

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, April 6th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
1801 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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The Commission may vote to approve, disapprove, or take other action on any of the following items. The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Holder
2. Roll Call – Tammy St. Yves
3. Invocation – Nathan Erdman
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Nathan Erdman
5. Introduction of Guests – Tammy St. Yves
6. Presentation of Awards – Wade Free

John Zelbst, District 6 Commissioner – 16 Years

7. Presentation and recognition of the 2025 ODWC’s R3 Champion Award Winner: David deMontigny (LE) – Wade Free, Director
8. Presentation, consideration, and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on a donation of \$17,200 from the Mender Company to the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation (OWCF) – Nels Rodefeld, ODWC Assistant Director; Sean McCabe, OWCF Executive Director and Kent Taggart, Chief Executive Officer of Mender Company
9. Presentation, consideration, and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on a donation of \$2,500 from Oklahoma Hunters and Anglers (OHA) towards the improvement and enhancement of fisheries reservoir habitat – Ken Cunningham, Chief of Fisheries Division and Rick Nolan, President, OHA.
10. Presentation, consideration, and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on a donation of \$887.50 from the North Fork Chapter of Pheasants/Quail Forever in Oklahoma. These funds are for a UTV Prescribed Fire Skid Unit to improve habitat on Sandy Sanders and other southwest region wildlife management areas (WMAs) – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division; Laura McIver, Regional Representative, Pheasants/Quail Forever

11. Presentation and overview of the ODWC's WMA shooting range projects – Micah Holmes, Chief of Communication and Education Division; Megan Moore, Shooting Range Coordinator; and Cole Niblett, Garver Engineering.
12. Presentation, update, and discussion related to the predictive genetics to control chronic wasting disease (CWD) in whitetail deer – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division; Dr. Mark Ruder, Director of the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS), College of Veterinary Medicine Professor in Wildlife Health at University of Georgia; Dr. Jennifer Malmberg, Supervisory Research Biologist at the National Wildlife Disease Center, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services in Colorado; and Dr. Grant Woods, Wildlife Biologist, founder of Woods and Associates Wildlife Management Firm and GrowingDeer.tv.
13. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on minutes from the March 2nd, 2026, regular Commission meeting.
14. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on minutes from the March 11th, 2026, special Commission meeting.
15. Director's Report
 - a. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - b. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division.
 - c. Oklahoma Legislative Update
16. Presentation of the February 28th, 2026, Financial Reports and consideration and vote to approve, amend, or reject miscellaneous donations – Andrea Crews, Chief of Administration
17. **POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the purpose of confidential communications between the Commission and outside counsel Leonard, Long & Cassil, PLLC concerning (1) *Cherokee Nation, et al v. Free, et al.*, Case No. 25-cv-00630-CVE-JFJ (Northern Dist. Okla.), (2) *Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Free et al. v. Drummond*, Oklahoma Supreme Court Case No. 123,759, including possible action resulting from the Order therein, (3) *Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Free et al.*, Case No. 26-cv-00003-CVE-JFJ (Northern Dist. Okla.), and (4) possible legal action related to issues surrounding 2 O.S. § 6-520, where counsel has determined that disclosure of information related to the claim(s) or action(s) will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process or conduct litigation or proceed in the public interest, provided that any action taken shall be in open session.
 - a. Vote to Enter Executive Session
 - b. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4).
 - c. Vote to Exit Executive Session
 - d. Possible discussion and action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

18. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
19. Announce the May 4th, 2026, Commission meeting will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
20. Adjourn

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