



FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Commissioners

Attending:

David Cook
Al Ferris
Al Gerhardt
Jeff Holden
Jim Lynch
Don McEnhill
Crystal Norris
Andrew Pozzi

Commissioners

Absent:

Jo Bentz
Brock Dolman
Julian Meisler

Others:

Kathy Cowan, Animal Pest Control-Humane Wildlife
Management & Exclusion
Doug Gore, Dragonfly Stream Enhancement
Noelle Johnson, Gold Ridge RCD
James Reed, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Kristen Reeder, Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue
Steve Riske, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Tiffany Stinson, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Karen Giovannini, Commission Secretary

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Adoption of Minutes

Report: Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the January 2013 minutes.

Al Ferris makes a motion to accept the January minutes with a second by Jim Lynch.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 3, Abstain: 0.

III. Correspondence

A. Crystal received a letter from Caroline Christian as notification of her resignation from the Commission.

B. Correspondence from California State Fish & Wildlife Commission regarding upcoming meetings and various regulatory actions.

C. Correspondence from Office of County Counsel about Conflict of Interest Code Updates: Board Agenda of 2/26/2013.

IV. Financial Reports

Report: January 2013 financials were presented. The balance as of January 31, 2013 in the Abalone fund was \$500.00, and the General Fund was \$49,999.70.

Action: Al Gerhardt makes a motion to accept the January 2013 Financial Reports as presented with a second by Jim Lynch.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 3, Abstain: 0.

V. Old Business

A. Scholarship Committee

Report: One application received as of February 21. Applications due March 31.

B. **Noelle Johnson of Gold Ridge RCD** gave a follow up report on grants #144 and #155 Insectaries for Pollinators and Farm Biodiversity program. The report can be found on the RCD's website: www.goldridgercd.org

C. **Tiffany Stinson of Department of Fish & Wildlife regarding Abalone Regulation Enforcement.** A request of \$649.92 to purchase a freezer to store evidence confiscated related to illegal take of abalone and other fish and game. *Second reading.*

Report: Postponed Commissioner suggested the grant amount be resubmitted for a purchase of a larger freezer. *Final reading at March meeting.*

D. **Kristen Reeder of Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue regarding Perimeter Fence.** A request of \$4,500 to allow the completion of an 8 foot perimeter fence around their education exhibit. *Second reading.*

Report: Additional information requested after the first reading: The amount of funds received from the prosecuted case regarding the two Mountain Lion cubs in Napa was \$15,000 and the two of the perpetrators worked 45 days (a third perpetrator was asked to leave as he was not working).

Action: Jim Lynch makes a motion to partially fund the grant request for \$2,500 with a second by Jeff Holden. Grant #168

Passed with Ayes: 5, Nays: 3, Absent: 3, Abstain: 0.

VI. **Reports/Comments**

Doug Gore of Dragonfly Stream Enhancement gave a follow up report on grant #133, Green Valley Creek Channel Stabilization.

VII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 21, 2013, in the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office Conference Room, 133 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, unless otherwise canceled by the Commission.

Note: Please call the Agricultural Commissioner's Office by Monday the week of the meeting if you are unable to attend. Remember, we cannot conduct our business if we do not have a quorum.