



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris – Chairperson		Mary Halasz – So Co Dept of Agriculture
David Cook		
Kevin Davis		
	Todd Derum	
	Keli Hendricks	
	Jeff Holden	
Harry Hubbell		
Beth Lamb		
Jim Lynch		
Sharon Ponsford		
	Dagny Thomas	

- I. Call to Order
Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. There was a quorum present.

- II. Adoption of April 2024 Minutes
Report: Crystal Norris asks if there are any additions or corrections to the April 2024 minutes.
Action: A motion was made by Harry Hubbell to accept minutes; motion seconded by Kevin Davis.
Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

- III. Correspondence
There are no Fish and Game Commission notices.

- IV. Financial Reports for April 2024
Report: As of April 30, 2024, General Fund balance is \$73,500.69 left in this year’s budget. We have a small amount from superior court, probation, and collections.
Action: A motion was made by Beth Lamb to accept financial reports for April 2024 as presented; motion seconded by Harry Hubbell.
Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

- V. Old Business
 - A. Crystal Norris discussed letter to be sent to previous grant recipients. Mary Halasz has sent letters via email to grant recipients for previous two years.
 - B. Susan Kirks from Madrone Audubon Society West 9th stated she previously sent reports; however, they have not been received.

C. Second reading for Wildlife Conservancy grant request for \$5,050.00. Ryan Berger is present via Zoom to provide brief overview of how grant funds will be utilized.

Action: A motion was made by David Cook to accept Grant # 225 as presented for \$5,050.00 and accepted by Jim Lynch.

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

VI. New Business

A. First reading new grant request from Aiyana Singh, who joined meeting via Zoom to discuss how grant funds, if approved, will be utilized. She is continuing research at Sonoma State University on Pacific Purple Sea Urchins.

Report: Crystal stated the second reading for this grant request will take place at the June 2024 Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting and she should be present at that meeting where voting will take place – preferably in person.

B. Dagny Thomas, not present, researched purchase of new nameplate holder and found one for approximately \$39.00.

Report: All commissioners present are in favor of purchasing new holder and Crystal Norris will notify Dagny Thomas.

C. **2024 Fish & Wildlife Commission Scholarships:** Commissioners voted on and determined 2024 FWC Awards (scholarship applications were redacted to ensure impartiality). Commissioners also agreed to award a total of eight scholarships instead of six due to so many wonderful applicants. Scholarships were awarded to the following and checks will be given out at June 20, 2024 meeting:

- Madison Stein, Al Ferris Memorial Scholarship, \$3,000.00
- Camille Stinson, Al Gerhardt Memorial Scholarship, \$3,000.00
- Angelica Summary, \$2,000.00
- Raymond Wang, \$2,000.00
- Taylor Eaton, \$2,000.00
- Emily Hascall, \$2,000.00
- Sophia Rose Neeley, \$2,000.00
- Gabriella Nicole Trave, \$2,000.00

VII. Reports/Comments

- a. Public
- b. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Halasz
Commission Secretary