

4th Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023

Location: WV DNR Headquarters – 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303

Chaired: Lt. Col. David Trader

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Bobby Bower (Sandstone Jetboats via Zoom); Chris Hayes (AWVR via Zoom); Charles Sellars (NPS via Zoom); Heather Johnson (River Expeditions via Zoom); Ed Wooton (private river user via Zoom)

Others: Amy Lucas (WVDNR); Cpl. Whittington (WV DNR via Zoom); Rick Johnson (River Expeditions via Zoom)

Call to Order

The Whitewater Commission meeting of December 19, 2023 was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Lt. Col. David Trader. Introductions were made.

Approval of September 12, 2023 Minutes

Motion was made by Ed Wooton to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting. Motion was seconded by Bobby Bowers. Motion carried.

Budget

Lt. Col. Trader noted the budget in the packet to Commission members. No discussion was made.

Old Business

- Emergency Channel Funding: invoice has been received and will be paid. NPS will pay 1/3, Whitewater Commission will pay 1/3 and Law Enforcement will pay 1/3. This is the first time that it has been paid like this, as the Commission has always paid it in full.
- Members with expiring terms: Heather Johnson and Chris Hayes' terms expired June 30, 2023. Heather Johnson recommended Rick Johnson to replace her. Chris Hayes recommended Shannon Highlander of AOTG to replace him. Motion was made by Chris Ellis to recommend Rick Johnson and Shannon Highlander to replace the members with expiring terms. Amy Lucas sent names to Wendy Greene, who will then forward to Governor's Office.
- Whitewater Rule: Lt. Col. Trader will track this with the Legislature in January and give updates at the March 2024 meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Place

The 1st Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting will be held at WV DNR Headquarters via Zoom, 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303 on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The 4th Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.