CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'd like to call the meeting to order. It's 12 o'clock. And thank y'all for being here on special notice.

We have an item that we should have gotten done last time on CPI increase that has to be done by the end of business today as I understand it. I'm going to get David Dean to explain that to y'all so we know exactly what we're voting on.

David.

MR. DEAN: Hello, everybody. Just for the record, I'm David Dean, one of the attorneys for the Conservation Department.

The reason we had to have this meeting -- I sure appreciate everybody making the effort to be here. I know people have to come from long ways and all kind of things, Peru or wherever.

But under 9-11-68 and 9-11-69 of the Code, there is a process that we have to do every year for the application of the Consumer Price Index increase to the license -- to the hunting and fishing licenses in order to increase the hunting and fishing licenses, if appropriate, based on the Consumer Price Index. And the Code sections require that that recommendation -- the Commissioner makes a recommendation that the board approves, and then that has to be sent to the chairman of the Legislative Council. And that has to be there by the end of March.

And typically we meet -- you know, historically we've had a meeting in March. We did have our March 1st meeting, but it was sort of the equivalent to our February meeting. And so we didn't have the meeting later on in March this year that we normally would have had to approve this. So this necessitated having a special meeting for us to approve this, to consider it and vote on it. And so that's why we've had to have this special meeting today, and I appreciate everybody coming.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any questions for David?

MR. RAYMOND JONES: What is the current -- I mean, what was it currently last year and what does the new CPI take it to?

Do we know that?

MR. McMillan: Pass the paper.

MR. HARTZOG: If you'd buy a paper like I was chastised about.

MR. CURTIS JONES: .96.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: What's that?
MR. CURTIS JONES: It's .96, I think. It's the difference between the CPI and the new CPI.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: Got you.

MR. CURTIS JONES: It's not total CPI. It's the change.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: All right. Thanks for clearing that up for us.

MR. DEAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other questions?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. If I can get somebody to give us a motion that we would approve --

MR. HARTZOG: So move.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: So we have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. RAYMOND JONES: Second.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Have a second. Any other discussion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All those in favor hold your hand up signifying if you vote for the CPI increase.

(All board members raise hand.)

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show that it's unopposed, all in favor.

Okay. Thank y'all.

The second item is the discussion of the location of the next regular board meeting. It's going to be May 3rd.

Would y'all like somewhere besides Montgomery?

We were talking about having it here at the auditorium.

Betsy, is that correct?

MS. JONES: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: And it's central to the state if that works for everybody.

MR. MARTIN: Pell City.

MR. BUNN: I would prefer Birmingham, but I could do Montgomery.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: I would prefer Birmingham.

MR. HATLEY: I'd like to see it in Mobile.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We will move it there, served on the committee, also, so hands to you.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We had a good response. We raised a lot of money for the foundation. And hopefully we'll continue it and keep heading that direction. Again, it seemed to be well received by the entire state and surrounding states.

MR. HATLEY: How much did you raise?

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We through sponsorships raised over 230,000. That's not counting auction and other donations.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: Do we know where we were after auction and donations?

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Don't have the final numbers yet. We're still looking at those totals.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: One more question, housekeeping business.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: We made a lot of motions and stuff the last meeting to talk
about, you know, as things are discussed. Do we need to -- at this meeting do we need to rediscuss any of those simply so that they're mentioned?

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I don't think so.

David --

MR. RAYMOND JONES: I mean, I --

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: -- the only one we'll have at the next meeting is to approve all the housekeeping we had at the last meeting?

MR. RAYMOND JONES: Okay.

MR. DEAN: That's right.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: I just wanted to make sure we didn't have to have --

MR. HARTZOG: I think the only protocol, it had to be discussed at least at the previous meeting.

MR. DEAN: I think it's been previously discussed basically.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: All right. So we're still good there. Okay.

MR. DEAN: And if I may, Dan.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

MR. DEAN: We might for the record just note who is here so that for the record she will have it on record who all is here.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yeah. Let's go around and if you would state your name and district.

MR. DOBBS: Joey Dobbs, District 6.

MR. RAYMOND JONES: Raymond Jones, District 5.

MR. MARTIN: Jeff Martin, District 3.

MR. BUNN: T.J. Bunn, District 7.

MR. McMILLAN: John McMillan, Commissioner of Agriculture.

MR. AINSWORTH: Austin Ainsworth, District 4.

MR. HATLEY: Bill Hatley, District 1.

MR. HARTZOG: Grady Hartzog, District 2.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Dan Moultrie, Chairman.

Okay. Very good. With there being no further business, we stand adjourned. Thank y'all.

(Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.)