



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others Present
Crystal Norris – Chairperson	David Cook	Michelle Johnson, Sonoma County AWM
Kevin Davis	Brock Dolman	Ed Morton, CDFW
Todd Derum	Jeff Holden	Tiffany Wolvek, CDFW
Beth Lamb	Jake McKee	Wendy Hayes, Sonoma Ecology Center
Jim Lynch	Dagny Thomas	Meghan Walla-Murphy, NB Bear Collaborative
Sharon Ponsford		Sheila Murphy, Sonoma County Regional Parks

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

II. Adoption of September 2021 Minutes

Report: Crystal Norris asked if there are any additions or corrections to the September 2021 minutes.

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

Passed with: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Reports for August and September 2021

Report: As of September 30, 2021, the General Fund balance is \$62,930.00.

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

Passed with: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.

V. New Business

A. **Funding for Being with Bears: A Collaborative DNA Study to Determine Population Estimates and Genealogy of the North Bay’s Black Bears.** Due to a lack of data or research studies about black bears in Sonoma County, Sonoma Ecology Center and North Bay Bear Collaborative have identified a need to develop estimates of black bear abundance and density so appropriate and successful black bear management techniques can be developed, and bear-human conflicts can be avoided or minimized. \$3,500.00. Sonoma Ecology Center with North Bay Bear Collaboration, Wendy Hayes or Meghan Walla-Murphy. *Second Reading.*

Action: A motion was made by Jim Lynch to fully fund the grant for the amount of \$3,500.00; motion seconded by Kevin Davis. Grant #214.

Passed with: 6 ayes, 0 nay, 5 absent.

- B. **Funding to Purchase Bear-Proof Garbage/Recycling Receptacles.** Sonoma County Regional Parks has identified installing bear-proof trash and recycling receptacles throughout Regional Parks as a high priority project, with an emphasis on the importance of installing these containers *before* bears develop a taste for human food. This strategy can help our community prevent dangerous human-bear encounters before they begin to occur. The Parks Foundation is requesting a grant of \$4,400.00 to purchase two BearSaver (or equivalent) trash and recycling receptacles. \$4,400.00. Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, Melissa Kelley. *Second Reading.*

Action: A motion was made by Sharon Ponsford to fully fund the grant for the amount of \$4,400.00; motion seconded by Todd Derum. Grant #215.

Passed with: 6 ayes, 0 nay, 5 absent.

VI. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Johnson
Commission Secretary