



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris – Chairperson		Mary Halasz – So Co Dept of Agriculture
David Cook		Tiffany Wolvek – DFW
Kevin Davis		Carson Niemeyer – DFW
	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 Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Adoption of August 2024 Minutes
Report: Crystal Norris asked if there are any additions or corrections to the August 2024 minutes.
Action: A motion was made by Dagny Thomas to accept minutes; motion seconded by Beth Lamb.
Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.
- III. Correspondence
There are no Fish and Game Commission notices.
- IV. Financial Reports for August 2024
Report: One grant \$3,500.00 from 2023-2024 fiscal year paid after June 2024 due to issues with SSU understanding how grants work. Received \$1,274.32 from Superior Court, small amount from probation and collections. This leaves \$95,995.29 for current year budget.
Action: A motion was made by Jeff Holden to accept financial reports for August 2024 as presented; motion seconded by Kevin Davis.
Passed with: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Second reading for Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation for more bear-proof recycle trash bins. Sheila Murphy present via Zoom. Beth Lamb concerned; amount is larger than what commission usually grants. This is for North Coast Region, replacing four non-bear-proof trash cans at coastal access points at Sea Ranch area and replacing seven food lockers at Gualala Point Regional Park. Bears have started to show up at this campground. Sheila added they have implemented bear resistant infrastructure since receiving last grant. They have put in bear-proof

trash cans at Chanslor Ranch, implemented first trial run of bear resistant dumpsters in Sonoma County at Gualala Point and Stillwater Cove. Melissa appreciates generosity and continued support and looks forward to submitting report upon completion.

Action: A motion was made by David Cook to accept this proposal for **Grant #227**; motion was seconded by Jeff Holden.

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

- B. Second reading for Susan Kirks, Madrone Audubon Society for additional funds for West 9th Street project. Revised application and 2021 newsletter received.

Action: A motion was made by Beth Lamb to accept this proposal for **Grant #228**; motion was seconded by Harry Hubbell.

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

- C. Crystal Norris discussed importance of game wardens attending meetings.

VI. New Business

- A. No new business.

VII. Reports/Comments

- A. Public – no comments
B. Board – no comments

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Halasz
Commission Secretary