

Dates to Remember:

September 12, 2015	Annual Illinois River Clean-Up
October 20, 2015	5:30 p.m. OSRC Regular Business Meeting – Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center
November 6, 2015	Deadline for qualified persons to register to vote in 2015 OSRC Election at OSRC Office
November 16-18, 2015	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Filing Period for Candidates in OSRC County Representatives Election
December 1, 2015	Election Day - OSRC Adair, Cherokee and Delaware County Representatives
December 15, 2015	5:30 p.m. OSRC Regular Business Meeting – Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center

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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2015
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

OKLAHOMA SCENIC RIVERS COMMISSION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES

01. Meeting called to order.

Chairman Hilsher called the meeting to order.

02. Roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Fuhr
Gerald Hilsher
Riley Needham
Trey Peyton
Steve Randall
David Spears
Rick Stubblefield

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Bashaw
Monte Bradford
Randy Corp
David Pickle
John Larson

03. Introduction of guests and visitors.

Jim Morrison; Gary Vandenbos; James Secratt; Joel Lamb; Mike Hazen, War Eagle Resort; Jack Spears, Arrowhead Resort; Jason Lewis, U.S. Geological Survey; Sean Rowley, Tahlequah Daily Press; Tim K. Baker, Attorney; Ed Brocksmith, Save The Illinois River (STIR); Arden James Runyan, Save The Illinois River (STIR); Kevin & Barbara Kelley, Diamondhead Resort; L.D. Stephens, War Eagle Resort; Chance Imhoff, War Eagle Resort; Kathy Ryals; Jerry Hammons; Amy & Matt Grogan, Archie Peyton, Peyton's Place; Jim Cosby, Attorney; Rick Nichols; Gene and Tamie Ellis, Sparrow Hawk Camp; James Beck, All-American and Falcon Floats; Barb Daily, Save The Illinois River (STIR); Robbie Frank, Jr. and Cathy Frank, Riverbend Resort; and, Cheryl Allen, Bill James, Bobby Robertson, and Nancy Sanchez, Oklahoma Scenic River Commission (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.

Chairman Hilsher welcomed and opened the podium for comments from the guests and visitors. James Beck inquired about the restriction of alcohol usage on the Illinois River. In particular, he wondered how the OSRC would be able to enforce the restriction with the lack of law enforcement. Jerry Hammons also talked about the alcohol restriction. Mr. Hammons acknowledged to Commissioners that when he owned/operated the Illinois River Store it wasn't uncommon for him to expend \$25,000 or more on wholesale supplies of beer to sell to his customers on holiday weekends. He suggested when Commissioners begin rulemaking that they consider restricting 3.2% alcohol beer on a certain stretch of

the river. He further recommended that the Labor Day Holiday Weekend and all Sundays would be good days to restrict 3.2% alcohol beer consumption. Mr. Hammons then talked about restricting 3.2% alcohol beer usage at the U.S. 62 Hwy Bridge Access Area before something gets started (after Mr. Hammons' presentation Administrator Fite stepped over to Mr. Hammons showing him OSRC Rules that list what public access areas are presently restricted to 3.2% alcohol beer consumption. Mr. Fite pointed out that the said area is already restricted by rules to consumption).

Following those comments, Chairman Hilsher took the liberty to explain his intentions for action on pending Agenda Item 06. He told those in attendance the item is included within the agenda to allow him an opportunity as the Chairman to "tee up" those priorities he feels the OSRC Board should consider dealing when it undertakes rulemaking in fall 2015 and that he doesn't intend to open the floor to public comments at this meeting. At that point, he asked if anyone in the audience had anything they wanted to discuss regarding the outlined list of items under Agenda Item 06.

05. Consideration and discussion, vote to approve, amend or take other action approving minutes from February 17, 2015 OSRC Regular Business Meeting.

Chairman Hilsher talked about February 17, 2015 minutes. Chairman Hilsher indicated that in his opinion the minutes were accurate and asked if anyone had any amendments, corrections or revisions. No one commented and he entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Michael Fuhr motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Steve Randall seconded the motion.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Abstain
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Aye
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Absent
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Aye
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

6-Aye and 1-Abstention

Following the vote, Chairman Hilsher took pause of the agenda and addressed an issue related to conflicts of interests and what Commissioners should do when a conflict arises on an agenda item. He also apologized to Commissioners for allowing an action on an item during the February 17, 2015 OSRC Regular Business Meeting.

06. Chairman's Report on scheduling OSRC Rulemaking Hearings beginning in September-October 2015 pursuant to Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act for potential development of rulemaking related to:

- Restricting/banning alcohol use on the river. Could be limited to certain sections of river, certain days, etc. Restricting possession and use of alcohol other than 3.2 beer;
- Limiting size of ice chests to a per-flotation device instead of per-person basis;
- Prohibiting possession and use of beer bongs/funnels or other devices used to accelerate or influence the ingesting of alcoholic beverages within OSRC jurisdictional area
- Increasing rule on non-commercial/private-owned flotation device users floating without permit to pay annual fee of \$10 instead of \$1 when caught;
- Setting rules for day use "permits" on public access areas that include alcohol restrictions, refuse disposal/take away requirement, etc.; and,
- Limiting number of Commercial Flotation Device (CFD) Licenses from 3,900 to lesser number, and Including limitations on numbers of raft permits in congested areas of river.

Chairman Hilsher took ample time to explain those items listed on the proposed outline for rulemaking. He assured everyone that once rulemaking gets underway the process would adhere to provisions of state law and OSRC Rules. He emphasized the goal is to gather and include the public's input that includes landowners, commercial flotation device operations and other interested stakeholder groups, but he said the Commission would have the ultimate say and appreciates the opinions of everyone.

Cathy Frank (co-owner of Riverbend Resort) asked about filing and publishing the proposed rules and if OSRC would file the rules with the Secretary of State's office. Chairman Hilsher answered "when OSRC begins to draft the proposed rules, is when we file and it gets published and he explained the process". He said the OSRC will follow the provisions of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act. He indicated that the OSRC would file notice of rulemaking intention with the Oklahoma Secretary of State in August.

07. Administrator's Report.

Administrator Fite stated his report would target three main points and be brief. He first discussed the OSRC Budget. He distributed a compilation of the budget year-to-date and explained the majority of expenditures. He called attention to several areas within the budget related to cost of water quality sampling and stream gaging network, administrative support services provided by Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and specificity of the OSRC Fund Accounts 193, 260 and 261.

Secondly, he reported on action within First Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature. He said the OSRC began the Session with four pieces of introduced legislation (Senate Bill 37, 155, 579 and 655). He said that only one piece, Senate Bill 155, was approved. Specifically, he said provisions of Senate Bill 155 will allow the OSRC to hire off-duty law enforcement officers from municipal police and county sheriff offices to serve as seasonal river rangers. He called attention that while Senate Bill 155 was approved, the OSRC wouldn't benefit until November 1, 2015, because the state Senate failed to approve an emergency clause to immediately implement its provisions in time for the 2015 Float Season.

And, third, he reported saying while on the way out the door to come to the meeting he learned from senate fiscal staff that the OSRC FY-2016 Appropriation from the State's General Fund would be \$270,964.

In closing out his report, Administrator Fite stated that tentative arrangements have been made with a legislative lobbyist to work on behalf of the OSRC in the Second Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature starting in February 2016. He said the lobbyist would serve at no cost to the OSRC and that he would bring more information to the next business meeting.

08. Consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action approving U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement 15C4SH002200028 for the continuation of the Project Surface-Water Monitoring and Water-Sampling in the Illinois River Basin for the period July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Contract is subject to availability of OSRC cost-share match funds in amount of \$79,750 to implement and total contract not to exceed \$197,400. Presented by Administrator Fite.

Federal funds contributed to match OSRC cost-share: USGS Cooperative Water Matching Funds \$55,250; USGS Streamflow Information Program Funds \$42,800; and, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \$19,600.

Administrator Fite started the discussion by recommending to Commissioners conditional approval based on the ability to secure funding. Commissioner Stubblefield motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Fuhr seconded the motion. Commissioner Peyton asked if the proposed sampling regime could be reduced. Administrator Fite explained the importance of the overall program. He emphasized the water sampling program is as

important as his job. He said he felt it would be ill-advised to reduce any sampling. Commissioner Stubblefield asked about securing the necessary funding. Administrator Fite said he was working to secure funding through sister state, federal and tribal agencies along with on a first-time approach to non-governmental organizations.

Chairman Hilsher suggested that OSRC should reach out to some of the charitable foundations to explore funding assistance.

Commissioner Fuhr thought it was important to maintain the sampling program.

Chairman Hilsher said maintaining collection of water quality data is very important, and when there are data gaps then OSRC is subject to cross-examination, in a court of law.

Administrator Fite also introduced Jason Lewis, U.S. Geological Survey, who talked about the importance of the water sampling program.

During the discussion Kathy Ryals asked if the water sampling program could be merged with another agency. Administrator Fite answered her question by saying there were other agencies that have likened programs, but he emphasized that the USGS-OSRC program is the most reliable and scientifically defensible of the other available programs. He recalled the 1980-1990s administrative level and lower court arguments that ultimately led up to Oklahoma-Arkansas Case before the U.S. Supreme Court. At the time the state's water sampling data was deemed inadequate. Following that case, ruled upon February 1992, the OSRC has worked with sister state and federal agencies to develop the present monitoring strategy that samples ambient conditions and storm/high water events to gather as much information as we can muster. He stressed we must continue to garner meaningful information that will hold up in court. Chairman Hilsher stated no one else is recording storm water events but OSRC, so if we shutter this program the OSRC wouldn't ever be able to restore the USGS cost-share match funds again.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Nay
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Absent
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Aye
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

6-Aye and 1-Nay

- 09. Discussion and consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action authorizing Administrator, Chairman, and Commissioner Rick Stubblefield to coordinate with Office of Management and Enterprise Services to negotiate access agreement for balance of 2015 floating season (i.e., no longer than through December 31, 2015) with commercial flotation device operations seeking boat launching/retrieving capabilities at Edmondson Public Access Area. Presented by Chairman Gerald Hilsher.**

Chairman Hilsher started the discussion and talked about how this matter just came to his attention. He said the Edmondson Public Access Area is owned by the OSRC and was purchased with the assistance of federal dollars. He further stated that commercial flotation device operators are using the area as a launching point without a written agreement, and he had concerns. His concerns are: 1. The oral agreement didn't come before to the Commission for approval; 2. There is a state constitutional

prohibition against providing public property to private individuals and commercial enterprises for use to profit them; and, 3. From a meeting with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office he feels that the present use may be a violation of state law and he's anxious Commissioners need to undertake action to fix that. He noted the initial use for Edmondson Public Access Area was to be a stopping point, a rest area, for the floating public and not as an access point for commercial flotation device operations. To fix the problem, Chairman Hilsher recommended the Commission negotiate a written agreement with those commercial flotation device operations desiring to use the area, and that it is lawful to charge a fee for use of the area. He went on to say that a tentative agreement has been drafted and is being reviewed by the AG's Office.

Commissioner Fuhr asked about the cost of the fee and if the commercial flotation device operators want to use Edmondson Public Access Area as a commercial launch site. Chairman Hilsher answered "yes". Commissioner David Spears inquired about charging a fee to the commercial flotation device operators using the area. "If they get charged, will the public also have a fee for that location?" Chairman Hilsher answered Commissioner Spears' question by saying, "If this gets approved, then, "no" the private users will not have to pay a fee".

Chairman Hilsher said that Edmondson is the one of three public access areas that the OSRC owns. The other public access areas are owned by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation but managed and maintained by the OSRC. He said Round Hollow, Peavine Hollow, No Head Hollow and Watts Public Access Areas are used for commercial access launch/retrieval points but are not owned by the OSRC.

Commissioner Randall asked about the location of Edmondson Public Access Area. Administrator Fite answered saying it was immediately adjacent to southwest side of the present Combs Bridge crossing of the Illinois River near Eagle Bluff Resort.

Chairman Hilsher suggested that a three person committee be authorized to include himself, Commissioner Stubblefield and Administrator to negotiate a written contract. Commissioner Randall motioned to approve. Commissioner Needham seconded the motion.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Abstain
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Absent
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Abstain
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

5-Aye and 2-Abstentions

10. Consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action for cancellation or amendment of Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) Cooperative Agreement, including possible return of responsibility for management of Echota, No Head Hollow, Peavine Hollow, Round Hollow, Stunkard and Watts to ODWC. Presented by Commissioner Rick Stubblefield.

Chairman Stubblefield led off the discussion about the proposal. He explained the demographics of the river basin had changed a lot throughout the years. He talked about the public access areas being considered state parks. He said that it was important that we think laterally. He also thought OSRC needed to be able to enforce the changes, maintaining and providing law enforcement. Commissioner Stubblefield recommended when Commissioners initiated rulemaking that it was imperative the OSRC work with Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to cancel the present agreement by years end and develop a new agreement.

Chairman Hilsher followed Commissioner Stubblefield saying the OSRC "is looking for ways to increase revenue, if it can't do that then it needed to decrease spending. If OSRC didn't have that expense we could put that money toward law enforcement."

Commissioner Fuhr asked about the December 31st deadline process. Chairman Hilsher explained "the process and that it is not fair for anyone to only have 30 days to respond. It is a good idea to have deadlines. Bottom line, if the state doesn't trust the OSRC to run and fund these recreational facilities, then they need to find someone else. Our revenue stream has diminished."

Commissioner Stubblefield motioned to approve the cancellation of the contract. Commissioner Randall seconded the motion.

Commissioner Trey Peyton proposed for the public to have more input and not to vote at the present time. He wanted to put fourth an amendment to have the public look at it during the next meeting.

Commissioner Stubblefield restated the motion. The motion was to provide notice to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) to exercise an option to withdraw from the current agreement effective December 31, 2015, and to authorize the Chairman and Administrator to begin consultations with the ODWC and the AG's Office to develop alternative strategies to recognize the increase in utilization and increase in cost associated with operation maintaining and providing law enforcement. If alternative language could be developed between the ODWC, Chairman and Administrator, then the Commission, as a whole, can approve or disapprove OSRC entry in the new agreement.

Jack Spears stated that the OSRC received camping fees from Round Hollow and Peavine Hollow Public Access Areas and he would like to know if this offsets the cost of maintenance and law enforcement. Administrator Fite answered "no" in response to his question and explained those costs the OSRC has to pay beyond generated camping fee receipts.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Aye
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Aye
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Aye
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

Unanimous Vote, 7-Aye

11. Consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action to authorize Administrator to seek funding and/or cooperative agreement with Oklahoma State University for recreational carrying capacity study of the Illinois River. Presented by Chairman Gerald Hilsher.

Chairman Hilsher started the discussion saying he had asked Administrator Fite to seek funding and a cooperative agreement with Oklahoma State University regarding a recreational carrying capacity study of the Illinois River. He referred to a proposal that was circulated explaining that it evaluates "the amount or type of use an area can sustain without unacceptable change." In most river carrying capacity studies there are four types of capacities that are addressed: (1) physical carrying capacity, (2) facility (design) carrying capacity, (3) social carrying capacity, and (4) ecological carrying capacity. He said the first three are encompassed in this proposal. Chairman Hilsher said that the cost break-up is made of the first three. He said the fourth component ecological carrying capacity may be added under the leadership of Dr. Tracy Boyer, OSU Agriculture Economist.

Chairman Hilsher said that the intent of the motion goes to see if we can find the money. He said that he was very surprised that of the 3 out of 4 steps is only \$28,000. He further explained this would include the use of GPS monitoring and surveys of the user community, as well as evaluating the benefits and the value of this. He also talked about the research team and gave a summary of qualifications:

- Lowell Caneday, Ph. - Regents Professor; co-author of the Illinois River Management Plan; co-author of the 2012 Oklahoma Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor recreation Plan; extensive research related to parks and leisure behavior of park visitors.
- Hung-Ling (Stella) Liu, Ph.D. - Research Assistant Professor; co-author of the 2012 Oklahoma Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; member of research staff developing resource management plans for Oklahoma State Parks.
- I-Chun (Nicky) Wu, Ph.D. - Research Assistant Professor; geospatial analyst; member of research staff developing resource management plans for Oklahoma State Parks; experience with carrying capacity and visitor behavior on rivers and trails
- Fatemeh (Tannaz) Soltani, Ph.D. (summer 2015) - Post-doctoral fellow; MBA and international tourism experience; visitor behavior in natural resource settings

Chairman Hilsher said that these people have the experience to gather data that the agency needs. Chairman Hilsher said the OSRC mission is to protect the ecological aspect of the agency and this is part of it and the best we can authorize the administrator to go and seek the funds for this venture. Chairman Hilsher said the motion is that if we can locate necessary funds that we could engage the carrying capacity study and add the fourth point to it we should do it. Commissioner Randall seconded the motion.

Commissioner David Spears asked why we don't use this \$28,000 for law enforcement instead of the carrying capacity study.

Kathy Ryals added her concern regarding the carrying capacity study and wondered if the agency had prioritized our needs. Cheryl Allen answered Cathy Ryals' question by saying that the agency is talking with a grant writer working on locating funding, and states that if it is located it would have to be used for that specific endeavor.

Chairman Fuhr suggested that it was not good practice to rob from Peter to pay Paul, yet, he said the OSRC that we can make this work.

Jack Spears brought to the Commission's attention the carrying capacity study from 1994 and the OSU study that was done and suggested that it is in the behavior of the floater that causes degradation not the amount of floaters that were on the river. He stated that only 5% said it was a very serious problem. He continued by saying that one of Dr. Boyer's conclusions from a previous study discussed by the Commission, was that Oklahomans value improvements that personally affect

their recreational use rather than habitat improvement for nonuse or other purposes. Adding to this, Mr. Spears said "we have the same amount of permits 3,900; we have the same commercial float areas with the same numbers of ridiculous rules along with that." He continued by saying "the number of guests between 1994 and 2008 were basically the same?" He said "we didn't have figures beyond 2008, but there were not anymore people visiting now than there were then. These are just some points he wanted to address".

Chairman Hilsher asked Jack Spears where his information was coming from. Mr. Spears said "the National Parks Service assisted the OSRC in conducting a recreation carrying capacity of the Illinois River Corridor Study."

Chairman Hilsher asked Jack Spears when this was dated and he answered 1994.

Administrator Fite responded by saying OSRC didn't conduct a carrying capacity study that year and that the Mr. Spears may be referencing work that would become a part of the 1998 Illinois River Management Plan that addressed river corridor values, water quality and recreation.

Jack Spears stated that "the questions that he'd brought up, as the number of permits and the number of people on the river have not changed and were not affected in that area".

Administrator Fite responded that he happened to have a copy of the Management Plan with him, and inquired as to what page Jack Spears was referring to. Mr. Spears couldn't find a page number but talked about "page/section 19" that had to do with this study. Administrator Fite said that he thought the info he referred to may be associated to floater's exit survey(s) conducted in 1980s and 1990s.

Chairman Hilsher stated that he was not really sure where this was coming from and in the 1998 Illinois River Management Plan on page 54 it talked about how it had to do with the Illinois River and the strategies included an ongoing research program administered to access changes in visitation patterns on the Illinois River. This program would increase recreational progress on the river, and voluntary compliance of the OSRC rules and regulations should be monitored and a level of change should enact before management action could be taken. The river float areas should be evaluated according to the recreation-use models. Customize use levels in the area to provide the opportunity for appropriate recreation experiences within the established areas. Chairman Hilsher said he has 3,000 rafts that is almost twice the carrying capacity of a two man canoe. Mr. Spears said "what a lot of people don't understand about this river right now is that kayaks are coming back and they only have one person in them." Chairman Hilsher said that he has no numbers to go by and that he was going to make it so that commercial operators gave him numbers. Mr. Spears responded that he had the numbers up to 2008. Chairman Hilsher responded saying in 2008 he had dark hair, too. Barb Daily said she was a landowner and her suggestion was that the float operators count the people and not the vessels. The vessel was being used over and over. Chairman Hilsher asked if we should authorize a search for funding for a carrying capacity. Chairman Hilsher motioned to approve seeking funding for the OSU Carrying Capacity Study. Commissioner Randall seconded the motion.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	No
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Absent
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	No
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

5-Aye and 2-Nay

12. Consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action for acquisition/deployment of signage and brochures related to non-commercial/private-owned flotation device use fees requirements. Presented by Chairman Hilsher.

Chairman Hilsher presented this by saying the point was well taken and well made at the February 17, 2015 meeting. We had a lot more visitors coming to this area from different places, kayak clubs, that didn't know or follow the rules, don't know or pay fees. Education is the key for this problem. Another solution was to put out more OSRC signage and brochures for awareness.

Chairman Hilsher motioned that OSRC pursue acquisition/deployment of signage and brochures related to non-commercial/private-owned flotation device use-fees requirements. Commissioner Fuhr seconded the motion.

Kathy Ryals asked "if we want a separate sign just for this and suggests that there was also a sign for littering." Chairman Hilsher answered "yes".

Jack Spears commented that there are a lot more kayaks now using the river than in 2008. He said "the fees on them were \$1 a head and he estimated that the OSRC has lost about \$11,000 from those who aren't paying the user fee. They can come to the river anytime they wanted to and it was just \$1." He said he has to pay \$35.00 for his [licenses]. He said private boaters do not help on clean-up of litter. "They should be charged \$35.00 per person as well." Mr. Spears said his organization is pretty strong and that he proved that at during the last legislative session. He stressed the canoe operators were becoming a "strong voice".

Chairman Hilsher reminded Mr. Spears of the process if he wanted to do anything about user fees that he needed to address that with the legislature. He said the legislature wouldn't give the OSRC the authority to adjust the user fees mainly because of Mr. Spears' Operation. He told Mr. Spears to go talk to the legislature and see if you can have it changed to \$35 a person. Chairman Hilsher stated that "if Jack Spears needs a meeting to express him then he was ok with that and will make time for Jack Spears". At that point, Mr. Spears thanked the Chairman for allowing the public to make comments. He also extended an invitation to Commissioners to float with Arrowhead Resort.

Barb Dally, STIR voiced her concern about comments that Jack Spears made related to private boaters not cleaning up the river. Ms. Dally disagreed and said private boaters not only police up their litter, they also pick up litter left behind by commercial boaters.

Chairman Hilsher then asked for a roll call vote on the motion.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Aye
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Aye
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Aye
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

Unanimous Vote, 7-Aye

Chairman Hilsher paused before moving on to Item 13 to recognized Captain Bill James to provide the Ranger Department Report that was overlooked during the Administrator's Report segment of the Agenda.

Captain James talked about funding and said that it was either time for the OSRC to get out of law enforcement or get in it. He rehashed the Administrator's earlier report on Senate Bill 155 espousing that it wasn't enacted with the emergency clause because several state senators chose to be out of state at the time of the vote playing golf in New Mexico and there wasn't enough members present to pass the clause. He said the three other pieces of legislation never came out of committee. He also was critical of the lack of funding support for river rangers.

James Beck made a comment about how important it is for the Ranger Department to have back up and training. Captain James responded saying "having funding is the key".

Chairman Hilsher added that we all need to come together and find some common ground on this and work together for it to be successful.

13. Consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action on resolution for enforcement of OSRC Rules related to:

- **Commercial Flotation Device Operations river clean-up activities once per week (Ask for dates, times, manpower committed to that requirement);**
- **Collection and payment of non-commercial/private-owned flotation device use fees;**
- **Prohibition of trash/litter, 50-Quart Size Ice Chest limitation and possession of Styrofoam and glass containers;**
- **Non-commercial use permitting fee requirements; and,**
- **Imposition of "no tolerance" policy on alcohol use/possession, indecent exposure, public intoxication, etc.**

Presented by Chairman Gerald Hilsher.

Chairman Hilsher briefly discussed this agenda item covering all the points listed and then he asked Captain Bill James what he needed to achieve the desired level of enforcement.

Captain Bill James answered him by discussing his strategy. He stated that one of his requests was for a little help from the commercial flotation device operators. He said that the bus drivers that drive for CFDOs encourage floaters to sneak in alcohol and it was working against the efforts of the law enforcement agencies.

Chairman Hilsher suggested that he should table his motion or withdraw it. He also hoped Captain James would remain there through August.

14. Consideration, vote to approve, amend or take other action on Temporary 2015 Commercial Flotation Device Licenses (CFDL) application from Arrowhead Resort, Jack Spears – Owner, seeking issuance of 100 Licenses for use in Commercial Float Area 1 (specific for floating 55 canoes or kayaks and 45 for rafts). Presented by Administrator Fite.

Note Temporary licenses are granted for a stated period of time, generally expiring on December 31st of the year granted, and shall not be renewed during the annual licensing process.

CFA = Commercial Float Area. The Illinois River is divided into three sections for commercial flotation operation and licensing purposes for weekends and holidays in May through September:

- CFA 1 begins at Arkansas-Oklahoma state line extending downstream to Round Hollow Public Access Area (27.7 mile reach of the river);
- CFA 2 begins at Round Hollow Public Access Area extending downstream to Combs Bridge (7.4 mile reach of the river); and,
- CFA 3 begins at Combs Bridge extending downstream to the river's confluence with the Barren Fork Creek (26.4 mile reach of the river).

Administrator Fite explained that this is a temporary application and that there are 118 licenses available for Commercial Float Area #1. Temporary licenses are not renewable and expire on

December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Randall asked if this was legal and part of our rules process.

Administrator Fite answered "yes" and he explained that this was the only option available to Commissioners for issuing additional CFD Licenses to Arrowhead Resort-Jack Spears.

Barb Daily suggested that OSRC shouldn't approve the application.

Chairman Hilsher asked Jack Spears what river reach he would use the additional CFD Licenses in if approved. Mr. Spears responded that he intends to use them in the Hogshooter Bluff Area downstream of the Hampton Bridge - Chewey, Oklahoma.

Commissioner Stubblefield motioned to approve the 2015 Temporary 100 CFD License Application for CFA#1. Commissioner Fuhr seconded the motion.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Abstain
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Absent
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Abstain
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

5-Aye and 2-Abstentions

15. New Business.

Under the Open Meeting Act, this agenda item is authorized only for matters not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting of the agenda or any revised agenda.

No new business.

16. Adjournment.

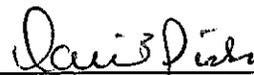
Chairman Hilsher calls for an adjournment.

The vote follows:

Bashaw	Absent	Needham	Aye
Bradford	Absent	Peyton	Aye
Corp	Absent	Pickle	Aye
Fuhr	Aye	Randall	Aye
Hilsher	Aye	Spears	Aye
Larson	Absent	Stubblefield	Aye

Unanimous Vote, 7-Aye

Passed and approved this 18th day of August, 2015.



David Pickle
OSRC Board Secretary/Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18 day of August, 2015.



Cheryl Myerley Allen
Signature of notary officer
My Commission expires: December 11, 2017
Commission #01019412