

3rd Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024

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

Chaired: Lt. Col. David Trader

In Attendance:

Commissioners: George Heffner (Harpers Ferry Adventure Center via Zoom); Rick Johnson (River Expeditions via Zoom); Ed Wooton (private river user via Zoom); Corey VanBibber (Tourism via Zoom); Stan Wilson (NPS via Zoom); Lt. Col. David Trader (WV DNR)

Others: Amy Hudnall (WVDNR); First Sgt. CJ Whittington (WV DNR via Zoom); Rob Wissinger (NPS via Zoom)

Call to Order

The Whitewater Commission meeting of August 27, 2024, was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Lt. Col. David Trader. Introductions were made.

Approval of June 11, 2024, Minutes

Motion was made by Ed Wooton to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024, meeting. Motion was seconded by George Heffner. Motion carried.

Budget

Lt. Col. Trader noted the budget in the packet to Commission members. Rick Johnson questioned who pays user fees for the gauges and if they are split with NPS and Army Corp of Engineers. First Sergeant Whittington mentioned Homeland Security as well.

Old Business

- New members recommendations update: approval letter from Gov. Justice has been received and copy sent to members.

New Business

- Underage guide approval for ACE Adventures
- New member recommendations for two private user seats
- Chris Ellis and Ed Wooton wish to continue, and no other nominations or other discussion made. Motion was made by Rick Johnson to allow Chris Ellis and Ed Wooton to continue as the two private user commissioners. Motion was seconded by George Heffner. Motion carried.
- New member recommendations for one commercial seat
- Nominations were: Reed Joyce (New & Gauley River Adventures), Dave Holloway (Alpine Ministries) and Tim Barton (Alpine Ministries). Motion was made by Rick Johnson for Dave Holloway to fill this seat. Motion was seconded by Ed Wooton. Motion carried. Amy Hudnall will notify Mr. Holloway in writing.

Next Meeting Date and Place

The 4th Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting will be held at WV DNR Headquarters via Zoom, 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303 on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The 3rd Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.