



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others Present
Crystal Norris – Chairperson	Kevin Davis	Michelle Johnson, Sonoma County AWM
David Cook	Jim Lynch	James Reed, CDFW
Todd Derum	Dagny Thomas	Laurel Anderson, School Garden Network
Brock Dolman		Phil Kohlmetz, International Bird Rescue
Jeff Holden		
Beth Lamb		
Jake McKee		
Sharon Ponsford		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Adoption of June 2020 Minutes

Report: Crystal Norris asked if there are any additions or corrections to the January 2020 minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Beth Lamb to accept minutes as presented; motion seconded by Jeff Holden.

Passed with: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Reports for June 2020

Report: As of July 31, 2020, the General Fund balance is \$14,153.58.

Action: Crystal Norris requested a print out of the financial report that reads “FINAL BUDGET.” A motion was made by Jeff Holden to accept financial reports for June 2020; motion seconded by Todd Derum.

Passed with: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

V. New Business

A. Funding for Schoolyard Habitat Program. The Schoolyard Habitat Program provides opportunity for students to experience and learn about natural resources. Funding for installation materials for two qualified schools. Funding limited to native plants, path materials, tools needed for ongoing project maintenance, and curriculum. Funding will not be used for staff time, signage, or curriculum. \$5,000.00. The School Garden Network, Laurel Anderson. *First Reading.*

Report: Proposal was submitted in March 2020, prior to the Countywide Shelter-in-Place Order. Due to uncertainty regarding students attending school in-person vs. distance learning when the 2020/2021 school year starts, Laurel Anderson proposed postponing the project until Spring 2021 or Fall 2021. Commissioners recommended Laurel Anderson provide various funding options and project timelines for consideration at Second Reading.

- B. Funding for Sonoma County Urban Wildlife Conflicts.** International Bird Rescue is seeking funding to address know Urban Wildlife Conflicts (negative human-wildlife interactions) throughout Sonoma County by rescuing 300+ native aquatic birds, including animals rescued from the 9th Street Rookery in Santa Rosa. \$10,000.00. International Bird Rescue, Phil Kohlmetz. *First Reading.*

Report: Commissioners requested Phil Kohlmetz revise grant application to specify which project costs would be covered by funding, specifically delineating animal food and medical costs, for consideration at Second Reading.

VI. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Johnson
Commission Secretary