



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 7:00 pm

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

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

II. Adoption of July 2020 Minutes

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

Action: A motion was made by Jim Lynch to accept minutes as presented; motion seconded by Sharon Ponsford.

Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Reports for August 2020

Report: As of August 31, 2020, the General Fund balance is \$50,450.00.

Action: A motion was made by Beth Lamb to accept financial reports for August 2020; motion seconded by David Cook.

Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

V. Old 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. *Second Reading.*

Report: Per Commission's request, revised timeline submitted and reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Jeff Holden to fund the grant for full amount of \$5,000.00; motion seconded by Beth Lamb. Grant #207.

Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

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. *Second Reading.*

Report: Per Commission's request, amended budget submitted and reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Dagny Thomas to partially fund the grant for amount of \$5,000.00; motion seconded by Jeff Holden. Grant #208.

Passed with: 5 ayes, 1 nay, 4 absent, 1 abstain.

VI. New Business

A. Funding for Natural Protein Food for Raptors In-Care. The Bird Rescue Center has become a resource for sister organizations in surrounding counties for raptor care. Funding will help feed raptor patients by providing essential nutrition with their primary food source, rodents. Funding will ensure meeting the raptors' dietary requirements through year-end. \$10,000.00. The Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County, Ashton Kluttz. *First Reading.*

Report: Funding needs and relationship between The Bird Rescue Center and International Bird Rescue discussed.

Commissioner Jake McKee joined Zoom meeting at 7:55 pm.

VII. Reports/Comments

A. Public

B. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Johnson

Commission Secretary