

**Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
Zoom Meeting Minutes
Cheyenne, WY**

Friday, May 29, 2026

Members Present:

Mark Jolovich, President
Rusty Bell, Vice President
John Masterson, Member
Kenneth Roberts, Member
Fonzy Haskell, Member
Bill Mai, Member
Angi Bruce, Member

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Staff Present:

Eric Wiltanger, Jeff Davis, Meredith Wood, Roy Weber, Alan Osterland, Sean Bibbey, Ray Bredehoft, Dan Smith, Dirk Miller, Wayne Cotton, and Toni Bell.

Legal Representation:

Jason Keen, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Guest Present:

Becky Jolovich

Open session began at 9:04 a.m.

President Jolovich began the meeting with a welcome and a request to silence cell phones. A quorum was established by a roll call of the Commissioners, Commissioner Ashlee Lundvall was excused. President Jolovich provided information on how to comment during this Zoom meeting. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Chief, Services Division. Approval to Acquire or Dispose of Fee Title or Less than Fee Title Property Rights.

Chief Bibbey provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Table Mountain WHMA and explained the advantages and benefits of acquiring this parcel of land. He explained funding information and showed pictures of the land. The Department recommends the Commission vote to approve the acquisition of 370 acres next to Table Mountain WHMA in Goshen County.

The Commission discussed the details of the property title and clarified that the deed would be held in the name of the Commission rather than the Department. Concerns were raised regarding reports that the Department had outbid a local agricultural producer. Chief Bibbey explained that the Department was not privy to the details of other private bids and followed a standard process where the seller ultimately decides which contract to accept.

The public meeting in Torrington regarding this issue had approximately 30 attendees. While several individuals spoke in opposition due to concerns about increasing government property holdings, Department staff stated that the majority of attendees did not speak, and supporters had reached out following the meeting.

The intended use of Conservation Funds was also discussed and that the acquisition aligns with the intent to provide public access opportunities for sportsmen. It was confirmed that the Goshen County Commission had been notified of the project but had not provided a response to the Department's correspondence.

Public Comment (via Zoom).

Guy Litt, Co-Chair Wyoming Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Mr. Litt voiced his support for this land acquisition.

Devin O'Dea, Wyoming Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Mr. O'Dea supports this land acquisition.

Josh Metten, Wyoming Field Manager - Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Mr. Metten supports this land acquisition.

Chris Madson
Mr. Madson voiced his support for this land acquisition.

Bruce Perryman, Ringneck Ranch, LLC
Mr. Perryman stated his support of the Department recommendation.

Marvin Jones, Rancher in Torrington
Mr. Jones is concerned as a young, first-generation producer striving to expand his operation. He noted that the Conservation Funds he contributes to the Game and Fish Department seemingly work to his disadvantage, leading him to feel he received the "short end of the stick" and lost out to the government. Mr. Jones stated that he is indifferent to the Department's recommendation.

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the purchase of the Table Mountain Property for a total cost of \$744,000 using grants from the Two-Shot Goose Club and Ducks Unlimited and paying the remaining balance from Conservation Stamp Access Funds. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion.

The Commission thanked Mr. Jones for commenting. They acknowledged his specific circumstances as a producer and encouraged him to pursue future leasing opportunities related to the parcel. They also thanked him for his dedicated service to the agricultural community.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Presenter: Ray Bredehoft, Deputy Chief, Services Division. Horse Creek Road.

Deputy Chief Bredehoft presented information on the Horse Creek Road repair. He provided a brief history of the road and the damage that the road has endured. Deputy Chief Bredehoft referred to the pictures of the damaged road in the Commission notebook. He discussed road-user agreement and stated that one private landowner completed engineering work, and the Department found that to be satisfactory. Total repair costs are estimated at \$595,000 to \$600,000, excluding

permit fees. He requested the Commission vote to contribute funding for the repair of this segment of road in Teton County.

Discussion regarding the Horse Creek Road repair centered on concerns about the project's funding and the lack of cooperation from the local landowners. The road is essential for accessing a critical elk feedground, but it has suffered significant damage and requires an estimated \$595,000 to \$600,000 for repairs. Commissioners questioned the level of contribution expected from private landowners who use the road and noted that while some are willing to contribute, others have not shown cooperation. There was discussion about whether the Department should cover a significant portion of the costs or if a collaborative funding model involving local residents would be more appropriate.

It was suggested that any Department contribution should be contingent on a formal contract, ensuring the funds are used specifically for the repair and that the Department is not committed to ongoing future maintenance.

Commissioner Bell moved to allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to move conversation forward for road maintenance. Commissioner Masterson moved to amend the motion to add “to be spent by August 1, 2026.”

Chief Bibbey cautioned against a short time period.

Commissioner Masterson withdrew his amendment. Commissioner Roberts seconded the original motion.

Commissioner Mai stated he supports the Department's participation but does not want to commit to fund a specific amount until all parties convene and reach a formal agreement. Both Commissioner Haskell and Commissioner Bell concurred.

Commissioner Bell withdrew the motion.

The Commission decided that more information is needed before approving funding and directed the Department to return in July with a formal recommendation and a clearer plan that includes the expected contributions from all stakeholders.

3. Call to the Public.

None.

Commissioner Masterson moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Mark E. Jolovich, President