



FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 19, 2006 Meeting

Attending
Members

Crystal Norris
Jim Lynch
Al Ferris
Brock Dolman
Dennis Rosatti
Pierre Gadd
Dave Cook
Andrew Pozzi
Jo Bentz

Absent
Members

Martin Bauman

Others

Martha Bently, The Bird Rescue Center
Kathleen Kraft, Salmon Creek Watershed
Chris Choo, Salmon Creek Watershed
Jeff Holden, citizen
David Lewis, UCCE
Paul Olin, UCCE
Steve Riske, Department of Fish & Game
Deanna McAulay, Ag. Commissioner's Office
Veronica Bowers, citizen
Don Lullock, citizen

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion to accept the November minutes with the correction from Andy Pozzi that the equipment bought with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) grant would be returned to the commission once UCCE was finished using it was made by Al Ferris with a second by Pierre Gadd. Motion carried.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

1. Note along with a check totaling \$11,574 from Doug Gore of Dragon Fly Stream Enhancement
2. Letter from Sonoma County Abalone Network (S.C.A.N.) regarding the "Randy Fry Law"
3. A Scholarship information update request from Humboldt State University
4. Letter from Sonoma County District Attorney including a check totaling \$166.69 regarding the People v. King Dairy
5. Letter of Intent from Jo Bentz regarding an open seat on the commission
6. Resolution from the Board of Supervisors appointing Jo Bentz as a Commissioner from the Fifth District
7. A Grant Report from Watershed Day 2005
8. Notice of public hearing regarding Wendel Trappe/Canyon Rock Company Inc. requesting a zone change
9. Department of Fish and Game News Releases –
 - *DFG Calendar of events for February*
 - Salmon Informational Meeting, Location: Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa on February 21

Financial Report

The Abalone Fund in November received \$451.94 from collections with a fund balance of \$21,447.78. The General Fund received court revenues in November of \$2,203.46 with a fund balance of \$180,996.53. Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Jim Lynch with a second by Andy Pozzi. Motion carried.

The Abalone Fund in December received \$14,515.34 from collections with a fund balance of \$35,963.12. The General Fund received court revenues in December of \$1,052.01 and District Attorney revenues of \$999.69 with a fund balance of \$183,005.83. Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Jim Lynch with a second by Andy Pozzi. Motion carried.

Old Business

Second Reading University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and Sea Grant Extension Program – David Lewis and Paul Olin of UCCE were present supporting a grant for \$12,430 for the Russian River Coho Recovery Monitoring. This grant will enhance ongoing Coho recovery efforts in the Russian River and its tributaries.

The commissioners had no questions for the grant requestors. However, the commission requested that when UCCE was finished with the equipment, the County of Sonoma would maintain ownership of the equipment.

Motion to accept the grant request in full for \$12,430 with a stipulation that when UCCE was finished with the equipment the County of Sonoma would maintain ownership of the equipment purchased with the grant money was made by Al Ferris. A second was made by Brock Dolman. Motion carried Grant #98 to UCCE and Sea Grant Extension Program for ongoing monitoring of Russian River Coho recovery efforts.

New Business

First Reading Salmon Creek Watershed Council – Kathleen Kraft and Chris Choo of Salmon Creek Watershed Council were present requesting a grant for \$9,653.95 to \$10,490.95 to continue and expand the volunteer monitor project of Salmon Creek.

Kathleen Kraft gave a background description of the need for the grant money as follows: There is a team of volunteers that walk the creek and monitor water quality, insects and fish. Together with the Gold Ridge RCD, who had received a grant for equipment from the Department of Fish & Game, share equipment to monitor the creek. However now RCD is taking their equipment to monitor other creeks, leaving the Salmon Creek Watershed Council without equipment to continue with their monitoring.

Pierre Gadd asked who oversees the volunteer effort? Kris replied that she coordinates the volunteers, and she developed an equipment protocol for the volunteers to follow.

Andy Pozzi inquired what happens with the findings? Kris answered that the findings will be publishing later this year. Kris also added that the group has repaired erosion problems by working with approximately 25 landowners along the creek.

Jo Bentz asked if they could clarify the monetary amount listed next to the volunteers in the budget. Kris explained the figure displayed is a total amount if the volunteers were paid for their services.

Al Ferris inquired if Putnam & Chatnum were involved and if so are they going to receive any of the grant money? Kris stated yes they were involved in the beginning and no they will not receive any of the grant money. The grant is strictly for equipment so the volunteers could continue to monitor the creek.

Dave Cook asked if the group was currently working with anyone? Kris stated they were working with Marin County.

Andy Pozzi requested that Kris and Kathleen look at the list of equipment and decide which pieces are most important to get started because the commission may not be able to grant the full request at this time. Crystal agreed with Andy's statement.

Crystal Norris stated this would be considered the first reading of this grant and added that the commission needs to consider their budget before going forward.

Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-2007 – discussion began regarding the proposed budgets for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

Andy Pozzi made motion to accept the proposed budgets as is for the FY 2006-2007.

Crystal stated that the commission might want to consider increasing the General Fund's money available for the grants. Pierre suggested \$50,000 for grants and Jim said \$45,000.

Andy Pozzi amended his motion to accept the proposed General Fund budget for the FY 2006-2007 with the correction of "All Grants" be raised to \$45,000 and amend the proposed revenue to \$27,250 from DFG Fines and \$16,500 from the County D.A.'s Office, which would increase the "Total Projected Revenue" to \$45,750. A second was made by Al Ferris. Motion carried.

Andy Pozzi made a motion to accept the Proposed Abalone Budget for the FY 2006-2007. A second was made by Jim Lynch. Motion carried.

Reports and Comments

Board

Dennis Rosatti introduced Don Lullock as a District 1 resident who has worked with Department of Fish & Game in the past.

Brock Dolman requested the applications listed on the website be updated to allow users to type directly into the forms. Deanna McAulay spoke up and offered her expertise in form creation using Adobe Acrobat. The commission decided this would be a good idea and requested Deanna's help in making this happen.

Dave Cook shared that he is involved with the Laguna de Santa Rosa and directed the commission to check out the website for valuable information.

Jim Lynch shared that Grizzly Island had gained a lot of water over the New Year's flooding.

Jo Bentz stated that she is looking forward to serving on the commission.

Public

Martha Bentley said "Hi" to the commission and that she was there pitch hitting for the Bird Rescue Center.

Veronica Bowers introduced herself and is currently interested in observing how the commission operated.

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Don Lullock praised how well the commission operated as a group, and he stated his interest in viewing the By-Laws and Resolution. Crystal Norris directed him to the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for that information during regular business hours.

Steve Riske reported the water damage of the New Year's flooding kept his department busy. He had worked the South Marsh (Napa County) and saw a lot of the flood damage.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna McAulay, Secretary