



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2022 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others Present
Crystal Norris – Chairperson	Jeff Holden	Michelle Johnson, Sonoma County AWM
David Cook	Beth Lamb	Ashton Kluttz, The Bird Rescue Center
Kevin Davis	Dagny Thomas	Tiffany Wolvek, CDFW
Todd Derum		Matthew Cheever, Sonoma County DAs Office
Brock Dolman		Dustin Hughson, Sonoma County DAs Office
Keli Hendricks		Carla Rodriguez, Sonoma County DAs Office
Jim Lynch		
Sharon Ponsford		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Adoption of August 2022 Minutes

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

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

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

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

Commissioner Sharon Ponsford joined meeting at 7:13 pm.

IV. Financial Report for August and September 2022

Report: As of September 30, 2022, the General Fund balance is \$62,033.98.

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

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

V. New Business

A. **Funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Response in Sonoma County.** Since December 2021, HPAI has been sweeping south from eastern Canada and westward across the US. In July 2022, The Bird Rescue Center responded to a mass mortality event of Canada Geese in Santa Rosa, who were later tested and confirmed to have HPAI. Due to the highly contagious nature and near 100% mortality

rate, significant changes to The Bird Rescue Center are necessary. Funding is requested to help support the first 13 weeks of a HPAI outbreak. \$10,000.00. Ashton Klutz, Executive Director, The Bird Rescue Center. *First Reading.*

VI. Old Business

- A. **Annual Budget and Annual Report Timeline.** Continue to gather information for rough draft annual report scheduled to be available for Commission review at November meeting.
- B. **Ongoing Discussion Regarding Commission Outreach.** Continue discussion regarding ongoing outreach and advertising efforts. Commissioner Derum to draft a grant introduction/information letter for Commission review.

VII. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Johnson
Commission Secretary