



## Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2022 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others Present
Crystal Norris – Chairperson	Brock Dolman	Michelle Johnson, Sonoma County AWM
David Cook	Jeff Holden	Susan Kirks, Madrone Audubon Society
Kevin Davis	Jake McKee	Ashton Kluttz, The Bird Rescue Center
Todd Derum		
Keli Hendricks		
Beth Lamb		
Jim Lynch		
Sharon Ponsford		
Dagny Thomas		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Adoption of June 2022 Minutes

**Report:** Crystal Norris asked if there are any additions or corrections to the June 2022 minutes.

**Action:** A motion was made by Jim Lynch to accept minutes as presented; motion seconded by Keli Hendricks.

**Passed with:** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

Commissioner Sharon Ponsford joined meeting at 7:06 pm.

IV. Financial Report for June and July 2022

**Report:** As of July 31, 2022, the General Fund balance is \$65,430.00.

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

**Passed with:** 9 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

V. Old Business

A. **Funding for Nesting Support Project.** Funding for Madrone Audubon Society’s nesting support project on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Santa Rosa consisting of creating fencing and a large area of straw mats underneath two median street trees, including covering closed asphalt traffic lanes. Area is maintained at least three days per week by sweeping area and adjusting/replacing fencing and straw. Madrone

Audubon Society also manages an encroachment permit with City of Santa Rosa, interfacing with City of Santa Rosa Police, community members, and California Department of Fish & Wildlife. \$3,000.00. Susan Kirks, Madrone Audubon Society, Sonoma County. *Second Reading.*

**Action:** A motion was made by Jim Lynch to fully fund grant request as presented for the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion seconded by Beth Lamb. Grant #218.

**Passed with:** 9 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

- B. **Annual Budget and Annual Report Timeline.** Chair Norris to prepare budget for Commission review in January 2023. Start gathering information for annual report with a rough draft targeted to be available in October 2022. Annual report to be finalized by February 2023.
- C. **Ongoing Interactions with Sonoma County District Attorney's Office.** Going forward, this item will be a reoccurring, quarterly agenda item.
- D. **Ongoing Discussion Regarding Commission Outreach.** To help facilitate grant outreach, Commissioners identified and provided organizations that may be interested in and qualify for FWC grant support. A list has been compiled for future correspondence.

VI. New Business

- A. **Avian Influenza Update.** Ashton Kluttz, Executive Director of The Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County (BRC), provided an update on how BRC is responding to Avian Influenza throughout the County, including safeguards in place at BRC facilities and challenges they are currently facing.

VII. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Johnson

Commission Secretary