



## Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others Present
Crystal Norris – Chairperson	Kevin Davis	Michelle Johnson, Sonoma County AWM - ZOOM
David Cook	Beth Lamb	Mary Halasz, Sonoma County AWM
Todd Derum	Dagny Thomas	
Keli Hendricks		
Jeff Holden		
Jim Lynch		
Sharon Ponsford		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

II. Adoption of March 2023 Minutes

**Report:** Crystal Norris asked if there are any additions or corrections to the March 2023 minutes.

**Action:** A motion was made by David Cook to accept minutes as presented; motion seconded by Todd Derum.

**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Reports for March 2023 and April 2023

**Report:** As of April 30, 2023, the General Fund balance is \$26,033.98.

**Action:** A motion was made by Jeff Holden to accept financial reports as presented, *however with clarification to be provided by Mary Halasz*; motion seconded by Jim Lynch.

**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

V. New Business

A. Madrone Audubon Society Grant Report (Grant #218 awarded 08/18/2022)

B. School Garden Network Grant Report (Grant #207 awarded 09/17/2020)

C. **2023 Fish & Wildlife Commission Scholarships.** Commissioners voted on and determined 2023 FWC Awards (scholarship applications were redacted to ensure impartiality). A total of seven scholarships were awarded to:

- Aidee Pressley, Al Ferris Memorial Scholarship, \$3,000.00

- Bruno Belforte, Al Gerhardt Memorial Scholarship, \$3,000.00
- Daniella Davis, \$2,000.00
- Mackenzie Black, \$2,000.00
- Abigale Deen, \$2,000.00
- Caty Dundas-Gordon, \$2,000.00
- Alanna Magers, \$2,000.00

**Action:** A motion was made by David Cook to award an additional scholarship for a total of seven scholarships totaling \$16,000.00; motion seconded by Jeff Holden.

**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

VI. Reports/Comments

A. Public – no one from public attended.

B. Board – discussed back-to-back grant requests from same applicant.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Halasz  
Commission Secretary