

2nd Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2020

Location: River Expeditions – 900 Broadway Avenue, Oak Hill, WV 25901
Some attendees utilized phone conference due to COVID-19 outbreak

Chaired: DNR LE Lt. Col. David Trader, for Director Stephen S. McDaniel
(who attended via phone conference)

In Attendance (in person):

Commissioners: Thomas Dragan (Sandstone Jetboats); Heather Johnson (River Expeditions);
Chris Hayes (Adventures on the Gorge); Chris Ellis (private river user)

Others: Lt. Col. David Trader (WVDNR); Amy Lucas (WVDNR); Stacey Carroll (Cantrell's);
Kristen Cantrell (Cantrell's); Rick Johnson (River Expeditions); Isaac Colvard (SBR); Cpl. C.J.
Whittington (WVDNR); Bobby Bower (New River Jetboats); Roger Wilson (AWV)

In Attendance (by phone):

Commissioners: Director Stephen S. McDaniel (WVDNR); Chelsea Ruby (Tourism); Duane
Michael (NPS)

Others: Col. Jerry Jenkins (WVDNR); Chrissy Thayer (WVDNR)

Call to Order:

The Whitewater Commission meeting of June 23, 2020 was called to order at 1:04 pm by
WVDNR Lt. Colonel David Trader. Introductions were made. Verbal roll call was taken during
conference call introductions.

Approval of March 24, 2020 Minutes

Chris Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2020 meeting. Motion
seconded by Chris Ellis. The motion carried.

Budget

Lt. Colonel David Trader noted the budget reports in the packets for review. No discussion on
the budget. Thomas Dragan made a motion to accept the budget. Motion seconded by Heather
Johnson. The motion carried.

License Transfer

License transfer made from Sandstone Jetboats to New River Jetboats. Heather Johnson made a motion to approve this license transfer. Motion seconded by Chris Hayes. The motion carried.

New Commission Member

Heather Johnson nominated Bobby Bower as recommendation for new whitewater commission member. Motion seconded by Chris Hayes. The motion carried and will be the final decision of the Governor's office.

Existing Commission Members

Chris Hayes made a motion to keep Heather Johnson, whose term will end on June 30, 2020. Motion was seconded by Chris Ellis. The motion carried and will be the final decision of the Governor's office.

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Open Discussion

Director Stephen S. McDaniel (WVDNR) gave an update on the COVID-19 situation and reminded everyone to stay safe and continue to be diligent in order to prevent the spread of the virus. He also stressed the importance of taking advantage of the CARES Act Funding that is available.

Chelsea Ruby (Tourism) had nothing new to report but agreed with everything that the Director had to say.

Next Meeting

The 3rd Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting will be held at Summersville Dam located at 2981 Summersville Lake Road, Summersville, WV 26651, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

Heather Johnson motioned to adjourn the June 23, 2020 2nd Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Chris Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm.