

**SOUTH DAKOTA HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND BOARD  
GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – CAPITOL  
PIERRE, SD  
AUGUST 26, 2015**

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Board Members Present: Doug Balvin, Barry Dunn, Steve Halverson, Scott Lawrence, Les Lindskov, Delon Mork, Dick Muth, Larry Ness, Bob Roe, Jeff Scherschligt, Hunter Roberts and John Cooper. Jan Nicolay and Tony Bour via conference call.

Members Absent: Barry Grossenburg, Christine Hamilton and Tim Kessler.

Others Present: Steve Donovan, Neal Feeken, Stephanie Judson Jim Madsen, Mike McKernan, David Nomsen, and Buddy Seiner

Staff Present: Kelly Hepler, Lucas Lentsch, Wayne Winter, Bill Smith, Emily Kiel, Tom Kirschenmann, Mark Norton and Rachel Comes

#### CALL TO ORDER

Roberts called to order the first meeting of the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund Board at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Roberts asked for a motion to elect officers. Scherschligt moved to elect officers. Balvin seconded. Motion Carried.

Lawrence moved to nominate Scherschligt as board president. Seconded by Ness. All present voted aye.

Scherschligt asked for vice president nominations

Roberts moved to nominate Bob Roe as vice president. Lawrence seconded. All present voted aye.

Scherschligt asked for secretary/treasurer nominations

Motion Roberts to nominate Halverson as secretary/treasurer. Seconded by Scherschligt. All present voted aye.

#### REVIEW OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

Lawrence motioned to accept the bylaws as written with the change to combine the offices of secretary and treasurer. Seconded by Mork. All present voted aye.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF TERMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

By means of a lottery the following terms were drawn.

Doug Balvin, 3 years; Tony Bour, 3 years; John Cooper, 2 years; Barry Dunn, 1 year; Barry Grossenburg, 1 year; Steve Halverson, 2 years; Christine Hamilton, 3 years; Tim Kessler, 2 years; Scott Lawrence, 3, years; Les Lindskov, 1; Delon Mork, 1 year; Dick Muth, 3 years; Larry Ness, 2 years; Jan Nicolay, 2 years; Bob Roe, 3 years and Jeff Scherschligt, 2 years.

#### MEETING DATES

Scherschligt recommended establishing quarterly meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> year. The board agreed and asked that Game, Fish and Parks staff assist in providing possible dates and scheduling.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The board will provide changes in contact information to GFP staff and will continue communication per the bylaws.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Judson walked the board through the provided financial statement as of January 1 – June 30, 2015.

Winter noted each donation and pledge received thus far indicating those spendable and endowed.

2:00 p.m. Governor Daugaard joined the meeting. The Governor stated the importance of habitat preservation and the primary recommendations Pheasant Habitat Summit.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

Winter walked the board through draft small and large grant program criteria.

Halverson motioned to increase the maximum of the small grant program from \$10,000 to \$40,000. Seconded by Dunn.

Dunn amended the motion to keep minimum amount of the small grant fund at \$5,000 and increase the maximum from \$10,000 to \$40,000. Halverson seconded. All present voted aye.

Motioned by Robert's to approve the large grant program document as written. Seconded by Mork. All present voted aye.

Dunn motion to approve large grant program as presented. Seconded by Roe. All present voted aye.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GRANTS

**Motion by Scherschligt to appoint Cooper as chair of the grant committee. Roe seconded. All present voted aye.**

## BOARD MEMBER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### FUNDRAISING

Scherschligt suggested the board members make a personal contribution to help provide the private match for the governors million dollar challenge.

Roberts thanked the group for their participation.

The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.