have no idea
5 how much we appreciate that. There's some Board
6 members up here that have some significant family
7 issues, and makes it extremely hard for us to travel
8 and be here for you and for the agency. So, but we
9 don't mind it. We do it because we love it.

10 We're not here for the money. We're
11 not corrupt, we're not being paid off. Each and
12 every one of us are here because we love wildlife,
13 period. I don't mean to speak for all of you. I
14 apologize for your offended, but that's the way it
15 is. So, in the interest of us all loving wildlife
16 just as much as you do, and even though I was the
17 first to move on the motion, I would like to offer
18 an amendment to the motion to postpone indefinitely
19 this decision.

20 I'll leave it at that until we get a
21 second for discussion, and then I'll have something
22 to say. So Mr. President, if I could get a second
23 on that. And again, my motion is to postpone
24 indefinitely.

25 COMMISSIONER KNICK: I'll second

1 that.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
3 -. We have a motion and a second to, what'd you
4 say? Postpone indefinitely?

5 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yeah.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
7 second?

8 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yeah.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a
10 second.

11 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So it's
12 open for discussion.

13 Right?

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So, chair.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER KNICK: I want to say
19 that even though we motion and a second here, it all
20 depends on the vote. But if - all depends on which
21 way it goes. I would like a roll call vote.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you, we
23 will do that. Commissioner Fredericks, continue.

24 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yeah.

25 Please, please don't anybody get bent out of shape

1 about that language, postpone indefinitely. It's
2 just another way of us trying to be helpful to you,
3 to get you to understand. You know, if we table
4 again, sure enough, it'll be in the media. You
5 know, there they go again. This is the third time
6 they've tabled it. So, we got together, we
7 discussed it. We felt that if we got to this point,
8 the best thing to do would be to postpone
9 indefinitely.

10 But that doesn't mean that we won't
11 be well informed by July or September, but we do
12 need some more information. There's obviously,
13 there's some of us that feel, and again, they need
14 more information. And again, I can't stress enough,
15 it's an effort on our part to convince you that we
16 hear you on each and every issue. And we try as
17 hard as we can to listen to and take everything into
18 consideration. So don't let the language of
19 postpone indefinitely get you all bent out of shape.

20 That's it. That's all I have to say.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
22 Commissioner Fredericks. I'd like to offer
23 discussion to Tom Keller. Allen, you articulated
24 the best on how I was feeling. It's indefinitely,
25 it's a short indefinitely as Commissioner - in my

1 mind, Commissioner Fredericks said.

2 Tom, assembled a group of the people
3 that were at best neutral, that probably negative,
4 and you have them questioning as well as I believe
5 you're going to be invited to a larger group. So,
6 Allen articulated best. The scales are right here,
7 and I believe in a short amount of time, we will
8 have the affirmative decision. So, that's my add to
9 the discussion on the postponement.

10 Any other comments or discussion on
11 postponement?

12 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I'd like to
13 say something.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes,
15 Commissioner Mitrick.

16 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I've been on
17 this Board now for a little more than six years, and
18 I'm not going to be on it that much longer. But I
19 just want to say, I really want to see this Marten
20 reintroduction occur on my watch and will do
21 everything in my power to see that it happens.
22 Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Mitrick.

25 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: I just wanted to

1 -

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: - you know, just
4 add or just maybe ask a question. Make a statement
5 in terms of clarifying what this actually means from
6 a process standpoint.

7 So, to think we asked for advice on
8 this from our counsel and just the process and
9 procedure that we go through. So, correct me if I'm
10 wrong, that if we didn't postpone indefinitely, and
11 I, you know, echo what Dr. Mitrick just said, in his
12 support. If we were to vote and not postpone
13 indefinitely and it didn't pass, that means this
14 dies?

15 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Commissioner
16 Pride, can we direct that to the legal counsel for
17 clarification?

18 ATTORNEY MARTSON: What we're
19 dealing with now is a subsidiary motion to postpone.
20 If the motion carries, the matter will be postponed
21 indefinitely. If the motion does not carry, the
22 Board will have to address the overriding or
23 overarching motion to adopt the reintroduction plan.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: All right.

1 And so, if we - if it gets to that
2 point though, if this doesn't pass and then we're
3 having to vote on reintroduction, correct me if I'm
4 wrong. If that didn't pass, that means that this
5 effort dies?

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Correct.

7 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: And all the work
8 that has been done just stops?

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Correct. Are
10 you asking a legal matter?

11 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Yeah.

12 ATTORNEY MARTSON: Until such time as
13 the matter is reintroduced and placed back on the
14 agenda before the Board.

15 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Okay.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
17 Commissioner Pride.

18 Other discussion on the amendment
19 before the Board? If there's no other discussions,
20 Mr. Secretary, make a roll call vote. And the
21 motion is to postpone indefinitely. So, a yes vote
22 is to postpone. A nay vote is to move forward. Mr.
23 Secretary, roll call the vote, please.

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: President
25 Foradora?

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes to postpone.

2 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr.

3 Fredericks?

4 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yes,
5 postpone.

6 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Allen DiMarco,
7 yes to postpone. Stanley Knick?

8 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Yes to postpone.

9 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Kristen

10 Koppenhafer?

11 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFER: No.

12 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Michael

13 Mitrick?

14 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: No.

15 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Todd Pride?

16 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Yes to postpone.

17 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner

18 Sankey?

19 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: No.

20 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner

21 Schwalm?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Yes to

23 postpone.

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: President

25 Foradora, results are six yeses and three nos.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you, Mr.
2 Secretary. The motion to postpone passes, and thank
3 you all for your diligence Commissioners. And thank
4 you, Tom. You have more work to do, and I know
5 you'll be successful so thank you. So, work with
6 us.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: You're not
8 alone.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Next
10 item, please.

11 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
12 consideration can be found on page 16 of your
13 agendas.

14 The Association of Fish and Wildlife
15 Agencies, or AFWA, requested contact information for
16 furtaker license holders in Pennsylvania for a
17 National Trapper Survey being conducted in
18 cooperation with Responsive Management. This will
19 be the fourth iteration of this survey, which was
20 previously conducted in 1992, 2004, and 2015. The
21 goal of this study is to capture important
22 information about trapping and trappers in the
23 United States so that agencies can better understand
24 and promote the activity for future generations to
25 enjoy. Information gathered in this survey will

1 also help agencies gauge the success of current
2 efforts to recruit, retain, and reactivate trappers,
3 plan future efforts to increase trapper
4 participation, and guide future efforts of the Best
5 Management Practices for Trapping program.

6 AFWA is requesting information for
7 all individuals who held a Pennsylvania furtaker
8 license during the 2021, 2022, and 2023 license
9 years. The data specifically sought includes
10 Customer Identification Number, license type, name,
11 phone, e-mail, and street address. Section 325 of
12 the Game and Wildlife Code generally restricts the
13 release of customer licensing data, but an exception
14 is permitted when the release of records or reports
15 is, quote, authorized by action of the Commission
16 for the sole purpose of exercising legitimate
17 governmental function or duty, closed quote. The
18 Commission evaluated the records request and
19 determined that it meets this exception and, if
20 approved, will result in the return of valuable
21 survey data that will enhance its trapping program
22 within this Commonwealth. AFWA will itself be
23 subject to applicable criminal and civil
24 restrictions regarding any further publishing,
25 circulation, or disclosure of any records that it

1 receives from the Commission under this
2 authorization.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Do
4 we have a motion?

5 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
8 second. Discussion? Hearing no discussion on the
9 motion, Mr. Secretary, could you call the vote?

10 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in
11 favor, signify by saying aye.

12 (AYES RESPOND)

13 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, no.

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
16 motion carries.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

18 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
19 consideration can be found on page 17 of your
20 agendas, and comes from the Bureau of Wildlife
21 Protection.

22 Since the mentored hunting program's
23 initial inception in 2006, the program has gradually
24 grown and expanded to include additional species of
25 game and wildlife and age groups eligible to

1 participate in the program. With each progressive
2 expansion, the mentored hunting program has come
3 into closer alignment to the Commission's
4 traditional hunting license structures. The
5 Commission is now proposing to amend Section 147.805
6 to allow a mentor to accompany up to three of any
7 combination of mentored youth or mentored adults at
8 a time. This maximum limit of three would also
9 include any junior hunter present and otherwise
10 requiring accompaniment by the mentor as required by
11 34 Pa.C.S. Section 2711(a)(8) when the person is
12 also serving as a mentor. This change will not
13 expand the one lawful hunting device limit for
14 mentored youth, but it will allow mentored adults
15 and junior hunters to possess their own hunting
16 implement while accompanied by a common mentor. The
17 Commission has evaluated the relevant safety data
18 and determined that the amendments will not create
19 an unreasonable safety risk to the persons
20 participating in the hunt or other persons in the
21 vicinity of the hunt.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Do
23 we have a motion to -?

24 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Is there a

1 second?

2 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
4 second. Discussion on the motion?

5 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: I just want -.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Commissioner
7 Sankey, yes.

8 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: Yeah, thanks.
9 I just want to say that this is a direct result of
10 public comment and emails that we all received on
11 this matter. And I'm glad that we were able to move
12 forward with this, knowing that other states have
13 not had an issue with safety in this regard, so.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.
15 Commissioner Pride.

16 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: And I also
17 wanted to say, I'm glad to see that this is being
18 put forth. And some of the mentor activities that
19 the Agency has been partnered on, such as with the
20 John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge or partners with
21 US Fish and Wildlife Service, and then DCNR. The
22 interest of the number of youth and others to want
23 to hunt together to be able to do that is
24 substantial. And so, I'm glad to see where we got
25 this on the table and we're going to make a decision

1 on this.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
3 Commissioner Pride. I want to offer my comments.

4 I have said in my lifetime, two of
5 the best decisions, in my opinion, not the
6 Commissioner's, was the point restrictions of Gary
7 Alt and doe management plan, and then mentored
8 youth. So, it is very important that we allow
9 maximum opportunity. And pleases me to know that
10 we're talking about this today.

11 Jason, do you want to elaborate on
12 anything or any questions? Further discussion?

13 MR. DECOSKEY: No, I think you hit it
14 the head there. It did come from public comments
15 and responsible letters written to us addressing
16 issues that families are facing. And growing up, I
17 was one of those families. That I didn't have a
18 mentor youth permit back then, but we only had one
19 rifle, so we kind of got used to this anyway, so.

20 But we had a gentleman here with this
21 family today. And this makes perfect sense. It's
22 great. I have no issues. We've looked at the
23 safety from the previous HRSI's and it's less than a
24 percent. I mean, it's a safe program, and I look
25 forward to it growing.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Other

2 Commissioner comments?

3 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Mr. President?

4 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: I would like -
6 I would like to also say how happy I am to see this
7 on the table. I believe we are at a very critical
8 time here, and we need to do as much as we can to
9 get as many youth involved. And if this helps
10 families, like the gentleman that spoke here
11 earlier, to get his youngsters out there, we need to
12 do everything we can to create as many
13 opportunities. And I hope that if this passes, that
14 more people will take advantage of this and let's
15 get our youth involved. We need to do it. We need
16 to do it badly. So again, thank you.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
18 Commissioner Schwalm. Other comments from the
19 Commissioners? Commissioner DiMarco. Oh, sorry, if
20 there's no other - any other discussion? Okay.

21 Mr. Secretary, could you call the
22 vote, please?

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
24 of the motion, please signify by saying aye.

25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, the
2 same sign.

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
5 motion carries.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
8 consideration can be found on page 19 of your
9 agendas.

10 To effectively manage the wildlife
11 resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at
12 its January 27th, 2024 meeting, amended Section
13 141.4 to replace the current hunting hours table and
14 migratory bird hunting hours table to accurately
15 reflect the dates and hours of legal hunting for the
16 2024-2025 hunting/trapping license year.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
18 motion?

19 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: So moved.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
21 second?

22 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and a
24 second. Any discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: I'd like to

1 point out.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes,
3 Commissioner Pride.

4 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: For what we're
5 getting ready to go into next in terms of our
6 decisions on property activity, I just want to say,
7 and particularly regarding the table here, and this
8 also is related to what we just talked about
9 regarding the mentor hunt. But, and this may be a
10 little off stray but just follow me for a second.

11 I've heard some comments over the
12 last year or two from a few people that have
13 questioned what we're doing with our mentored
14 activities and so forth. And the numbers being
15 relatively small, whether or not it's the John Heinz
16 initiative or Benjamin Rush, but one of the,
17 actually a parent and a daughter that participated
18 in that. Came out of this last two years and
19 created a website and a Facebook page and Instagram,
20 and has reached, it has almost 4,000 supporters. So
21 exponentially, those numbers have now reached
22 thousands of people just from those two, and there
23 are similar situations to that. But relative to
24 this, the mother created a segment of her messaging
25 that says, my eyes will adjust.

1 And when I look at this table here,
2 often times when we're able to hunt, okay?
3 Sometimes, you know, when our eyes can't see a lot.
4 And then when it ends. I mean, this isn't specific
5 to this, but I just want to make that point as we go
6 into our land discussions because this is important.
7 I mean, extremely important, so sorry to take up
8 time.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
10 Commissioner Pride. So, relevant to the times, if
11 you - for the public out there, Commissioner Pride
12 shared with us the writeup, what was it called? In
13 darkness or?

14 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Your eyes - my
15 eyes will adjust.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: My eyes will
17 adjust. So, if you get the opportunity to YouTube
18 or Google, is it one -?

19 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Yeah, my eyes
20 will adjust. And I guarantee you, you will all be
21 moved.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
23 discussion on the motion and second? Mr. Secretary,
24 could you call the vote?

25 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in

1 favor, signify by saying aye.

2 (AYES RESPOND)

3 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, aye.

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
6 motion carries.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

8 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
9 consideration is found on page 24 of your agendas,
10 and comes from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat
11 Management.

12 John G. and Melissa L. Sabella are
13 offering 200 more or less acres of land in Rockland
14 and Cranberry Townships, Venango County, adjacent to
15 State Game Land Number 45. The option price is
16 \$467,000 lump sum to be paid from the Game
17 Commission's restricted account, representing funds
18 from third party commitments for compensation of
19 habitat and recreational losses which occurred on
20 state game lands from previously approved projects.
21 Acquisitions using this account may exceed \$400 per
22 acre. The North Country National Scenic Trail runs
23 through the property. Access is through existing
24 State Game Land Number 45 and from State Route 2002.
25 This acquisition contains critical and unique

1 riparian habitat of East Sandy Branch Creek, a
2 stocked trout stream.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
4 motion?

5 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So moved.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
7 second?

8 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Second.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
10 and a second. Discussion? Before we have any
11 discussion, Dave Gustafson, would you like to add
12 anything to this for our information?

13 MR. GUSTAFSON: So, I think you're
14 all aware we've got some comments and we got some
15 questions about this acquisition, about pricing, and
16 things like that. And so, there, for everybody's
17 awareness, I think when you look at the price tag on
18 this piece of property, it might seem out of line to
19 some folks. If you look at land acquisitions we've
20 done maybe five years ago, and the prices per acre.

21
22 We do have a certified appraisal on
23 this piece of property. It was done in July of 2022
24 - I'm sorry, July 2023. So, nine months old, that
25 established the appraised value of \$467,000. I

1 think that's indicative of the price of land and
2 real estate these days. It has - we've all seen it
3 go up significantly in recent years, so it's kind of
4 a new norm when we look at, you know, forest land
5 properties like this.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. And
7 it's open for discussion. My discussion, I want to
8 echo Mr. Gustafson's comments. In north central
9 region, three years ago you picked up - only four,
10 five years ago, \$500, \$600 an acre for swampland.
11 For swampland you better be at \$1,000 now or
12 greater. And for good land, it's substantially
13 higher than that. So unfortunately, we're caught up
14 in the inflations as well.

15 Any other discussion or comments?

16 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: If I can,
17 Mr. President?

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes,
19 Commissioner Koppenhafer.

20 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Mr.
21 Gustafson, your shop has been busy lately putting
22 these in front of us, and I applaud you and your
23 staff for the efforts. A few points of
24 clarification, just from some correspondence we've
25 received as Commissioners from the public. So just

1 to make sure that we understand as well, and I
2 appreciate you clarifying a purchase price because,
3 you know, we're pushing half a million for that.
4 And the market bears what it does. So, I appreciate
5 knowing that there was an appraisal done on that -
6 on that property and paid fair market value for it.

7
8 It looks like there's a section at
9 North Country Trail that may go through that
10 property. Is that accurate? If so, is there any
11 effect that that might have?

12 MR. GUSTAFSON: I think the effect is
13 going to be all positive, allowing for access for
14 folks through that piece of property. If you look
15 to the far northwest corner of the map, there's also
16 a place where the North Country Trail touches the
17 edge of Game Lands 45 up there as well, cuts across
18 a little place. The North Country Trail also
19 crosses numerous other game lands in the region,
20 Game Lands 95, Game Lands 63.

21 And not unlike many of our other
22 hiking trails in Pennsylvania, the Tuscarora Trail
23 and even the Appalachian Trail that have significant
24 mileage through game lands. We think that's a
25 positive opportunity for folks that, you know, come

1 across those trails to recognize that they're on
2 State game lands and this is a wildlife area. And
3 maybe that's something a little special and
4 different.

5 But we don't see anywhere where that
6 would impede the ability of our hunters to cross
7 over and use the game lands on both sides of that
8 trail. So we don't see any negative impacts to
9 that.

10 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Thank you.

11 One follow up question, mostly because we've had
12 some housekeeping in the past where we've dealt with
13 encroachment issues, et cetera. And it looks to me
14 like there's about 25 foot roadway agreement on this
15 map. Is that cleared out, documented? I mean, so
16 that future boards aren't going to have to play mop
17 up on this one like we have done in the past?

18 MR. GUSTAFSON: It is. You know, we
19 have a great team, and I can't say enough about the
20 real estate team that we've had to rebuild in recent
21 years, that people have retired and jobs have turned
22 over, and we've got some great folks that are doing
23 the work. And yeah, we discovered in our due
24 diligence in looking at this property, there are
25 recorded, documented instruments that provide for

1 that 25-foot access all the way into that property.

2 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Okay,
3 thank you.

4 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Any
5 other discussion on this? Mr. Secretary, could you
6 call for a vote?

7 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in
8 favor, signify by saying aye.

9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, aye.

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
13 motion carries.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

15 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
16 consideration can be found on page 26 of your
17 agendas.

18 The Estate of Betty J. Brenneman is
19 offering 19.7 more or less acres of land in
20 Catherine Township, Blair County, adjacent to State
21 Game Land Number 166. The option price is \$50,000
22 lump sum to be paid from the Game Commission's
23 restricted account, representing funds from third
24 party commitments for compensation of habitat and
25 recreational losses which occurred on State game

1 lands from previously approved projects.
2 Acquisitions using this account may exceed \$400 per
3 acre. Access is from Beaver Dam Road. This
4 acquisition improves property integrity and
5 manageability of State Game Land Number 166 by
6 connecting two existing tracts.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
8 motion?

9 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

11 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and a
12 second. Discussion? Any comments on this, Dave?
13 Thank you.

14 We have a motion and a second. Mr.
15 Secretary, call the vote.

16 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
17 of the motion - did somebody say something?

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes. Good.
19 Commissioner Knick, did you have a comment?

20 COMMISSIONER KNICK: No.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Oh, okay. Okay.
22 Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in
24 favor, signify by saying aye.

25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, same
2 sign.

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
5 motion carries.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
8 consideration can be found on page 28 of your
9 agendas.

10 Adam James Clark is offering 67.07
11 more or less acres of land in Snyder Township, Blair
12 County, an indenture into State Game Land Number
13 278. The option price is \$138,000 lump sum to be
14 paid from the Game Fund. The parcel is an indenture
15 to State Game Land Number 278 and therefore the
16 Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section
17 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. Access is
18 through existing State Game Land Number 278. This
19 acquisition improves property integrity and
20 manageability of State Game Land Number 278 by
21 clearing an indenture and connecting two existing
22 tracts.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
24 motion?

25 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: So moved.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
2 second?

3 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

4 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Moved and
5 seconded. Any discussion, questions?

6 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: I just want to
7 say, so I actually used to live near here. So this
8 purchase is really great because it connects those
9 two parcels. And I know that that land up there was
10 kind of patchwork and it was difficult to get from
11 one to the other. So, it's really an awesome
12 purchase. Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
14 Commissioner Sankey.

15 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Yeah, I just
16 want to make a point.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Just a short
19 point. What Dave was referencing and alluding to
20 regarding the reach out that we got and, you know,
21 verification on the inflation and everything else.
22 But you know, these three properties that we've just
23 looked at are relatively all in the same cost per
24 acre. I mean, it's all over \$2,000 per acre. So, I
25 think you know, as we look at these numbers, you

1 know, it's, you know. Costs is going up everywhere.
2 So, you know, we're just having to deal with this
3 to protect these wildlife habitats and, you know,
4 extend our, you know, game land opportunities. So I
5 just wanted to make that point regarding, you know.
6 You see these numbers regarding the acreage and then
7 the cost, and at least the last three are, you know,
8 relatively close.

9 MR. GUSTAFSON: And on this one in
10 particular, Commissioner, we do have a certified
11 appraisal on this property as well from January of
12 this year that established the value of the
13 \$138,000.

14 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: These numbers
15 would look very different down in Chester County and
16 Bucks County.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
18 Commissioner Pride. Any other discussion? Mr.
19 Secretary, call the vote.

20 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
21 of the motion, signify by saying aye.

22 (AYES RESPOND)

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
24 the same sign.

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
2 the motion carries.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

4 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
5 consideration can be found on page 30 of your
6 agendas.

7 Denis E. and Sharon A. Mora are
8 offering 23.5 more or less acres of land in Liberty
9 Township, McKean County, adjoining State Game Land
10 Number 61. The option price is \$64,000 lump sum to
11 be paid from the Game Commission's restricted
12 account, representing funds from third party
13 commitments for compensation of habitat and
14 recreational losses which occurred on State game
15 lands from previously approved projects.
16 Acquisitions using this account may exceed \$400 per
17 acre. Access is from Old Bush Mill Road. This
18 acquisition improves public access and the
19 Commission's ability to manage State Game Land
20 Number 61.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have any
22 motion?

23 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
25 second?

1 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Second.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
3 second - moved and seconded. Any discussion? If
4 not, Mr. Secretary call the vote.

5 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
6 of the motion, signify by saying aye.

7 (AYES RESPOND)

8 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, same
9 sign.

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
12 motion carries.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
15 consideration can be on page 32 of your agendas.

16 Rachel M. Stone is offering 0.25 more
17 or less acres of land adjoining State Game Land
18 Number 335 to the Commission in exchange for a 0.13
19 more or less acre, non-exclusive right-of-way on
20 State Game Land Number 335 to access the remaining
21 Stone land, all of which is located in Union
22 Township, Tioga County. The right-of-way will be
23 conditioned to protect the Commission's interests,
24 including a restriction on future buildings on the
25 remaining Stone land that could result in additional

1 safety zones. As such, the Commission determined
2 that the 0.25 more or less acres to be conveyed to
3 the Commission is of greater value than the 0.13
4 more or less acre right-of-way to be granted to
5 Stone, and that the proposed exchange is in the best
6 interest of the Commission. This exchange improves
7 property integrity and manageability of State Game
8 Land Number 335 by resolving a boundary line issue.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have any
10 motion?

11 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So moved.

12 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
13 second?

14 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

15 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Moved and
16 seconded. Discussion on the motion?

17 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I just have a
18 question.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: It says this
21 is a right-of-way. A right-of-way to what?

22 MR. GUSTAFSON: So, while this may
23 seem minuscule in numbers and you know, 0.25 and
24 0.13 acres. I can tell you, this is tremendously
25 important for Ms. Stone house with her house right

1 there.

2 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Her house is
3 there?

4 MR. GUSTAFSON: Her house is right
5 there. You can't quite see it. It's under the word
6 Stone. It's kind of shaded out, but if you see the
7 Game Lands Number 335, you can tell that's a fairly
8 recent acquisition. This was owned by a large
9 timber company and we acquired it several years ago.

10 And in - in the survey work being
11 done, we realized that there was this small sliver
12 of the game land that comes down from north to south
13 all the way to the road. Well, over time with Ms.
14 Stone's property, their driveway is actually also
15 using the same access that is the access road that
16 goes back into what is now game lands. If you can
17 also notice, those blue lines indicate streams,
18 water courses. So, they didn't have any other
19 option of where to put their driveway.

20 So they had a previous kind of
21 handshake arrangement with that timber company. It
22 didn't matter to them, that they could use that loop
23 driveway for their use. Of course, as our survey
24 team is out there managing the integrity of our game
25 lands, we identified that as a potential issue. And

1 said, you know, this could be an audit finding,
2 potentially if we didn't gain control of the
3 situation. But we realized that Ms. Stone really
4 didn't have any other options. So this is the best
5 way to clean up this. They were willing to trade
6 that small piece of land to keep their driveway
7 there.

8 There are stipulations in that
9 agreement to ensure that the Game Commission, you
10 know, continues to have access through there. We
11 won't be blocked. They're not allowed to, you know,
12 block or otherwise construct anything on that right
13 of way, but it simply permits the continued use of
14 that driveway space. Game Commission got something
15 back in trade to make it all on the up and up.

16 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: We still have
17 the right-of-way to -?

18 MR. GUSTAFSON: Absolutely, correct.

19 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Yeah, thank
20 you.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
22 discussion? Mr. Secretary, call the vote, please.

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
24 of the motion, please signify by saying aye.

25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, the
2 same sign.

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
5 the motion carries.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
8 consideration can be found on page 34 of your
9 agendas.

10 The Irvona Borough Council in
11 Clearfield County requested that a right-of-way for
12 a borough street be dedicated as a public road. The
13 roadway is 25 feet in width and travels a total of
14 737 more or less feet across State Game Land Number
15 120. The road is currently a State game lands road
16 open to public travel and services a number of
17 private properties. Dedicating the road to the
18 Borough will eliminate maintenance obligations for
19 the Commission, will resolve future conflicts with
20 access to the private properties, and will allow for
21 a more efficient provision of public utilities in
22 the area.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
24 motion?

25 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: we have a motion
3 and second. Any discussion? Mr. Secretary, call
4 the vote.

5 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
6 of the proposed motion, please signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, the
10 same sign.

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
13 motion carries.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

15 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item can
16 be found on page 36 of your agenda and is an
17 informational item only.

18 On February 28th, 2024, the Board of
19 Commissioners approved, by notational vote, the
20 offer from William C. and Casey J. Kunkel of a 50.7
21 more or less acres of land in Albany Township, Berks
22 County, an indenture into State Game Land Number
23 106. The option price is \$224,272.97 lump sum to be
24 paid from the Game Fund. The parcel is an indenture
25 into State Game Land Number 106 and therefore the

1 Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section
2 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. Access is
3 through existing State Game Land Number 106. This
4 acquisition improves property integrity and
5 manageability of State Game Land Number 106 by
6 clearing an indenture and straightening the existing
7 boundary.

8 Again, this is an informational item
9 only and no action is required. Which brings us to
10 page 38 of your agendas, also an informational item
11 only.

12 On February 28th, 2024, the Board of
13 Commissioners approved, by notational vote, the
14 offer from Lois A. and Barry Rentschler of 197.97
15 more or less acres of land in Albany Township, Berks
16 County, an indenture into State Game Land No. 106.
17 The option price is \$875,726.23 lump sum to be paid
18 from the Game Fund. The parcel is an indenture into
19 State Game Land Number 106 and therefore the
20 Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section
21 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. Access is
22 from Pine Swamp Road. This acquisition improves
23 property integrity and manageability of State Game
24 Land Number 106 by clearing an indenture and
25 straightening the existing boundary.

1 Once again, as an informational item
2 only, there is no action required by this Board.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Mr. President,
5 I'd like to -

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: - ask Dave a
8 question, if I may.

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Dave, district
11 nine is very grateful to these two properties that
12 came about. When this was done by notational vote.
13 When we do a notational vote, we don't get to
14 discuss the project at a public meeting other than
15 the reading on the agenda item. So I was hoping
16 maybe you could explain for the record a little bit
17 more about this project.

18 Why did we need to do a notational
19 vote instead of waiting for a meeting?

20 MR. GUSTAFSON: So, and yeah. You
21 can see this was done on February 28th, so less than
22 a month after our last meeting. Sometimes in the
23 real estate world, folks want to have things fast.
24 First, I'm going to step back and just say I credit
25 the regional field staff team for discovering that

1 these properties were available, and then our real
2 estate team here in Harrisburg for being able to
3 jump on these quickly.

4 The landowners, if you look at the
5 last two pages, 37 and 39, you'll see on the map
6 those two properties, how they fit together. They
7 were willing to accept our matched offer when they
8 had two other offers on the table, but they weren't
9 willing to wait for the typical time it takes for us
10 to get to a Board meeting, and then the follow on
11 actions that have to take place through the attorney
12 general's office and the comptrollers to make
13 payment. It can often take six plus months. And
14 they were in a little bit of a hurry.

15 So, in order to not lose that
16 opportunity, seeing the importance of these complete
17 indentures within the game lands there, we knew
18 there were other interested parties. We wanted to
19 do what we could to try to speed that along. So as
20 much as we don't like to do notational vote items
21 like that, this was one where we were grateful to
22 the Board for allowing us that flexibility to get
23 there.

24 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Dave, why were
25 these tracks so important for the game land's use?

1 MR. GUSTAFSON: So, if you look at
2 the map there, like I said, you can see the one that
3 was - I'll look at - the map on page 37 kind of
4 shows them both in a bigger scale. You can see the
5 one that's colored in blue is kind of a "T" shape
6 and really bisects, it almost separates that eastern
7 parcel of Game Lands 106. It has very little
8 connectivity up there and also the accessibility to
9 that.

10 So by linking those two together, now
11 we've created one solid block there. I'll also say
12 that, you know, we got an appraisal done on this
13 property very quickly, and we were also aware that
14 there's significant timber value in here. So what
15 we really wanted to do was protect the future
16 habitat there, not see that be developed and have
17 timber maybe mismanaged or harvested prematurely.
18 We wanted to make sure we had the best chance to
19 manage that for wildlife and - and create that
20 connectivity.

21 So for those reasons, we felt it was
22 really important, the region felt it was really
23 important. And again, I can't say enough about how
24 fast our team moved on that. And with you all
25 giving us the flexibility to move things in this

1 manner. It really helped us secure what we think -
2 and in Berks County, I mean, there's - there's not a
3 lot of availability down there, especially things
4 this critical in the middle of an existing game
5 lands.

6 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Right. Is
7 there anything else you'd like touch on?

8 MR. GUSTAFSON: I don't think so. I
9 mean, again, it just - this - the real estate, the
10 land acquisition priorities of the agency, you know,
11 we really focus hard on these indentures, these
12 interiors, the accessibility, but also the habitat
13 value, too. So, you know, we're not just out there
14 looking at any random chunk of ground that might be
15 up for sale. We certainly get a lot of offers. We
16 get a heck of a lot more offers than we actually
17 bring to the table for one reason or another.

18 But I think that what you see in
19 these agenda items speaks to the adherence of our
20 staff to our priorities. That we are after critical
21 and valuable habitats, accessibility, and
22 indentures.

23 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Thank you very
24 much to you and your staff. We appreciate it.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,

1 Commissioner Schwalm and Dave.

2 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Scott?

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: I have - I'm
5 glad Bob brought that up. Because again, I think
6 for everybody who's here and those that are online,
7 I mean, this is an opportunity to educate, you know,
8 our supporters, our stakeholders regarding what
9 happens with these.

10 And as I'm listening to you, I mean
11 this really connects very well from the presentation
12 we heard yesterday regarding the Private Lands
13 Initiative, which you know, I think and we're -
14 we're really excited. I'm excited about that
15 initiative. So, we sometimes get criticized because
16 all we're doing is acquiring property for the sake
17 of acquiring it. But there's a lot that goes into -
18 into this, you know, for the benefit of our
19 residents of the state and our visitors. So, I'm
20 really glad that Bob brought that.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
22 Commissioner Pride.

23 ATTORNEY MARTSON: And with that,
24 there is one more informational item that is hot off
25 the press. Actually just occurred this past week

1 that I'd like to offer the commentary on.

2 On April 4th, 2024, Executive
3 Director Bryan Burhans notified the Board of
4 Commissioners of the pending auction sale date April
5 10th, 2024, and the urgent need to react to the sale
6 of property adjoining and providing critical access
7 to State Game Land Number 53. On April 10th, 2024,
8 the Commission was the successful bidder on one of
9 the two tracks of land being offered for sale at a
10 public auction by Robert W. and Donna J. Clevenger.
11 The tract is located in Ayr Township, Fulton County
12 and is adjacent to State Game Land Number 53. The
13 tract is a 51.6 more or less acres and was acquired
14 with a successful bid of \$225,000. The lump sum is
15 to be paid from funds held by the conservation fund
16 in accordance with a prior timber for land exchange
17 agreement as allowable under Section 723 of the Game
18 and Wildlife Code. Access is from a recorded 16-
19 foot right-of-way from Ramsey Lane.

20 Again, this is informational item
21 only, and therefore no action is required.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Dave
23 did you want to comment?

24 MR. GUSTAFSON: Just to say another
25 again, you can see the timeline on this from the

1 time that - that staff were made aware of this
2 auction possibility to register to notify the Board
3 to get this all-in front of you. It just happened
4 this week. So, sometimes these things happen fast
5 and I think if you look at that map, you'll see the
6 importance of that tract bringing that new access
7 from a place that inside the game lands that doesn't
8 really have much. So again, that flexibility and
9 the tenacity and the response time of our team to be
10 able to jump on things like this is just truly,
11 truly outstanding. I can't say enough about their
12 work.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next and last
15 item for consideration can be found on page 40 of
16 your agendas.

17 CNX Resources Corporation, or CNX, of
18 Canonsburg, PA requested the Commission offer its
19 oil and gas rights under portions of State Game Land
20 Number 245 for non-surface use development. The
21 proposed tract, containing approximately 113 more or
22 less net acres, is located in West Finley Township,
23 Washington County.

24 CNX will access the 113-acre reserves
25 from its current and planned drilling operations on

1 adjacent areas off State Game Land Number 245 by
2 horizontal drilling with no additional surface use
3 or disturbance to the Game Lands. OGM staff
4 negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with
5 CNX to prudently develop the Commission's oil/gas
6 reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife
7 resources and recreational use of State Game Land
8 Number 245.

9 The terms of the Agreement are a six
10 year paid up non-surface use oil and gas agreement,
11 a \$4,000 per net oil and gas acre bonus payment and
12 19 percent royalty for all oil/gas and other liquids
13 or condensates produced and sold from the proposed
14 tract.

15 The bonus payment of \$452,000 and any
16 rental payments will be deposited into the
17 Commission's restricted account for the future
18 purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses
19 incidental to hunting, furtaking, and wildlife
20 resource management. Future royalties owed the
21 Commission will be directly deposited into the Game
22 Fund.

23 Oil and gas development will be
24 regulated by the Commission's oil and gas
25 regulations and the Commission's non-surface use oil

1 and gas cooperative agreement.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
3 motion?

4 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
6 second?

7 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Second.

8 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
9 seconded. Any discussion?

10 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
11 President.

12 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Commissioner
13 Fredericks.

14 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: I'd like to
15 call your attention to CNX is my former employer.
16 And even though I'm separated from them somewhat, I
17 still receive retirement annuity. So, therefore I
18 thought that I'd inform you and the rest of the
19 Board of the need to abstain from this motion.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Noted,
21 Commissioner Fredericks. Thank you.

22 Any other discussion? If not, Mr.
23 Secretary, could you please call the vote?

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
25 of the proposed motion, please signify by saying

1 aye.

2 (AYES RESPOND)

3 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
4 the same sign.

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,
7 motion carries.

8 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. The
9 next item on the agenda, is there any other new
10 business that needs to come to our attention or
11 before us? New business?

12 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: I just wanted to
13 make a point.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes,
15 Commissioner Pride.

16 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Scott, I just -
17 one, I just want to thank the speakers and others
18 that came here and traveled, you know, quite a bit
19 of ways to get here and they are taking off on their
20 Saturday, the second Saturday of the month I believe
21 this is. But also it's great to see the Wildlife
22 Society from Penn State here. And you know, and
23 this is something for us to consider down the line.
24 It'd be great to have a presentation maybe on one
25 of our Fridays.

1 campus.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Main campus,
3 okay.

4 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah, we travel to
5 anywhere.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Okay.

7 Sorry. Put you on the spot. Thank
8 you, and thanks - thanks for all of our speakers.
9 Thank you.

10 Anything else under new business?

11 Okay, thank you. Mr. Secretary - excuse me, is
12 there a motion to adjourn?

13 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
15 second for adjournment?

16 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Mr. Secretary,
18 call the vote to adjourn.

19 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: All those in
20 favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

21 (AYES RESPOND)

22 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
23 the same sign.

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Mr. President,

1 motion carries.

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