

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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

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P R O C E E D I N G S

PRESIDENT FORADORA: Okay.

We're going to reconvene the meeting of the Commissioners for July. The portion of the meeting now, we're in the business meeting and formal agenda, so Steve - or excuse me, Creigh, would you like to continue on with the agenda.

Oh, excuse me, roll call. We did the Pledge of Allegiance this morning, so we're going to do a roll call. Allen, would you like to do the roll call of Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: President Foradora.

PRESIDENT FORADORA: Here.

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Vice President Fredericks.

COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Here.

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Secretary DiMarco, here. Commissioner Knick.

COMMISSIONER KNICK: Here.

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner Mitrick.

COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Here.

COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner

1 Koppenhafer.

2 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFER: Here.

3 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner

4 Pride.

5 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Here.

6 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner

7 Sankey.

8 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: Here.

9 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Commissioner

10 Schwalm.

11 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Here.

12 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: All present.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you, Mr.

14 Secretary. Okay.

15 The next item is the approval of the
16 minutes of the Commission meeting held April 3rd -
17 excuse me, April 13 and May 13, 2024.

18 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: A motion and

21 second. Any discussion? Okay. Mr. Secretary, do
22 you want to call the vote?

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: All those in
24 favor, please signify by saying yes.

25 ALL RESPOND YES

1 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
2 no? Mr. President, the yeses.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: It carries.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
6 Commissioner. Okay.

7 Creigh, do you want to go ahead and
8 do the first proposed rulemaking?

9 ATTORNEY MARTSON: Thank you, Mr.
10 President. The first item for consideration can be
11 found on page two of your agendas and is a proposed
12 rulemaking comes from the Bureau of Wildlife
13 Management.

14 Based on current scientific findings,
15 changes to accept the nomenclature, the Commission
16 is proposing to amend Section 133.21 to update the
17 common and scientific names of Northern Goshawk to
18 American Goshawk on the Commonwealth's list of
19 endangered birds.

20 Formerly considered a single species,
21 Goshawks in Europe and North America were split into
22 separate species in the 64th supplement to the
23 American Ornithological Society's checklist of North
24 American Birds due to genetic and behavioral
25 differences.

1 The European species, Northern
2 Goshawk, retained the original common and scientific
3 names and the North American species, American
4 goshawk, received new common and scientific names.

5 These changes do not affect
6 protection or management of Goshawks within this
7 Commonwealth but update Pennsylvania's list to
8 reflect the current taxonomic resolution of each
9 species, maintaining the agency's science-based
10 approach to wildlife management.

11 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Okay.

12 Do we have a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

15 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
16 and a second. Discussion on the subject?

17 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: One point
18 of clarification, if I can.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Matthew,
21 making sure that I'm reading this correctly just for
22 clarification from discussions earlier. The species
23 that is in Europe is only in Europe, and then the
24 species now we have two nesting pairs up here in
25 North America is only in North America, so they are

1 geographically separate, populations of separate
2 species.

3 Is that correct?

4 DR. SCHNUPP: That's correct.

5 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Okay, Thank
6 you.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have other
8 questions or comments? Mr. Secretary, would you
9 call the vote, please?

10 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
11 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

12 ALL RESPOND YES

13 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
14 no? Mr. President, motion carries.

15 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you very
16 much.

17 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
18 consideration can be found on page three of your
19 agendas and is also a proposed rulemaking from the
20 Bureau of Wildlife Protection.

21 The Pennsylvania Falconry and Hawk Trust
22 approached the Commission with a request to decrease
23 the Commonwealth's minimum age eligibility threshold
24 for a general class falconry permit from 18 years of
25 age to 16 years of age. Under 50 C.F.R. Section

1 21.82, Federal regulations set the minimum age
2 eligibility threshold at 16 years of age.

3 While states cannot go below this
4 threshold, they can raise the threshold higher.
5 Pennsylvania historically maintained the minimum age
6 eligibility threshold for a general class falconry
7 permit at 18 years of age. The Commission has not
8 identified a significant biological or safety
9 concern that would necessitate maintaining the 18
10 years of age threshold.

11 As a result, the Commission is
12 proposing to amend Section 147.103 to decrease the
13 minimum age eligibility threshold for a general
14 class falconry permit from 18 years of age to 16
15 years of age.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
17 motion on the item?

18 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
21 second. Discussion, please? Jason, anything to
22 add?

23 MR. DECOSKEY: I don't have anything
24 to add.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: I'll add
2 to that, if I may.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Sure, Kristen.

4 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: I think
5 this is another really good example of public
6 comment that's resulting in agenda item before us
7 today. In my first term as Commissioner, we had a
8 very similar situation that resulted in adding
9 waterfowl to our mentored youth hunting program just
10 because we had public that asked for it.

11 We went through Mr. DeCoskey's bureau
12 and said, man, this just makes sense and now we've
13 got kids out there, young kids out there hunting
14 waterfowl. So I'm looking forward to this being
15 another example right along those lines.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
17 Commissioner. Okay.

18 With no further discussion, Mr.
19 Secretary, would you call the vote, please?

20 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
21 of the proposal, please signify by saying yes.

22 ALL RESPOND YES

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, the
24 same - no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

1 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
2 consideration can be found on page five of your
3 agendas and is an adopted rulemaking from the Bureau
4 of Wildlife Protection.

5 To effectively manage the wildlife
6 resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at
7 its April 13, 2024 meeting amended Section 147.805
8 to allow a mentor to accompany up to three of any
9 combination of mentored youth or mentored adults at
10 a time.

11 This maximum limit of three would
12 also include any junior hunter present and otherwise
13 requires accompaniment by the mentor under Section
14 2711(a)(8) of the code, when the person is also
15 serving as a mentor. This change will not expand
16 the one lawful hunting device limit for mentored
17 youth, but it will allow mentored adults and junior
18 hunters to possess their own hunting implement while
19 accompanied by a common mentor. This amendment is
20 now before the Commission for final adoption.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
22 motion on this ammendment?

23 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second?

25 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Any
2 further discussion, comments?

3 I'd just like to thank everybody for
4 bringing us forward. It's a big win for our mentor
5 program. Appreciate the effort putting this
6 together.

7 Anything else? Okay. Mr. Secretary,
8 call the vote, please.

9 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
10 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

11 ALL RESPOND YES

12 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, no?
13 Mr. President, motion carries.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you, Mr.
15 Secretary.

16 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
17 consideration can be found on page eight of your
18 agenda and comes from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat
19 Management.

20 The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy,
21 Inc., is offering for sale 195 more or less acres of
22 land in Coolspring Township, Mercer County,
23 adjoining State Game Land Number 294. The offer is
24 contingent upon WPC successfully closing on its
25 acquisition of the property. The option price is

1 \$160,000 lump sum, with the Game Fund obligation
2 limited to \$40,000 and the remaining \$120,000 funded
3 through a Section 6 non-traditional grant.

4 The property will be subject to deed
5 restrictions pursuant to the funding sources. While
6 mostly wetland, a portion contains forested wetlands
7 and reverting farmland. Otter Creek flows through
8 the property, as well as an unnamed tributary to
9 Otter Creek.

10 The Pennsylvania Natural Diversity
11 Inventory review indicates the presence of a
12 federally endangered species in the vicinity of this
13 property. Acquiring this property will fill in gaps
14 between two separate tracts of State Game Land
15 Number 294. Access is from East Cornell Road and
16 Tait Road.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
18 Creigh. Do we have a motion on the site?

19 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: So moved.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second?

21 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Second.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and a
23 second. Discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
25 President, I'd like the record to reflect that due

1 to my association with the Western Pennsylvania
2 Conservancy, I'll need to recuse on this vote.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Noted,
4 Commissioner Fredericks. Any other comments or
5 questions? Okay. Thank you.

6 Mr. Secretary, would you call the
7 vote, please?

8 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
9 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

10 ALL RESPOND YES

11 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
12 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item of
15 consideration can be found on page ten of your
16 agendas. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is
17 offering for sale 660 more or less acres of land in
18 Cherry and Clay Townships, Butler County, adjoining
19 State Game Land Number 95. The offer is contingent
20 upon WPC successfully closing on its acquisition of
21 the property.

22 The option price is \$1,165,344 lump
23 sum with \$291,336 being paid from the Commission's
24 restricted account representing funds from
25 third-party commitments for compensation of habitat

1 and recreational losses which occurred on State game
2 lands from previously approved projects.

3 Acquisitions using this account may
4 exceed \$400 per acre. The remaining \$874,008 will
5 be funded through a Section 6 grant. The property
6 will be subject to deed restrictions pursuant to
7 this funding source. The property is mostly
8 forested. Findlay Run flows through the property,
9 as well as an unnamed tributary to Slippery Rock
10 Creek.

11 The Pennsylvania Natural Diversity
12 Inventory review indicates the presence of a
13 federally endangered species in the vicinity of this
14 property. A heron rookery located on the freshwater
15 pond on the property provides a unique wildlife
16 habitat feature. Access is via Pry Road, West
17 Sunbury Road, Kuzma Road and Wolford Road.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
19 motion for this site?

20 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So moved.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
22 second?

23 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Second.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
25 second. Discussion?

1 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
2 President, again, due to my association with the
3 Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, I request the
4 record show that I recuse from this vote.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
6 Commissioner Fredericks.

7 Other discussion or comments on the
8 property?

9 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Yes, real
10 quickly. So this is our second acquisition of the
11 day. Both of them I think, have shown PNDI hits for
12 federally listed and endangered species within the
13 vicinity of that property. I think that's a
14 testament to your folks and how they are really
15 putting a laser focus on where they can acquire
16 properties that make sense within our strategic plan
17 and for wildlife value. It's not just a willy-nilly
18 land grab here and there.

19 I mean, for us as a State agency with
20 the responsibilities that we have for wildlife to
21 look the other way when an opportunity like this
22 presents itself it would be a miss on our part. So
23 man, what an opportunity. Thank you.

24 MR. GUSTAFSON: If I can add,
25 Commissioner, thank you for those comments. I think

1 you'll note the last two acquisitions reference a
2 Section 6 grant. That is Section 6 of the
3 Endangered Species Act. This is the first time
4 we've applied for and then granted funds through
5 that source. A testament to our new land
6 acquisition specialist attending a training with the
7 feds, being made aware, working with partners and
8 getting those funds to make these acquisitions
9 possible. As you mentioned, it's really that laser
10 focus of what we should be doing as an agency and
11 take great pride in that. So thank you.

12 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Other questions
13 or comments? Okay.

14 Mr. Secretary, would you call a vote?

15 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
16 of the motion please signify by saying yes.

17 ALL RESPOND YES

18 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, say
19 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

21 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
22 consideration can be found on page 12 of your
23 agendas.

24 The Nature Conservancy is offering
25 1,153 more or less acres of land in Northampton

1 Township, Somerset County, near State Game Land
2 Number 82. The offer is contingent upon TNC
3 successfully closing on this acquisition of the
4 property. The Game Commission, committed to
5 providing up to \$1,875,000 towards the acquisition
6 and applied to the United States Fish and Wildlife
7 Service for the use of Pittman-Robertson funds to
8 acquire the property.

9 The required 25 percent state match
10 for the PR grant will come from the game plan. The
11 property will be subject to deed restrictions
12 pursuant to the funding sources. The property
13 contains critical and unique habitat, including the
14 headwaters of Brush Creek, a high-quality cold-
15 water fishery. The property is also within the
16 Allegheny Front Important Bird Area. Access is from
17 Ackerman Road.

18 The Commission must provide the
19 United States Fish and Wildlife Service award amount
20 to the Nature Conservancy from the Commission's
21 restricted revenue account, set up through treasury
22 for other cost-sharing funds, and then directly
23 accept the Federal reimbursement amount back into
24 the restricted revenue account.

25 This has the double benefit of being

1 efficient as well as ensuring Federal dollars can be
2 tracked directly to the acquisition project as
3 intended by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The net
4 effect to the restricted revenue account or the Game
5 Fund is zero dollars.

6 To accomplish this, the Commission
7 must approve the use of the restricted revenue
8 account, payment from the account and the subsequent
9 acceptance of the Federal Pittman-Robertson funds to
10 be deposited into the account.

11 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do I have a
12 motion on this item?

13 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second? Is
15 there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion seconded.
18 Discussion on the item? Okay.

19 Hearing no further discussion, Mr.
20 Secretary, call the vote.

21 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
22 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

23 ALL RESPOND YES.

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Opposed, no?
25 Mr. President, the motion carries.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you, Mr.
2 Secretary.

3 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
4 consideration can be found on page 14 of your
5 agendas.

6 George C. Booth is offering ten more
7 or less acres of land in Buffington Township,
8 Indiana County, an indenture to State Game Land
9 Number 79. The option price is \$6,500 lump sum to
10 be paid from the game fund.

11 This parcel is an indenture to the
12 State game land, and therefore, the Commission may
13 exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the
14 Game and Wildlife Code. Access is through existing
15 State Game Land Number 79. Do we have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
19 second. Any discussion? Okay, thank you. Mr.
20 Secretary, call the vote.

21 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
22 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

23 ALL RESPOND YES

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed
25 no?

1 Mr. President, the motion carries.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I just had one
4 question. Who owns that small piece of tract that's
5 left in the middle?

6 MR. GUSTAFSON: That's another
7 private inholding there. I would say also that this
8 property was brought to light with an acquisition
9 that we had done at a previous meeting with another
10 larger interior there. And the Commissioners had
11 asked us at that time are we pursuing, you know,
12 these other smaller indentures and indeed we are.
13 We're willing to work with landowners to try and
14 close out any of those types of situations where we
15 have them.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

17 Thank you for that work, Dave.

18 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
19 consideration, can be found on page 16 of your
20 agendas. Bingaman & Son Lumber, Inc., is offering
21 1,747 more or less acres of land in the city of St.
22 Mary's, Elk County, adjoining State Game Land Number
23 14. The option price is \$3,275,625 lump sum.

24 The Open Space Institute awarded the
25 Commission a \$400,000 land trust grant to be used

1 towards the purchase. The Rocky Mountain Elk
2 Foundation will contribute \$710,000 and the Nature
3 Conservancy will contribute \$100,000. The remaining
4 balance of \$2,065,625 will be paid from the
5 Commission's restricted account representing funds
6 from third-party commitments, compensation of
7 habitat and recreational losses which occurred on
8 State game lands from previously approved projects.

9 Acquisitions using this account may
10 exceed \$400 per acre. Bingaman & Son Lumber will
11 retain a ten-year timber reservation of the property
12 subject to a management agreement. All subsurface
13 rights were accepted and reserved by prior owners.

14 This property is in the core of the
15 elk range and is the headwaters landscape of
16 numerous tributaries to high quality trout streams.
17 Access is from State Route 120.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
19 motion on this item?

20 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second?

22 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
24 and a second. Discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I have a

1 question about the timber arrangement. Is there
2 some kind of arrangement already set up?

3 MR. GUSTAFSON: So there is. It
4 references a management agreement along with that
5 ten-year timber preservation. Bingaman & Son has
6 been a phenomenal partner in this project that has
7 spanned a couple of years now. If you remember back
8 to September, we acquired the 650 acres immediately
9 to the north of this piece. That was again part of
10 a similar arrangement. That was phase one. This is
11 phase two.

12 While they retain the rights to
13 harvest timber in the agreement, we are working
14 through a ten-year plan with them so that we can get
15 in ahead of time, conduct herbicide operations to
16 eliminate invasive vegetation to ensure that the
17 regenerating habitat is to our desired condition.
18 We've also retained all the conifer species and some
19 of the soft mass-producing species.

20 And while we were actually on a site
21 visit with the folks from the Open Space Institute,
22 we observed an area near about 300 acres that had
23 native tamarack, native red pine, hemlock, white
24 pine, and a really unique Palustrine conifer forest
25 that will be intact. They will not be harvesting

1 through those areas.

2 They're going to maintain some
3 riparian buffer areas for us, and they've already
4 been partnering with our field staff to set the plan
5 for how we would manage this in the future, should
6 you all approve of this action.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
8 questions for Dave?

9 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Yeah, real
10 quick. 1,747 acres that has an option price of just
11 over \$3.2 million and you brought together partners
12 that reduced our costs by \$1.2 million.

13 MR. GUSTAFSON: There's a lot of
14 interest in this.

15 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Can you
16 expand on that, tell us how that came to fruition?

17 MR. GUSTAFSON: How this whole
18 project started, the phase one, phase two, was
19 actually Bingaman & Son Lumber approached the Rocky
20 Mountain Elk Foundation, and said, we're interested
21 in acquiring this 2,000-plus acre tract of land. We
22 don't want to hold the land in perpetuity, and we
23 would really like to see it end up in the Game
24 Commission's hands. Can you help us in that
25 endeavor?

1 So Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation kind
2 of became the linchpin to help us start building
3 partnerships. I'd also note immediately to the
4 south of the yellow-colored property here, is a
5 large piece of property that is under an easement by
6 the Nature Conservancy. So more conserved land is
7 directly to the south. That's why the Nature
8 Conservancy has an interest in this.

9 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
10 obviously because Game Lands 14 was the stronghold
11 of the last of our elk herd that repopulated the
12 State decades ago. So this is a really high profile
13 spot. The Open Space Institute was very interested
14 in protecting the conservation value of this high
15 elevation headwaters as a functioning sustainable
16 forest habitat into the future.

17 So lots of partners with converging
18 interests and everybody willing to "pony up" some
19 money to be able to make this happen. So this is a
20 true testament to partners working together, that
21 all have their own specific interests that can
22 converge in one place in time.

23 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
25 questions? Okay. Mr. Secretary, would you call a

1 vote, please?

2 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
3 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

4 ALL RESPOND YES

5 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
6 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

7 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

8 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item of
9 consideration can be found on page 18 of your
10 agendas. Dennis J. Dobish is offering seven more or
11 less acres of land in Beccaria Township, Clearfield
12 County, adjacent to State Game Land Number 60. The
13 option price is \$7,000 lump sum, to be paid from the
14 Commission's restricted account, representing funds
15 from third-party commitments for compensation of
16 habitat and recreational losses which occurred on
17 State game lands from previously approved projects.

18 Acquisitions using this account may
19 exceed \$400 per acre. This parcel contains critical
20 and unique riparian habitat. All subsurface rights
21 were accepted and reserved by prior owners. Access
22 is through existing State Game Land Number 60.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
24 motion on this item?

25 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: So moved.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
2 second?

3 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Second.

4 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
5 second. Discussion on the item?

6 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: I'd just like
7 to say it's Beccaria.

8 ATTORNEY MARTSON: That is correct.
9 My apologies.

10 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
11 questions? Okay. Mr. Secretary, call for a vote,
12 please?

13 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
14 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

15 ALL RESPOND YES

16 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
17 no?

18 Mr. President, the motion carries.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
21 consideration can be found on page 20 of your
22 agendas.

23 The estate of Mary Ann Kitko is
24 offering 7.25 more or less acres of land in Beccaria
25 Township, Clearfield County adjacent to State Game

1 Land Number 60.

2 The option price is \$7,250 lump sum
3 to be paid from the Commission's restricted account,
4 representing funds from third party commitments for
5 compensation of habitat and recreational losses
6 which occurred on State game lands from previously
7 approved projects. Acquisitions using this account
8 may exceed \$400 per acre. Access is through
9 existing State Game Land Number 60.

10 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
11 motion on the item?

12 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
14 second?

15 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Second.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Further
17 discussion or questions?

18 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Yeah. Why
19 do you care about this one? I mean, just from
20 looking at it, it's a very long and lengthy piece.
21 There's got to be value in there that you don't see
22 it when you look at that map.

23 MR. GUSTAFSON: So the other thing
24 you don't see is if you flip back to the previous
25 page and then flip to this page, the northernmost

1 tip of the previous acquisition fills in that space
2 that you can see in this one. I think the important
3 part of this is it appears that that's an old
4 railroad grade that could potentially be turned into
5 something else, some sort of trail, some sort of use
6 that could potentially impact wildlife habitat on
7 that game lands.

8 So by acquiring this, we basically
9 protect any undesirable, interfering development
10 from occurring against our wildlife habitat lands.

11 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Perfect.
12 Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
14 questions? Mr. Secretary, would you call the vote,
15 please?

16 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
17 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

18 ALL RESPOND YES

19 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
20 no?

21 Mr. President, the motion carries.

22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

23 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
24 consideration will be found on page 22 of your
25 agendas.

1 Russell Howard, LLC, is offering
2 210.4 more or less acres of land in Howard Township,
3 Centre County, adjacent to State Game Land Number
4 323. The option price is \$600,000 lump sum to be
5 paid from the Game Fund. The parcel provides access
6 to the existing State game lands and therefore may
7 exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the
8 Game and Wildlife Code.

9 This parcel will improve property
10 integrity and manageability by providing critical
11 access to game lands and adjacent partnered lands
12 that are open to hunting. Access is from State
13 Route 26.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
15 motion on this item?

16 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
19 second. Discussions or questions, please? Okay.
20 Mr. Secretary, call a vote.

21 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
22 of motion please signify by saying yes.

23 ALL RESPOND YES.

24 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
25 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

2 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
3 consideration can be found on page 24 of your
4 agendas.

5 The Nature Conservancy is offering
6 578.1 more or less acres of land in Logan and
7 Frankstown Township, Blair County, near State Game
8 Land Number 166. The option price is \$575,000 lump
9 sum to be paid from the Game Commission's restricted
10 account, representing funds from third-party
11 commitments for compensation, habitat and
12 recreational losses which occurred on State game
13 lands from previously approved projects.

14 Acquisitions using this account may
15 exceed \$400 per acre. This property contains unique
16 habitat that will benefit several species of
17 greatest conservation need. This property will be
18 managed to provide high quality grouse habitat.
19 Access is from Fire Tower Road.

20 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
21 motion, please?

22 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: So moved.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second?

24 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and

1 second. Any questions or discussions on this?

2 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: I got a
3 question. Dave, on this property, who are the owners
4 of the property in between 166 and this?

5 MR. GUSTAFSON: Between 166 and this?

6 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Yeah. The
7 surrounding properties.

8 MR. GUSTAFSON: I can get that
9 information for you. I don't have it readily in
10 front of me.

11 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: So those are
12 privately owned?

13 MR. GUSTAFSON: They're privately
14 owned, yes.

15 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
16 questions or discussion? Okay. Mr. Secretary, call
17 a vote.

18 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
19 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

20 ALL RESPOND YES

21 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
22 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

23 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

24 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
25 consideration would be found on page 26 of your

1 agendas.

2 The Nature Conservancy is offering
3 504 more or less acres of land in Middle Paxton
4 Township, Dauphin County, adjoining State Game Land
5 Number 211. The offer is contingent upon TNC
6 successfully closing on its acquisition of the
7 property.

8 The option price is \$2 million, lump
9 sum to be paid from the game fund. The property
10 will be subject to deed restrictions pursuant to the
11 funding sources. The parcel will be used to access
12 existing land locked State game lands, and therefore
13 may exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the
14 Game and Wildlife Code. This parcel will improve
15 property integrity and manageability by providing
16 critical access to a remote portion of the State
17 Game Land 211. Access is from Cemetery Road.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
19 motion on this item?

20 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Second?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: Second.

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

25 MR. GUSTAFSON: Yes.

1 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Sorry, Dave.

2 MR. GUSTAFSON: That's okay. I'd
3 offer just a couple additional points of interest.
4 I mean, this is almost within sight of the building
5 we're in right now. You can literally see the nose
6 of the mountain here from the Capitol downtown in
7 Harrisburg. So this is close to a population
8 center. There's fourteen species of various
9 conservation needs that pop-up on here, including
10 bald eagles that frequently live at the point of
11 this mountain.

12 That's the Susquehanna River in the
13 steep slopes above. Although it looks like this
14 parcel, where it says SGL 211 on the map, it looks
15 like there's a connection between that and the rest
16 of that orange piece going to the east. It's really
17 not. It's cut off by private ownership. So we've
18 long had a problem accessing and managing that piece
19 of game lands.

20 So this is really a unique
21 opportunity for us once again, working with a great
22 partner that's bringing significant funds to the
23 table to try to get this land into conservation.

24 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: I have a
25 question regarding the long-term plan of this area

1 given its proximity to the population center. Are
2 there any plans to make it more of an educational
3 space or something along those lines?

4 MR. GUSTAFSON: It certainly has a
5 lot of those opportunities, that being so close to
6 population, being so accessible right here from
7 Harrisburg, there's already hiking trails and things
8 like that they go up the mountain in that area.

9 So I think there's certainly lots of
10 opportunity to work with our folks in a Wildlife
11 Recovery Division to talk about things like
12 peregrines that frequent the cliffs along the river,
13 things like bald eagles. There's certainly
14 tremendous opportunity there with a track like this
15 for sure.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: So for my drive
17 home today, where is this in relationship to the
18 Statue of Liberty?

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20 (WHEREUPON, AN OFF RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)

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22 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other
23 questions or comments? Okay. Mr. Secretary, call
24 the vote.

25 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor

1 of the motion please signify by saying yes.

2 ALL RESPOND YES

3 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
4 no?

5 Mr. President, the 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 The Natural Lands Trust, Inc., is
11 offering 72.69 more or less acres of land in East
12 Penn Township, Carbon County, adjacent to State Game
13 Land Number 217.

14 The offer is contingent upon NLT
15 successfully closing on its acquisition of the
16 property. The option price is \$324,666.67 lump sum,
17 to be paid from the Commission's restricted account
18 representing funds from third-party commitments for
19 compensation of habitat and recreational losses
20 which occurred on State game lands from previously
21 approved projects. Acquisitions using this account
22 may exceed \$400 per acre.

23 The property will be subject to deed
24 restrictions pursuant to the funding sources. This
25 acquisition protects critical and unique habitat of

1 the Kittatinny Ridge, a globally important bird
2 area. Access is from Hoffman Road.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
4 motion?

5 COMMISSIONER SCHWALM: So moved.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: And a second?

7 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

8 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
9 second. Discussions or questions on this? Okay.
10 Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

11 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
12 of the motion please signify by saying yes.

13 ALL RESPOND YES.

14 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
15 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

17 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
18 consideration can be found on page 30 of your
19 agendas. The Natural Lands Trust, Inc., is offering
20 139.44 more or less acres of land in Heidelberg
21 Township, Lebanon County and Elizabeth Township,
22 Lancaster County near State Game Land Number 46.
23 The offer is contingent upon Natural Lands
24 successfully closing on its acquisition of the
25 property.

1 The option price is \$86,000 lump sum
2 to be paid from the Commission's restricted account
3 representing funds from third-party commitments for
4 compensation of habitat and recreational losses
5 which occurred on State game lands from previously
6 approved projects. Acquisitions using this account
7 may exceed \$400 per acre.

8 Natural Lands' acquisition of this
9 property is contingent upon them receiving funding
10 through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service
11 Highlands Conservation Act. Covenants, conditions
12 and restrictions associated with this funding will
13 be required to accept the property.

14 This game land is heavily used by
15 hunters and non-hunters, and this acquisition would
16 increase the opportunity for these groups to enjoy
17 outdoor wildlife-related recreational pursuits.
18 Access is a 50-foot Right-of-Way from Furnace Hills
19 Pike.

20 Because the HCA funds are payable to
21 the Commonwealth only as a reimbursement, the
22 Commonwealth determined the most expeditious way to
23 move forward is for the Commission to accept a sub-
24 award for the Federal funds from DCNR, provide the
25 HCA award amount to Natural Lands from the

1 Commission's restricted revenue account set up
2 through treasury for other cost-sharing funds, and
3 then directly accept the HCA Federal reimbursement
4 amount back into the restricted revenue account.
5 This has the double benefit of being efficient as
6 well as ensuring Federal dollars can be tracked
7 directly to the acquisition project as intended by
8 the HCA.

9 The net effect to the restricted
10 revenue account for the game fund is zero dollars.
11 To accomplish this, the Commission must approve the
12 use of the restricted revenue account, payment from
13 the account and the subsequent acceptance of the
14 Federal HCA funds to be deposited into the account.

15 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
16 motion?

17 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So moved.

18 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
19 second?

20 COMMISSIONER KNICK: Second.

21 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Discussion on
22 this item?

23 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: I have a
24 question about the Right-of-Way. Is that by itself
25 and single, or is that part of the transaction?

1 MR. GUSTAFSON: It's part of the
2 transaction.

3 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: So
4 dovetailing on that, if this is indeed a heavily
5 utilized area for, you know, hunting, et cetera, is
6 there areas to park back in there or are we thinking
7 potentially a parking lot being established? Or
8 what are you thinking?

9 MR. GUSTAFSON: You can see an open
10 area back in there on the map. So there's
11 opportunities for access in that way. So there's a
12 Right-of-Way to get back there, and certainly with
13 our habitat crews and their ingenuity, we can find a
14 place to park vehicles in there.

15 COMMISSIONER KOPPENHAFFER: Perfect.

16 MR. GUSTAFSON: One thing else I
17 would note as well, you take note of our commitment
18 of funding to this. It's less than \$1,000 an acre.
19 Anybody try to buy land in Lebanon or Lancaster
20 County for \$1,000 an acre?

21 I think that's a testament to our
22 partners and what they can bring to the table. You
23 might imagine the appraisal price on the property
24 like this down there. It's north of \$2 million. So
25 for our partners to be able to come in and take our

1 share of that, for the sportsmen to pay \$86,000 is a
2 pretty monumental lift. And we appreciate Natural
3 Lands being part of this and helping us out with
4 this.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: And the
6 complexity for the compliance, for the funding, the
7 complexity that you went through to get this done,
8 so thank you.

9 MR. GUSTAFSON: We've got great
10 partners and great staff internally that understand
11 the mechanics of how to make the funds flow so that
12 they are accountable, trackable. And then
13 everything is transparent.

14 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. Any
15 other comments or questions on this tract? Okay.
16 If not, Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

17 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
18 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.
19 ALL RESPOND YES.

20 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
21 no? Mr. President, motion carries.

22 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item for
23 consideration can be found on page 32 of your
24 agendas. The Natural Lands Trust, Inc., is offering
25 6.6 more or less acres of land in Nockamixon

1 Township, Bucks County and an indenture to State
2 Game Land Number 56. The offer is contingent upon
3 Natural Lands successfully closing on its
4 acquisition of the property. The option price is
5 \$23,000 lump sum, to be paid from the Game Fund.

6 The property will be subject to deed
7 restrictions pursuant to the funding sources. The
8 parcel is an indenture to State Game Land Number 56.
9 And therefore, the Commission may exceed \$400 per
10 acre under Section 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife
11 Code. Access is through existing State Game Land
12 Number 56.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
14 motion on this site?

15 COMMISSIONER SANKEY: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
18 second. Discussion? Dave?

19 MR. GUSTAFSON: I have had a couple
20 comments again. I feel like I'm doing a lot of
21 talking at this meeting here. But because we've got
22 a lot going on. This is what transaction number 12
23 of 13 here. I think a theme that you're seeing
24 through all these is partners, partners and more
25 partners. Nine of these transactions involve

1 partners bringing both money and services to the
2 table.

3 We've got Natural Lands, we've got
4 Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Nature
5 Conservancy, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, U.S.
6 Fish and Wildlife Service, and the list goes on.

7 It's just a testament to the
8 willingness of folks to see our mission and value
9 our mission as an Agency and what we provide, not
10 only to the sportsmen, but to the Commonwealth
11 citizens and people wanting to be a part of that
12 mission. We couldn't be more appreciative of that.

13 So I just wanted to say, as we kind
14 of get done with the lands acquisition parts of
15 things here that just I'd be remiss if I didn't
16 mention that.

17 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you. The
18 Commissioners would like to thank all the partners
19 as well, so thank them on our behalf.

20 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Yeah, Mr.
21 President, I'd like to say thank you for
22 acknowledging that. I mean, it wasn't that long ago
23 we didn't have that kind of cooperation from
24 conservation partners. And as the years go by, it
25 just continues to grow. And you know, thank you for

1 mentioning that. And thank you and your staff for
2 making the effort to work with all these partners
3 and obviously thank the partners. Hope it continues
4 to grow. It's awesome.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you,
6 Commissioner. Any other comments or questions?
7 Okay. Mr. Secretary, call the vote.

8 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
9 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

10 ALL RESPOND YES

11 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
12 no? Mr. President, motion carries.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The next item can
15 be found on page 34 of your agendas. Wespah
16 Benefits and Investments, joined by the General
17 Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist
18 Church, are offering their combined one-half
19 interest in 2,271.3 more or less acres of subsurface
20 oil, gas and mineral real estate located in and
21 under State Game Land Number 66. The option price
22 is \$2,384,865 lump sum to be paid from the Game
23 Fund.

24 At present, the Commission has no
25 ownership interest in the offered subservice estate.

1 State Game Land Number 66 is notable for its scenic
2 and ecological diversity. By acquiring this
3 interest in the subsurface estate, the Commission
4 will have greater control over surface impacts on
5 any possible future resource development efforts
6 that would impact the unique habitat on the game
7 land.

8 The purchase of outstanding rights
9 such as timber, minerals, oil, gas or other purposes
10 may exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(c) of the
11 Game and Wildlife Code.

12 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
13 motion on the site?

14 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

15 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

16 PRESIDENT FORADORA: We have a motion
17 and a second. Discussion? Question?

18 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: I have a
19 question. Who owns the other half of the subsurface
20 rights?

21 MR. GUSTAFSON: They're privately
22 held in another ownership.

23 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: Somebody else
24 owns it?

25 MR. GUSTAFSON: Somebody else owns

1 it, correct.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Dave, does this
3 give us the ability to control where the disturbance
4 on the surface is?

5 MR. GUSTAFSON: Indeed, it would.

6 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Okay.

7 MR. GUSTAFSON: Currently, if this
8 other 50 percent was to be leased by the current
9 owners in conjunction with the other 50 percent
10 that's privately held, they could force potentially
11 surface development on the game land surface without
12 our ability to really stop it.

13 We could certainly partner with the
14 entity and try to mitigate it, but since we have the
15 surface by adding this 50 percent interest, any
16 development activity that would occur would then be
17 under our control of how that would be impacting our
18 surface or not.

19 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.
20 Other questions? Thank you. Mr. Secretary, call
21 the vote.

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

24 ALL RESPOND YES

25 SECRETARY DIMARCO: Those opposed,

1 no? Mr. President, the motion carries.

2 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.

3 ATTORNEY MARTSON: The last item for
4 consideration can be found on page 36 of your
5 agendas. JKLM Energy, LLC, Sewickley, Pennsylvania,
6 requested the Commission offer its oil and gas
7 rights under portions of State Game Land Number 37
8 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract
9 containing approximately 3,458.98 more or less net
10 acres located in Tioga Township, Tioga County.

11 JKLM will access the 3,458.98-acre
12 reserves from its current and planned drilling
13 operations on adjacent areas off State Game Land 37,
14 by horizontal drilling with no additional surface
15 use or disturbance to State Game Land Number 37.

16 The Commission negotiated the
17 proposed terms of the agreement with JKLM to
18 prudently develop the Commission's oil and gas
19 reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife
20 resources and recreational use of State Game Land
21 Number 37.

22 The terms of the agreement are a
23 10-year, paid-up, non-surface use oil and gas
24 agreement, a \$3,000 per net oil and gas acre bonus
25 payment, and a 16.5 percent royalty for all oil, gas

1 and other liquids or condensates produced and sold
2 from the proposed tract.

3 The bonus payment will be made in
4 annual installments in the first three years of the
5 primary term with 34 percent due the first year, 33
6 percent due the second year and 33 percent due the
7 third year.

8 The total bonus to be paid will be
9 \$10,376,940. The first payment of \$3,528,159.60
10 will be due within 60 days of execution of the
11 agreement. The second and third installments will
12 be due annually on the anniversary date(s) of the
13 agreement. All bonus and rental payments will be
14 deposited into the Commission's restricted account
15 for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands
16 or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking and
17 wildlife resource management.

18 Future royalties owed to the
19 Commission will be deposited into the game fund.
20 Oil and gas development will be regulated by the
21 Commonwealth's Oil and Gas regulations and the
22 Commission's non-surface use oil and gas cooperative
23 agreement.

24 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Do we have a
25 motion on this item?

1 COMMISSIONER KNICK: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Second.

3 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Motion and
4 second. Open for discussion and questions or
5 comments.

6 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Mr.
7 President.

8 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Dave, you
10 care to comment on the royalty rate of 16.5 percent?
11 What's up with that? Is that in line?

12 MR. GUSTAFSON: Yes, we believe
13 that's in line and certainly fair for that area.
14 You know, as you're all aware, different parts of
15 the shale gas plays are proven to be more highly
16 productive versus less productive. So royalty rates
17 and bonus payments are often reflective of that
18 potential productivity.

19 In analysis of this area, we went
20 back and forth with JKLM Energy several times,
21 looking at their initial proposals, talking to them
22 about our perspectives and what we believe it was
23 worth, and then coming back to us again with some
24 revised numbers. We feel very strongly that this is
25 a very very good deal for us. The royalty

1 percentages are in line and the bonuses are more
2 than fair.

3 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Terrific.
4 Thank you. Great explanation. Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Other questions?
6 Okay. Mr. Secretary, please call the vote.

7 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those in favor
8 of the motion, please signify by saying yes.

9 ALL RESOIND YES

10 COMMISSIONER DIMARCO: Those opposed,
11 no?

12 Mr. President, the motion carries.

13 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Thank you.
14 Okay.

15 Thank you for attending. Before we
16 adjourn, is there any other new business to come
17 before the Commission? Okay. Hearing none -.

18 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: I'd like to
19 ask Dave a question. You can answer from there.

20 Anything on the bitcoin farm thing?

21 MR. GUSTAFSON: We've developed a
22 very good working relationship with the company that
23 has that facility. They've been conducting noise
24 studies and are working towards implementing sound
25 mitigation under a permit requirement from DEP.

1 We've been conducting quarterly or
2 semiannual meetings with that company and have
3 started to build a much better relationship or
4 cooperative, you know, relationship working
5 together.

6 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: So we're
7 making progress.

8 SPEAKER GUSTAFSON: Making great
9 progress, yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FREDERICKS: Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Any other new
12 business to come before the board?

13 COMMISSIONER PRIDE: Scott, I just
14 have a comment. Given where we are on the calendar
15 with licenses, license sales underway, I just want
16 to make a comment that I want to recognize the staff
17 and what they've done with the improved process of
18 what I think we've all seen this year in terms of
19 the online license sales. I know there are always
20 hiccups. But from everything I've seen and heard,
21 things went fairly smoothly.

22 So I just want to make mention. And
23 I think the next round opens up, if I'm correct,
24 July 22nd.

25 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Correct. Thank

1 you, Commissioner Pride. Yes, we have vast
2 improvement, and thank you for all the dedication
3 and planning, and it will continue to get better.
4 So we very much appreciate it. Thank you,
5 Commissioner Pride, for recognizing that.

6 COMMISSIONER MITRICK: What will we
7 do with nobody being able to complain about the
8 license sales?

9 PRESIDENT FORADORA: Is that an open-
10 ended question? Okay.

11 If there's no other new business our
12 next commissioner meeting will be September 20th,
13 Friday and September 21st, Saturday. And with that,
14 the July meeting stands adjourned. Thank you all.

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16 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:57 P.M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,
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