

Special -- Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes
Thurmond Gauge Funding
April 9, 2019

Location: By Conference Call

Chaired: DNR LE David Trader, Lt. Colonel, for Director Stephen S. McDaniel

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Ruby Chelsea (by phone WV Tourism); Rick Johnson (by phone River Expeditions); Chris Ellis (by [phone private river user]); Roger Wilson (by phone AOTG); Ed Wooton (by phone private river user)

Others: Jerry Jenkins (by phone WVDNR); Heather Kessel (by phone WVDNR); David Trader (by phone WVDNR); Duane Michael (by phone NPS); Kara Moore (by phone WV Tourism); Isaac Colvard (by phone Summit BSA)

Call to Order

A special meeting of the Whitewater Commission, conducted via conference call, of April 9, 2019 was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Lt. Colonel David Trader. This special meeting was scheduled to discuss funding contributions for the Thurmond gauge. Introductions were made. Heather Kessel noted attendance with a verbal roll call.

Thurmond Gauge Funding

Rick Johnson and Chelsea Ruby both advised that a permanent funding solution for the gauge is being discussed with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Homeland Security. Both stated it was not a definite solution, but is being worked out; however, DEP and Homeland Security cannot cover the gauge for FY19.

Heather Kessel explained that the USGS will need a contribution of \$5,300 to complete the operational cost of the Thurmond gauge for FY19 and that they wished to enter into a 3-year agreement as well. The Commission discussed that \$5,300 was acceptable, but only wanted to enter into a one-time payment and not a 3-year agreement.

Rick Johnson made a motion to use study funds to contribute a one-time payment to the USGS, not to exceed \$5,300, to help fund the Thurmond gauge for FY19. Motion was seconded by Roger Wilson. The motion carried with all in attendance in agreement.

Ruby Chelsea advised she would send Heather status updates by email regarding DEP and Homeland Security's commitments to the gauge.

Next Meeting

The 2nd Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting to be held at River Expeditions located at 900 Broadway Avenue, Oak Hill, WV 25901 on Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Roger Wilson motioned to adjourn the April 9th, 2019 Special Whitewater Commission meeting. Ed Wooton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.