



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
	Crystal Norris – Chairperson	Mary Halasz – So Co Dept of Agriculture
David Cook		Ken Wayne – FlyingTails.org
Kevin Davis		Craig Ponsford
Todd Derum		Sheila Murphy – So Co Regional Parks, Zoom
Keli Hendricks		Melissa Kelley – So Co Regional Parks, Zoom
	Jeff Holden	Susan Kirks – Madrone Audubon Society, Zoom
Harry Hubbell		
Beth Lamb		
Jim Lynch		
Sharon Ponsford		
Dagny Thomas		

- I. Call to Order
Commissioner Dagny Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

- II. Adoption of June 2024 Minutes
Report: Dagny Thomas asked if there are any additions or corrections to the June 2024 minutes.
Action: A motion was made by Jim Lynch to accept minutes; motion seconded by Todd Derum.
Passed with: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

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

- IV. Financial Reports for June 2024 and July 2024
Report: As of June 30, 2024, closing fund balance at end of fiscal year is \$275,091.64. \$45,850.03 was spent. \$95,995.29 remaining to spend this year as of July 31, 2024. A small amount of revenue was received from DA.
Action: A motion was made by Keli Hendricks to accept financial reports for June and July 2024 as presented; motion seconded by Beth Lamb.
Passed with: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

- V. Old Business
 - A. New nameplate holder was ordered and is being used now. Nameplates fit perfectly.
 - B. Dagny Thomas asked if we have received reports from previous grant recipients since emails were sent requesting them. We have received report from Susan Kirks with Madrone Audubon and Melissa Kelley with Sonoma County Regional Parks.

VI. New Business

- A. Grant request for Sonoma County Parks. Melissa Kelley present via Zoom and Sheila Murphy, Wildlife Management Lead from So Co Regional Parks Natural Resources Division gave a detailed slide-show presentation about Bear-Resistant Trash & Recycling Bins and Food Lockers Projects via Zoom.
- B. Grant request for Madrone Audubon Society. Susan Kirks present via Zoom. Dagny Thomas asked that Susan fill out first page of grant application before second reading and include total dollar amount requested as well as breakdown of what funds will be used for. This project is in its 12th year providing support and safety for falling nestlings. National Geographic Disney's Biggest Little Farm documentary a few years ago doing a documentary. Susan consulted on series with them, they discovered she is with Madrone Audubon Society, last spring they filmed the egrets, when she finds out when and how to stream it, she will let commissioners know. Susan stated she will send photos of their project to Mary Halasz to forward to commissioners.

VII. Reports/Comments

- A. Public – guest Ken Wayne founded FlyingTails.org last year to transport at-risk wildlife animals to safety in his Cessna 182, developed strong relationship with Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue, flies wild animals, bald eagles, golden eagles, fox, raccoons, skunks, coyote puppies etc. to safety. His funding is very limited. Aviation equipment would be helpful to allow them to take off at scheduled time rather than waiting for fog layer to burn off. Stressful for wild animals waiting a long time while caged. He is trying to promote wildlife awareness and care and the heroes at So. Co. Wildlife. He has been approached by PBS for possible future series.
- B. Board – no comments.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Halasz
Commission Secretary