

1st Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

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

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

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Chris Ellis (private river user via Zoom); Chris Hayes (Adventures on the Gorge via Zoom); Bobby Bower (Sandstone Jetboats via Zoom); Heather Johnson (River Expeditions by phone); Anna Plantz (WV Tourism via Zoom); Ed Wooten (private river user via Zoom); Don Beyer (private river user via Zoom); Stephen McDaniel (WVDNR via Zoom)

Others: Amy Lucas (WVDNR via Zoom); Lt. Col. David Trader (WVDNR via Zoom); Cpl. C.J. Whittington (WVDNR via Zoom); Jake Fowler (WV Tourism via Zoom); Roger Wilson (Adventure WV via Zoom)

Call to Order

The Whitewater Commission meeting of March 9, 2021 was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by WVDNR Lt. Colonel David Trader. Introductions were made.

Approval of December 15, 2020 Minutes

Ed Wooten made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by Bobby Bower. The motion carried.

Budget

Lt. Colonel Trader noted the budget reports in the packets for review. No discussion on the budget. Chris Hayes made a motion to accept the budget. Motion seconded by Ed Wooten. The motion carried.

Discussion on CSR Changes

Lt. Col. Trader explained how things were ordered. A copy of these changes was previously sent to the Commission members for review. He explained the change of language and how the changes were made in order of the rivers. Wendy Greene will strike everything and all new language will be underlined and reordered. Lt. Col. Trader opened this up for discussion. No comments were made. Motion was made by Chris Ellis to accept changes for the final draft for public comment and Commission review, with the understanding that the final draft may change for Legislature. Motion was seconded by Chris Hayes. The motion carried.

Transfer of License - Riverman

Request made from Adventures on the Gorge for transfer of license from Riverman to parent company Adventure WV. Motion made to accept transfer made by Heather Johnson. Motion seconded by Chris Ellis. The motion carried.

Next Meeting

The 2nd Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting to be held at WVDNR HQ's located at 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303 on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be held via Zoom.

Adjournment

Ed Wooton motioned to adjourn the March 9, 2021 1st Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Bobby Bower seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.