

OKLAHOMA SCENIC RIVERS COMMISSION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 09, 2014
MEETING TIME: 5:30 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center
100 North Water Street (located across the street on the Northeast corner
of the Old Cherokee Capital Square located in downtown Tahlequah)
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

AGENDA

01. Meeting called to order.

Chairman Hilsher called the meeting to order

02. Roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Monte Bradford
Gerald Hilsher
Trey Peyton
David Pickle
Steve Randall
David Spears
Rick Stubblefield
John Larson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Bashaw
Randy Corp
Michael Fuhr
Riley Needham

03. Introduction of guests and visitors.

Mike & Pam Hazen, War Eagle Resort; Kevin Kelley, Diamondhead Resort; Ann & Wayne Jordan; Donna Pickle; Archie & Trey Peyton, Peyton's Place; Nancy & Daniel Fergor; Sean Rowley, Tahlequah Daily Press; Ed Brocksmith, STIR; Ben Sizemore; Jack Spears, Arrowhead Resort; Barb Daily, STIR; Gina Levesque, OCC; Denise & Mike Deason-Toyne, STIR; Francie Fite; David Preston; James Hickman, retired OSRC; Jerry Hammonds; Nancy Garber, STIR; Senator & Mrs. Shaw; Jim Garman, Riverside Resort; Doug Hubbard, Cherokee County; Dennis & Shannon Gosa; Jason Chennault, CCSO; Jeff Bick, Baylor University, Dr. Ryan King, Baylor University; Caleb Robbins, Baylor University; Morgan Bettcher, Baylor University; Stephen Elser, Baylor University; Katherine Hooker, Baylor University; DeWayne Smoot, Muskogee Phoenix; Dehlia Haak, IRWP; Bill James, OSRC; Bobby Robertson, OSRC; Cheryl Allen, OSRC

04. Comments from guests and visitors.

This item is included within the agenda to allow time for public comment to the OSRC Board of Commissioners. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. This agenda item allows NO ACTION may be taken by Commissioners.

Denise Deason-Toyne, STIR thanks everyone for all of their hard work, and points out that Jerry Hammonds has raised an issue on the agenda. STIR would like to acknowledge Jerry Hammonds and the other land owners for bringing their issues to the commission and to the public. Denise Deason-Toyne states that STIR fully supports the concerns of the problem of alcohol abuse on the Illinois River. Stir would like to offer some alternatives, or suggest a complete ban of the alcohol on the river. Denise Deason-Toyne states the commission allows 48-50 quarts, a cooler per person, which allows one person to have 60 cans of beer, which is outrageous. Perhaps have a rule or a law enforced of limiting consumption to one 6pack per person, which would reduce that problem. Another problem regarding law enforcement is that we need more rangers and more tools for the rangers and more money for

enforcement. Denise Deason-Toyne, STIR asks the commission to reinstate the user fee and exercise your considerable influence and favor with the governor and the Legislature to allow the OSRC to set user fees and also allow a study to find out which areas are being utilized and perhaps make an adjustment there. So maybe all of us can have a better experience on the river and increase safety.

Pam Hazen, War Eagle states that the 48 quart cooler use has been revoked and that they don't allow that anymore.

05. Consideration and discussion, vote to approve, amend or take other action approving minutes from August 19, 2014 OSRC Regular Business Meeting.

Commissioner Pickle made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2014 OSRC Special Business Meeting. Trey Peyton seconds the motion. No discussion.

The vote follows:

Bradford	Abstain
Peyton	Aye
Pickle	Aye
Randall	Abstain
Spears	Aye
Stubblefield	Aye
Hilsher	Aye

Motion Passes 5 Aye, 2 Abstain

06. Administrator's Report.

Administrator Ed Fite welcomes everyone. He discusses the Senate Interim Study that took place in November. Mr. Fite talks about his visit to the Legislature and the Senate. The discussion is about the history of the Scenic Rivers Commission and show cased Scenic Rivers Act and to follow some ground on the commission since it was created in 1977. Individual opportunity to visit with the Legislature was a great opportunity for us to go.

Robert Kellogg, Attorney spoke about our agency based on his experience, has helped us de wrong our rules, said the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission Agency was very effective.

Dr. Will Canada, Health & Leisure, Oklahoma State University, discusses the obesity issue in the state of Oklahoma and particularly diabetes. Dr. Canada spoke about Issues with our youth and the population as a whole and that there's not much opportunities to get out doors like we think. The surrounding states have a lot of opportunity.

Tracy Boyer, Agricultures Economics professor draws attention to these issues too. The Illinois River is different than other rivers, it has clean water, a robust economy with lots of visitors and people can float year round.

City Administrator for Arkansas Cameron appeared before the committee and he complemented the agency and all the folks who participated.

USGS reported on water quality and showed that trends were going down overall.

Administrator Ed Fite gives a history update about the Illinois River.

The desired outcome was to discuss with the senate if the Scenic Rivers Act and the 1970's policies still apply.

Administrator Ed Fite discusses the Flint Ridge Project and the budget.

07. Discussion of proposition request from Jerry Hammons for development of rules prohibiting possession of alcohol on the Illinois River.

Chairman Hilsher introduces Mr. Jerry Hammonds, who talks about the development of the rules prohibiting possession of alcohol on the Illinois River.

Mr. Jerry Hammonds introduces Mr. Wayne Jordan who briefly voices his concerns about the alcohol consumption on the Illinois River over the years. Too much alcohol lets limit it or exclude it.

Mr. Jerry Hammonds introduces Mr. Jim Garman who owns Riverside Resort and he shares his thoughts about alcohol consumption on the river. Jim Garman wants to make it known that he supports the ban of alcohol on the river.

Mike Hazen expresses his point of view regarding the issue. Chairman Hilsher asks Jerry Hammonds what he wants the commission to do regarding this issue. Chairman Hilsher asks Captain Bill James what the problem is, Captain says it's an alcohol problem in general. Captain Bill James takes the floor and informs every one of his observation.

Administrator Ed Fite explains the current rulings on the ice chest size 50 quart capacity per person. Quantity should be limited; beer bong and Jell-O shots should be banned as well should develop a river code of ethics. Chairman Hilsher speaks about the public nuance making it a rule. Chairman Hilsher discusses a proposed rulemaking idea. Shannon Otteson Gosa, STIR shares her concern as a home owner and expresses her opinion regarding alcohol. She suggests having an alcohol free river day. Kevin Kelley asks about banning on all bodies of water and not to isolate it to just the river.

08. Introduction of Dr. Ryan King and Team Members from Baylor University, to provide an overview of the 2014-2016 Arkansas-Oklahoma Joint Phosphorus Criteria “Stressor Test” Study related to Scenic Rivers.

This agenda item is included as discussion only for the purpose to introduce Dr. King and his research team members to the OSRC Board of Commissioners and public present at the meeting; and, Dr. King will provide a general explanation of the work plan and goals of the AR-OK Joint Phosphorus Criteria Study. NO RESULTS OF ANALYSES OR OTHER WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA WILL BE PRESENTED AND NO ACTION WILL BE ACTED UPON RELATED TO THIS AGENDA ITEM.

Chairman Hilsher introduces Dr. Ryan King. Dr. Ryan King provides an overview of the 2014-2016 Arkansas-Oklahoma Joint Phosphorus Study that is related to the Scenic River. There are three members from Arkansas and three members from Oklahoma that are overseeing the study. The team is sampling a number of creeks in this area connected to the Scenic River. They are sampling every two months. Dr. Ryan King and his team are very excited and confident in developing strong results. Dr. Ryan King introduces his team, Dr. Jeffery Brak, Baylor University. Ms. Katherine Hooker, Baylor University. Stephen Elser, Baylor University. Morgan Bettcher, Baylor University. Caleb Robbins, Baylor University. The final report will be done December 2016.

09. Consideration and discussion, vote to approve, amend or take other action approving 2015 Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission Regular Business Meetings Schedule.

Chairman Hilsher and Administrator Fite discuss meetings. Commissioner Pickle makes a motion to discuss option No. 3. Chairman Hilsher seconds Commissioner Pickle’s motion to discuss option No. 3. Chairman Hilsher calls for a question:

Stubblefield	Aye
Spears	Aye
Randall	Aye
Pickle	Aye
Peyton	Aye
Bradford	Aye
Hilsher	Aye
Larson	Aye

Motion passed 8 Aye, 0

10. Adjournment.

Chairman Hilsher makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Administrator Fite seconds the motion.

Stubblefield	Aye
Spears	Aye
Randall	Aye
Pickle	Aye
Peyton	Aye
Bradford	Aye
Hilsher	Aye
Larson	Aye

Motion passes 8 Aye, 0

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