

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
NJ Fish and Game Council
Assunpink Conservation Center
Robbinsville, New Jersey
March 12, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Fish and Game Council was held on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Acting Chairman Frank Virgilio.

The flag salute and the Pledge of Allegiance were completed.

Acting Chairman Virgilio read aloud the following notice: In accordance with P.L.1975, C.231 notice of this meeting was filed with and posted at the Secretary of State on March 5, 2019 and delivered to the designated newspapers for the Division, The Newark Star Ledger and the Atlantic City Press, published on March 8, 2019

Roll call was taken in attendance:

Councilman Phil Brodhecker (arrived at 10:06)

Councilman Joe DeMartino

Councilman Jim DeStephano

Councilman Agust Gudmundsson

Councilman Dr. Rick Lathrop

Councilman Jeff Link

Councilman Bob Pollock

Councilman Loren Robinson

Councilman Ken Whildin

Acting Chairman Frank Virgilio

Division employees included: L. Herrighty, D. Golden, P. Nelson, C. Stanko, A. Ivany, L. Barno, M. Monteschio and D. Bajek.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinson to approve the February 26, 2019 minutes, seconded by Councilman Gudmundsson. Vote Taken, all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Acting Chairman Virgilio started his comments by thanking employees of Fish and Wildlife along with Council for the time and effort they put in wildlife. Since this may be Director Herrighty' s last Council meeting, Acting Chairman Virgilio said a few words. Over the years that he has known Director Herrighty he has been truly dedicated to wildlife and a true champion, even when some people would say otherwise. He has been a friend, a loyalist, true to this Division since the day he came on board. He is a great guy and will be missed.

Director Herrighty really appreciated the opportunity to work with the Fish and Game Council and their dedication is appreciated. Yesterday we had our Division meeting, it was the biggest turnout in a long time. One of the questions staff asked was the makeup of the Council. Director Herrighty pointed out that we will defend the current makeup of the Council vigorously. Who better to protect the fish and game other than those directly involved in its use and have its best interest in maintaining it other than sportsmen and farmers. It's important to realize that there are a lot of Councils, we have the Shellfish Council, Marine Fisheries Council, Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee, Waterfowl Stamp Committee and Mosquito Commission. Each one has a different role to help us with our goals and are appreciated.

Director Herrighty mentioned the purchase of another office in the northern region, we are still negotiating with the individual and will be meeting with Green Acres tomorrow. You may have seen in the paper that the Governor has cut a deal with the CWA union and is likely to do the same with all the other unions, which will give this agency a budgetary challenge. Our accountant estimates in four years our salary obligations will be increased by a million dollars and then add fringe on top of that. So, we are basically just holding our own now with Hunters and Anglers money and that won't continue in the future. This will be something that the Council will have to work on with the Department to come up with a solution.

Director Herrighty also wanted to bring up that last month we talked about CWD and our needs there. Chief Stanko can report on the meeting that was held at the North American Conference, but he thinks it is time for the Council and the Game Committee to Push forward on amendments to the Game Code that are limited to just that issue, so we can get them through quickly.

Acting Chairman Virgilio read aloud the public comment statement. Public comment is limited to 3 min. per person and 15 min. total time.

Council Reports:

Agricultural:

Councilman Link reported that he had just got information on CWD studies done in Alberta, using natural Humic acid, and manmade or concentrated, which seemed to reduce the prion change. Where there are high levels of Humic acid there was no CWD found. It could be something down the road that might help to fight this disease.

Councilman Brodhecker reported that up north they have had over a foot of snow covering the ground for at least 10 days now. With everything starting to clear up and get warmer, we are starting to see deer in the hay fields again. It's getting warm enough that we should start seeing bear activity and bee keepers should update their electric fences and make sure they are working properly.

Dr. Sabastian Reist, Department of Agriculture, reported on Newcastle Disease and the uptick of infectious equine anemia which popped up in several states and Canada, which was a disease on the cusp of being wiped out in North America. For some reason right now, we have several areas from Florida to Canada that now find some infectious equine anemia.

Farmer/Sportsman Relations: no report at this time

Chairman Virgilio mentioned there is an upcoming meeting for New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs on April 27, 2019 at Ocean City, NJ. The Farm Bureau will make a presentation on deer and may have the video on the aerial survey.

NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs:

Councilman DeStephano reported that he made the Morris County meeting and dinner. He also attended the Warren County meeting. Councilman DeStephano and Tony McBride were at Oradell where there was a 2-hour discussion with the Environmental Committee for the town and also invited the Environmental Committees from 5 or 6 other towns and was televised on Oradell Public TV called Living with Coyotes. Tony put on an excellent PowerPoint presentation and we should look into him presenting it to the Fish and Game Council.

Councilman Gudmundsson reported that he made the Fish Committee meeting in Warren County, in a snow storm. They put on a great presentation and looking forward to a great season.

Councilman Robinson reported he went to Union County and they are happy with the trout stock increase at Nomahegan Park Pond. They also discussed the deer harvest in the Union County Park System from October 1- February 15. They took 114 deer with archery and for the calendar year 2018 they took 161 with shotgun, 101 with archery at a total cost to their county of \$25.65/deer which is much cheaper than communities that are using community-based deer management. It was also asked if the Division could resurrect the app for harvest information instead of having to go on to the Division's website. Middlesex County reported on the trout

meeting at Pequest and the great information that was presented and talked about their upcoming fishing derbies.

Finance Committee: No report at this time

Game Committee: No report at this time.

Councilman DeMartino mentioned the need to set a meeting for anytime during the day, evenings are no good.

Legislative Committee:

Assistant Director Nelson provided a list of Legislative activity from the last two weeks.

S-3541 Prohibits harassing or taking of certain wildlife at competitive events: establishes penalties. We oppose this bill on all sorts of levels.

A-5113 Appropriates \$450,000 for Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program was introduced and the companion bill S-3457 passed through the Senate Environment Committee and has moved on to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

S-3470 Authorizes sale and conveyance of certain State-owned real property in Stafford Twp., Ocean Co., to US Fish and Wildlife Service has went through Senate Environment Committee and has moved onto the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

A-5160 Directs the Department of Agriculture to establish a grant program for counties to study and develop methods of tick control: appropriates \$1 million; was introduced yesterday.

A-5163 Prohibits taking of fur-bearing small game at family entertainment events, and organizing, sponsoring, promoting, conducting, or participating in such events. The language is not posted on this yet.

Endangered & Non-Game Species Advisory Committee: No report at this time.

Councilman Lathrop mentioned there is a meeting next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Waterfowl Stamp Committee: No report at this time. Next meeting is April 9, 2019.

Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee: Next meeting on April 24, 2019.

Law Enforcement: No report at this time.

Division Reports:

Licensing and Permits:

Barbara Stoff reported that they ran the turkey permit lottery 2 weeks ago. E-mails and postcards went out. There were some complaints that people were not receiving the e-mail notification this year, but could be a glitch from the old system. Instructions are also available online. Aspira has had problems in the past with gmail and Comcast due to a lot of spam filtering. Turkey permits are out there, so collect them if you were awarded because the pick-up time period ends on the 25th. Once that pick-up date ends everything goes for over-the-counter sales, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. April 1, 2019. Data was pulled to compare license sales: right now fishing is down but that's typical for this time of year. Hunting and trapping licenses: she actually pulled the data twice, the first time was for January 1 – March 1 for 2019 sales and it was down by about .86 % but when she went back to December 1 when the 2019 licenses first went on sale, it was up 3.32 %. All increases are in archery licenses which directs back to responsive management and the Archery Trade Association marketing project that we were a part of.

Freshwater Fisheries:

Chief Lisa Barno reported since the last meeting, they held the last two of our public meetings. The South Jersey Fisheries Forum was on February 23, 2019, it had the best attendance with 51 anglers present. They had a good discussion with a great exchange of information. The trout meeting had low attendance this year with only 21 anglers. When people Googled the meeting, it was giving last year's cancelation. Staff has been really busy on the research and management side with updating the cold-water plan and the warmwater fisheries management plan; they are meeting bi-weekly and progressing through. Four sections of the cold-water plan will be completed by this upcoming Friday. The warmwater plan is going to be a major change from the plan that was done back in 2000, so that will take a little bit of time as they redraft. We will be integrating management of game species along with the management of those species that potentially are listed as Endangered, Threatened or Species of Special Concern, as well as bait fish.

Hackettstown is anxiously waiting for the ice to melt. With the weather warming the next couple of days it should melt shortly and they will begin with the northern pike netting at Budd Lake.

Pequest is at its final prep stage with the trucks rolling out on Monday to begin our pre-season trout stocking.

Lake Hopatcong update is the lake has not yet begun to refill. There still is about 9 inches of ice in the coves even though the center portion of the lake is open.

Councilman Gudmundsson mentioned that the presentations that were done at the meetings were great, especially the restoration project and this is information that we would really want to get out to the public. He would love to see this information presented at one of the larger shows next year.

Information and Education:

Chief Ivany gave a quick update on the Suffern show: we did the outdoor fishing expo February 28 – March 3, 2019. Went very well with good attendance and a lot of intense fisheries conversations with a lot of interest in the programs. Chief Ivany spoke with the manager at the show and right now we only have a 10-foot booth space, so next year we will be doubling the size of our booth along with selling licenses. Pequest open house will be held on April 27 – 28. It's now Pequest open house and Outdoor Marketplace. Bear program updates: Michelle Smith has returned and is teaching programs as we speak. We are actively doing programs again and are booking for Spring. We will step up our promoting on the website and social media. Chief Ivany has been in contact with DEP Communications Office and there is no one available at this time to translate to Spanish the brochure on bear safety, so Michelle Smith still had the files from the previous Spanish brochure and will be forwarding that over side-by-side with the Spanish and English version and then see if we can develop a new brochure or card with the existing information that is already translated. We have started the production of a bear education safety video, working with Matt Hencheck, our videographer. All videos are put on our home web page.

CWD: we are working with Chief Stanko and there is updated information on the website. We did our first social media post on Facebook and Instagram regarding CWD, and we will keep doing regular posts to get the information out and up to date. There is a button in the middle of our home page to click on to get the most up to date information. Friday, we received the completed Mobile Conservation Outreach Trailer back from having some final tweaks done. We installed a 22-inch television to play the videos we are doing and producing in house, we had it at the Division meeting yesterday and it will be out on the road this spring.

Chief Ivany has been involved with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and we have a \$50,000 grant to contract firms to talk about agency relevancy - basically who we are and what we do. The tag line will be Making It Last. We have a finalized marketing plan with suggestions from this marketing agency that will be distributing to all of the states to help promote us. This ties in well with the Outreach Grant that we are working with along with the R3 Grant that we are still currently working on.

Land Management:

Chief Hearon reported that this is a busy time of year for Land Management, between seasons and looking down the barrel of trout stockings and working with Freshwater Fisheries. Trout

stocking routes were just finalized, so fish will be on the way. This Saturday will be the Trash Hunt with the Cumberland County Federation. We are responsible for Eastpoint Lighthouse down south, with things progressing to save the lighthouse from falling into the water. The CRO addition is moving along with plans to be finished by the end of April. We are in full swing with getting pheasant stocking areas prepped. Forest Fire has already been through and done some spring burns for us and we are in the process of planting in some of those areas.

Up north, there has been a big push for Land Management to take care of posting open and abandoned mines throughout the Wildlife Management Areas and we have been working with the Department of Labor in doing our best to meet their guidelines to make people aware of danger zones in mine areas. Some areas will eventually be fenced. There has been another resurgence to dredge the Maurice River for a couple of reasons. First, to facilitate the oyster industry, allow more economic growth in the area for the businesses along the shore to handle bigger vessels and it will link to wind power. We are one of the only ports in Delaware Bay that doesn't have air restrictions, such as bridges so they can come and go with bigger fleets. With all of this, there should be some beneficial reuse material and we will try to partner with state entities to try to bolster a dike which used to serve as a divider between Delaware Bay and some wildlife impoundments we had, but in recent years with all the erosion from storms, that's now become more storm protection. We are hoping to see something go in that direction which will be funded by Army Corp. - hopefully we will see something kick off as early as next spring. We have had many requests to do a field creation in the area, so we submitted some Land Management reviews to create two fields in Winslow Township and are trying to get some movement in the right direction.

Assistant Director Golden mentioned that one thing that could complicate this is that we have had a long-standing MOA with the Pinelands Commission which allowed us to manage 100 acres of forest each year and create 25 acres of field each year. We have been trying to maximize that habitat work so we could do that without the Pinelands Permit under the MOA. Last week we got a letter from the Pinelands saying that they wanted to void that MOA, so with the recent activity where we've been ramping up and going to those maximums they have become increasingly uncomfortable with it. Mary Monteschio has been checking the legal parts of the MOA, and if they can just void it. If they are able to void it, then Chief Hearon's plans for doing field creation in Winslow may be delayed due to having to go through the permit process. We have received a couple of complaints on stocking at Rowans pond and we entered into a management agreement with Solitude Lake to manage the vegetation.

Law Enforcement:

Deputy Chief Frank Panico reported that all officers in the bureau just received a search and seizure training update from the Division of Criminal Justice. It was a one-day session to get them up to speed on case law and the process of search and seizures and warrants. All the

regions are starting to move forward with the shoot to kill season and depredation permits. They are transitioning into fishing season from a long hunting season. Deputy Chief Panico has a case of interest from north Jersey, Lake Hopatcong. A fisherman from New York had 115 panfish over the limit. After the CPOs had a chat with him he was back out 2 hours later, stuffing them down his waders again. The officers in the southern region have really been stepping up their WMA patrols for dumping. Some of their cases have been bringing in some interesting fines. Lt. James just settled a case for \$6,500 and a couple vehicles were seized, but then turned back over. Earlier in the month a vehicle was seized that the Division did end up keeping as part of the process. Detective Vazquez settled a case for \$20,000, so they are doing the best they can to try and stop the problem, where the South is a little bit worse when it comes to dumping.

Assistant Director Golden mentioned that those cases go with our Don't Waste Our Open Space Campaign because part of the benefits of those cases are that they can serve as a deterrence to someone else that might be thinking about doing some dumping on state lands.

Chief Hearon sent a sincere thank you to the law enforcement staff for working with Land Management and putting in a lot of hard work.

Wildlife Management:

Chief Stanko reported that she does not have deer numbers for you today but will have them for the next Council meeting. On quail, they meet internally to discuss our habitat analysis that was done by our quail biologist, he then went out and presented the results to the partners. Our next step is for administration to meet with the partners and discuss the outcome of the data analysis. We did a farmer deer brochure that is being printed and delivered next week. Chief Stanko will hand them out at the next meeting. We are meeting with the Farm Bureau on Thursday to hear about their drone survey study that they are doing.

Old Business:

Update on Rockport Pheasant Farm:

Chief Stanko reported that we had the Request For Expression of Interest on the farm to see if there were any businesses or other entities that were interested in leasing it from us. We had a walk-through on January 29, 2019 with six groups that were registered, and one group did not attend, with a total of 13 people in attendance. A full walk-through was done of the upper and lower portions of the property. Two parties seemed interested at that time, one was a pheasant farmer and the other was Warren County 4-H which was interested in the upper portion. The RFEI closed on February 26, 2019. We received one notice of interest from a pheasant farmer. We reviewed that, and the next step is for Chief Stanko and Assistant Director

Golden to meet with both the county of Warren and the Township to discuss the outcome of the RFEI.

Update on Non-Lethal Bear Control:

Assistant Director Golden mentioned that Chief Ivany gave an update on some of the educational efforts that we have been involved in and other than that there isn't much to report on at this time.

Director Herrighty mentioned that it has been quiet, we expect the bears to start becoming active. Wildlife Control has had a break for the winter.

Educational efforts directed at urban areas and southern counties:

Chief Ivany reported that they will be letting people know that the programs are available through websites and social media. We do not have a mailing specifically into those areas but will be broadcasting to them.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked if Chief Ivany could put more effort in the southern counties with the bear programs.

Chief Ivany responded that they are working with some of the southern parks to provide them with all the information with the bear programs.

New Business:

North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference:

Assistant Director Golden reported that there were 3 staff members from the Division who attended the meeting in Colorado: Chief Stanko, Assistant Director Nelson and himself. It took place last week and was a 5-day conference. A good conference overall, lots of great sessions and conversations. For those of you who may not be aware, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies serves as a facilitator to bring the wildlife agencies from all 50 states together to meet and talk about wildlife issues, some which may be affecting multiple states throughout the nation at a regional level. There are a number of committees that are made up of staff from each fish and wildlife agency that are interested in that particular topic. At that meeting was this partnership and collaboration of all 50 states in the wildlife agencies. Assistant Director Golden stood in for Director Herrighty at the Directors Forum. They talked a lot about some nation-wide initiatives; one is the Recovering Americas Wildlife Act along with some talk on a relevancy road map on how fish and wildlife agencies stay relevant with the changing attitudes throughout the nation. Both of these stemmed from the 2014 Blue Ribbon Panel which was

assembled by AFWA and in that panel there were two things they needed to focus on: one was securing funding and examine the impact of social change on the relevancy of fish and wildlife agencies. Recently there was a group of 60 individuals from throughout the nation that came together to talk about how we maintain relevancy as an agency. They put together this road map organized the relevancy need into five different categories and collectively there were 35 different strategies they came up with. That document has been passed out to the states, with staff being asked to review it and get their comments back to the coordinators. The five different themes that they came up with on how they think agencies should evaluate relevancy are agency culture, agency capacity, constituent culture, constituent capacity, and political and legal constraints. These are what they see as potential barriers or restraints to an agency maintaining its relevancy as social attitudes change. Their underlying theme that they have been promoting is enhance conservation through broader engagement. They also reported on this report that came out on Americas Wildlife Values, a national survey looking at how people value wildlife. They also spoke about the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. This was introduced under the last session of Congress before the election. There was 121 people who signed under that bill, some of who moved on to other things after the election. The members of Congress who are returning that showed previous support is down to 101 people. They are looking to hopefully reintroduce that bill and get support for it. They are asking at a state level to prioritize requests that come from AFWA to promote RAWA.

Also, for the people supporting fish and wildlife they are asking groups to identify Congressional leaders in the state and try to lobby for support of this particular legislation. Notes of interest are March 18 – 22 and April 15-26 when Congress will be on recess, it's likely those representatives will be back in the states. There was also a new initiative discussed called The Diversity Joint Venture. This is a partnership among many fish and wildlife agencies and some federal agencies that are designed to strengthen the conservation workforce by increasing diversity, equality and inclusion, so the idea is to increase the number of individuals from different genders and ethnicities that are working in conservation. There is a big push in DEP to move that forward in New Jersey and this joint venture creates an easy opportunity for us to get involved. They have a website that partners have already signed onto. There was also a cooperative meeting between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the directors talked about how they can be more proactive and engage one another to move important initiatives forward. Assistant Director Golden also attended the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative meeting, an administrator meeting for the NBCI. There was a working group meeting and a directors one which he attended. They talked a lot about the threats to bobwhite quail across the U.S., some of the western states still have good populations. Assistant Director Golden had mentioned that we are considering a possible reintroduction to the state for that species. This group is working on protocols for what a good reintroduction would look like. A draft application was put together for states that are looking for birds from donor states, so we will likely fill out that application and submit it so our project can be considered. If we know we have birds that would be a key point on whether or not we move forward. We need birds to move it forward.

Assistant Director Nelson mentioned that she is the vice chair of the Educational Outreach Diversity Committee and some of what Assistant Director Golden was reporting on as the director, her committee (there are five sub-committees) that all put those different projects together. It has been an on-going project for quite a while. Making it last is also a part of this committee.

R3 is always part of the committee, whether it's on the angling side or the sports committee. Everyone is working on their plans, most states now either have an R3 coordinator or are in the process of getting one. We are writing a plan and are ahead of the game.

Chief Stanko reported that along with all the great information at this conference, one of the things that impressed her the most was that the Acting Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt was there and spoke. He is a small-town boy from Rifle, CO who is an outdoorsman who didn't seem like a politician at all and was very down to earth and concerned with a lot of the issues we are facing, CWD being one of the issues. He gave a great speech to all who attended. Chief Stanko also attended the NBCI meeting which went well as far as the quail relocation goes. Also, she attended a session called Broadening the Tent, evaluating wildlife conservation and they had a lot of good ideas there on alternate funding sources and consulting groups that could help us. As far as Chronic Wasting Disease goes, AFWA has already produced a BMP for the states on how to handle CWD and they are about to update that information and add four different categories into that: Taxidermy, Guidance to Hunters, Interstate Communications and Quarantine. They also reported that in 2018, eight more CWD certified herds became positive or found to be positive. All of them are in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

This talk of Zombie Deer in the news is probably serving us well because it's getting the attention of legislators, which is important. There are three new federal proposals, one is the CWD Transmission and Survey Act which is just for research, CWD Management Act and The Deer Act. These are important bills and we hope to get them passed. The Feds are working on a more sensitive testing methodology for both biological samples and environmental samples, which is something we don't have right now.

Chief Stanko did a quick search on subject that Councilman Link brought up earlier about Humic Acid and CWD. There are a few papers out there on that. The latest one says incubation of CWD prions with Humic acid significantly increased incubation in periods in transgenic mice. Another one says that Humic acid binds to the CWD molecules. These studies are a couple of years old, and Chief Stanko hasn't heard it mentioned in any of the expert opinions at these meetings we've had, so if there is hope in that it's probably not in the near future. Because it slows down incubation in transgenic mice, it shouldn't get us too excited as resistance does not mean immunity. There are also papers saying that some deer genotypes might have resistance, that's actually a bad thing because they just developed disease later, so they travel around on the

landscape spreading prions for a greater amount of time than deer that get the disease earlier. There are a lot of questions still to be asked about CWD.

Acting Chairman Virgilio made a statement regarding the February 12 and 26 Fish and Game Council meetings, that both meetings were posted both in the newspapers as well as the agenda and did include executive session listed on there.

Barbara Stoff gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the New Jersey license system, working with Aspira. The current platform we have now is completely outdated and is over 13 years old. The new system will bring us into the current era of internet technology and will allow a lot of room for progress into the future. You will be able to purchase a license from home and print it out along with an e-mail with the PDF or you can go to a licensed retailer and have them do it.

Public Comment:

Janet Pizar, Millburn, NJ asked about a report that was recently done with survey outcomes where participants had a very high level of confidence and trust in fish and wildlife agencies. Who was pooled in that survey and was there a constituency?

Assistant Director Golden answered it was the general population, nationally and then broken down by state.

Barry Bender, Forked River, NJ presented a video of a raccoon in a trap that was shown on social media earlier this year. The raccoon was treated in an inhumane manner by a juvenile.

Allison Lemke, Forked River, NJ brought a letter as well as spoke about the trapping of this raccoon and the rules and regulations of Fish and Wildlife and hopes they uphold these rules and regulations. She feels that this incident is a poor representation of a licensed trapper and would like the license revoked. She went over some hunter educational course information on ethics and due cause.

Director Herrigty mentioned that he did receive the letter that she wrote to the department on this issue as well as the prosecutor, this is a juvenile matter and law enforcement cooperated with Lacey Township and handled it according to the protocols for that.

Chief Panico added that it is a juvenile case and by law, we cannot discuss it.

Acting Chairman Virgilio mentioned that there are very strict regulations around juveniles and how they can be treated and what can be done. This is a matter for the prosecutor's office.

Barbara Sachau, Whitehouse Station, NJ hand delivered two letters for the Fish and Game Council. Also, she brought in the January agenda with nowhere on it saying there will be an executive session for the upcoming meeting. If you were going to have an executive session you are supposed to then come back and tell the public what was determined at that session. She feels the public is not getting the information they need from this council. She also mentioned that the hunters are taking the biggest and the best, so it leaves the weak and little animals to fight off any disease. She feels its wrong to have a system of managing wildlife by people dedicated to killing them. It's wrong and animals have no voice. She would like to know why a list of people that call in to complain about hunters is not kept.

Ed Kurtz, Atlantic County - He was nominated for council a year ago, has been wanting to come up to find out what was going on again, and heard it was Director Herrighty' s last Council meeting. He just wanted to thank Director Herrighty for what he has done as director and how he has helped get the farmers and the sportsmen together. He wanted to give thanks and let everyone know they are doing a great job.

A motion was made by Councilman Gudmundsson, seconded by Councilman Brodhecker to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Vote taken, all in favor, none-opposed; motion carried.

Next meeting will be April 9, 2019 at 10:00 at the Assunpink Conservation Center.