

**New Mexico State Game Commission  
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish**

**May 16, 2024 – 9 a.m.**

*Lea County Event Center*

*5101 N. Lovington Hwy., Hobbs, NM 88240*

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/g5Roh24bQxU?si=Yllu1ljb3VyH1IXj>.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order**

09:03:26 a.m. (00:00:00/00:00:16 on video)

Called to order by Vice-chairman Tirzio Lopez.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call**

09:04:15 a.m. (00:00:49/00:01:05)

**Present in person:** Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack and Commissioner Stump.

**Present virtually:** Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

**Excused:** Commissioner Garcia.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Introduction of Guests**

This agenda item was skipped.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

09:04:45 a.m. (00:01:19/00:01:35)

**Motion:** To approve the agenda for the May 16, 2024, meeting as written.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Clemente.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Stump.

**Approved:** Unanimous by voice vote – Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Action Item)**

09:05:21 a.m. (00:01:55/00:02:11)

**Motion:** To elect Commissioner Richard Stump as the next chair of the Commission.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Pack.

**Seconded by:** Vice-chairman Lopez.

**Approved:** Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

**Motion:** To elect Commissioner Sharon Salazar Hickey as the next vice-chair of the Commission.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Fulfer.

**Seconded by:** Chairman Stump.

**Approved:** Chairman Stump, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack and Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

**Absent:** Vice-chairman Lopez.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Consent Agenda (Action Item)**

09:11:25 a.m. (00:07:59/00:08:15)

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the April 19, 2024, meeting as submitted by the Department.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Pack.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Clemente.

**Approved:** Unanimous by voice vote – Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

**Motion:** To approve the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Nebraska Big Game Conservation and Intrepid Care to receive donated licenses per 19.31.3 NMAC.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Clemente.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez.

**Approved:** Unanimous by voice vote - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Subsequent Discussion of the Migratory Game Bird Rule 19.31.6 NMAC for the 2024-2025 Hunting Season**

09:15:50 a.m. (00:12:24/00:12:40)

The Department presented proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, the latest information from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), recent survey information, and management goals. Season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the USFWS, working through the Central and Pacific Flyway Councils.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Initial Discussion of the Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17 NMAC**

09:24:23 a.m. (00:20:57/00:21:13)

The Department presented a proposed amendment to extend the bighorn sheep rule for two more years, as it is set to expire on March 31, 2025. This extension would align the Bighorn Rule with the expiration of the other big game rules and future rule development.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Reserve Two Elk Licenses for Wish-Granting Organizations for Individuals Under Age 21 with Life-Threatening Illness per 17-3-13.5 NMSA (Action Item)**

09:49:15 a.m. (00:45:49/00:46:05)

The Department recommended that the Commission reserve two elk licenses to be distributed through non-profit, wish-granting organizations for two individuals with a life-threatening illness. Under 17-3-13.5 NMSA 1978, the State Game Commission is directed to reserve no more than two

elk licenses per year for persons under the age of 21 who have been determined by a physician to have a life-threatening illness and who have been qualified through a nonprofit wish-granting organization. The reservation of two elk licenses will not negatively affect the distribution, abundance or other elk population parameters. It will contribute to local economies wherever the hunters may choose to stay or eat during the hunt selected.

**Motion:** To accept the Department's recommendation and reserve two elk licenses for the two applicants to be sponsored by the non-profit, wish-granting organizations, or the alternates, should the primary individuals not be able to participate in their elk hunt.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez.

**Seconded by:** Chairman Stump.

**Approved:** Unanimous by voice vote - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) (Action Item)**

09:57:09 a.m. (00:53:43/00:53:59)

The Department presented the 2026-2030 Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) to the Commission for consideration and approval. The Department will incorporate information garnered from this agenda item and executive branch guidance received from the Governor's Office into the development of the fiscal year 2026-2030 capital and budget request.

**Motion:** To approve the FY26-FY30 Capital Plan as presented by the Department.

**Motion by:** Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Clemente.

**Approved:** Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: General Public Comment**

10:10:05 a.m. (01:06:39/01:06:55)

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Executive Session (Closed to the Public)**

10:21:53 a.m. (01:18:27/01:18:43)

**Motion:** Move to adjourn into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters.

**Motion by:** Chairman Stump.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez.

**Approved:** Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Action(s) From Executive Session (Action Item(s))**

12:19:46 p.m. (03:16:20/01:23:17)

No action taken.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Adjourn**

12:20:01 p.m. (03:16:35/01:23:42)

**Motion:** To adjourn.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Clemente.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez.

**Approved by Voice Vote:** Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.  
Unanimous by voice.

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Richard Stump, Chair

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