

**MINUTES OF THE  
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
May 9, 2019**

At 1445 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA

**Members Present:**

Bill McFarland  
Bruce Hutchinson  
David Neubert  
Donald Manley  
Donald Priem  
Francis Coats  
Jeff Smith  
Larry Virga  
Rick Libby  
Robert Ripley  
Tiffany Walden  
Chuck Wyllie  
Danarae Doub-Reed  
Robert Boucke  
James Stone

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

Thaddeus Eubanks  
Brian Jeremiah

**Others Present:** (signing is voluntary, this list represents guests that signed the sign-in sheet)

**REGULAR MEETING:**

called the regular meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Commissioner Virga moved, seconded by Commissioner Priem to approve April 2019 minutes as written.
  - Motion passed

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 2) Treasurer's Report –
- 3) Approve submitted invoices for payment/reimbursement.
  - None

## **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

- 1) Rick Libby and Chuck Wyllie have been talking about homeless issues, some discussion about homeless among commissioners. Sacramento has a place to send the homeless, Sutter County does not. Tentative location at Behavioral Health on Live Oak, after Behavioral Health moves to the Gray Avenue location. Efforts to move any remaining Camp Fire victims to the fairgrounds.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Discussion and action – Requirements and location for potential Sutter County Public Rifle Range.
  - a. Continued to next month, discussion regarding various sportsman associations as options, permitting could be possible issue. Does Twin Cities Rod and Gun still have meetings? Fish and Game has some 22's that may have been loaned out. *(M.H.? Please clarify who may have them, as there was too much background noise to hear clearly)*
- 2) Discussion and action— Boat Ramp Fee Collection.
  - a. Commissioners discussed having more secure payboxes. Chuck will draft a letter asking about where fees are currently going. Commissioner asking about getting fees back since others haven't paid/been ticketed while no boxes available, (advised to address to General Services as personal matter). Commissioners want portable toilets serviced 3 times per week March through May at least. Can the video from Boyds be made public, live feed? Why can't there be a host at the boat ramp like Live Oak? Or Security?
- 3) Discussion and action—WILD Educational program implementation in Sutter County (\$25.00 per teacher)
  - a. Per Robert Ripley can \$250.00 be allocated from account 52240 for 10 teachers to participate in the WILD program? Also discussion regarding where the information comes from, what views does it represent? (State, federal, conservation, etc). Agendize for June
- 4) Discussion and action—New Location for Commission sponsored Junior/Women's Pheasant Hunt.
  - a. Current Hunt- Talk about supporting the hunt with non-monetary help: Lunch, signs, advertising, etc. Not possible, must be state-trained volunteers from the state program for liability purposes. Got some information back from Helena; Can be hunter educator or peace officer? For hunter educator/instructor must sign up for class (offered once per year), background check. Butte County offers classes also.
  - b. New Location issues, Private versus public properties and liabilities involved,

can't do on Federal grounds as no non-native species allowed to be used. Biggest issue seems to be liability

- c. Related info- Special Drawing-Golden Opportunity- Currently 913 instructors have chance at one of five permits. Just need to buy a license, be an instructor and apply for drawing. Many instructors don't apply and odds improve.
- 5) Discussion and action—Creation of Facebook page instead of Website
- a. Tiffany to start and maintain Facebook page for SCF&G Commission. Website is not receiving enough food-traffic to warrant the cost and is difficult to update/not being updated enough, and the other person who could easily update the website is busy with other projects. Facebook is easier to update, user-friendly and can add links to other agencies.
  - b. Motion by Commissioner Stone for Tiffany to start and maintain Facebook page. Seconded by Bouke. Approved.
  - c. Will phase out website

### Committee updates –

#### Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee:

- A. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee- Tiffany Walden:** Bob Buckner at GS requested information from County Counsel to present changes to by-laws to the Board this month. Making sure he has all possible info to effectively represent Fish and Game on June 13, 2019 Committee Meeting.
- B. **Junior Pheasant Hunt- Chuck Wyllie:** No report
- C. **Boat Ramp- James Stone:** Tisdale is the only ramp not open, needs inspection before repairs can be made. NO Filleting fish on boats, suggested fish cleaning stations to be installed at Yuba City and Boyd's if possible. Fishermen filleting on the dock and blocking others from loading/unloading boats. Discussion on non-profit building stations at discount, possibly \$3000 for plumbing, use solar power for a disposal pipe. Colusa has plans to build one, possibly look at their process. Concerns about how to keep cleaning station unvandalized, what else might go down the pipe. James Stone to obtain breakdown of costs, option, mobile for off-season (trailer), grants, etc
  - a. Agendized Cleaning Stations for next month.
- D. **Education- Robert Ripley:** Looking for a Duck club for a CWA type camp in Sutter County, looking to add our county to existing hunting camp access. Also wrote a letter to the Board concerning the homeless issues (*attached*).
- E. **Conservation- Bruce Hutchinson:** No report.
- F. **Special Projects- Chuck Wyllie:** No report
- G. **Planning & Budget- Danarae Doub-Reed:** No report
- H. **Fishing Committee—Robert Boucke:** Fishing Derby at Ellis Lake on the 18<sup>th</sup>, needs help at trout tub. 6:30 start time. Issues in past of people taking fish from kids (?)

**Fish and Wildlife Warden Update –** Fish Rescue done at Tisdale 3 separate days due to water level dropping. Lots of Sturgeon, Salmon, Striper and Shad

**Wildlife Biologist Update:** Absent

**Commissioner Comments –**

- a. J. Stone- After a review, Spring run Salmon will be open on the Klamath for 6 weeks, July 1-August 15
- b. R. Libby- Mountain Lion on Feather River in marshes in large amount this year.
- c. Bear that made it across multiple counties, is a concern this activity is a current trend.
- d. May 16, 2019 Commission to adopt Salmon Regulation back up to 2 fish any size, 7/16-12/16/19 on Yuba River; 7/16-10/31/19 on Feather

**Public Comments—** \$5 Million only going to clean 1-2 ramps of sediment. Prioritize list to focus 75% to clean up Yuba City Boat ramp and island/sand bar between Yuba City and Marysville. Mention of using \$40,000 of the funds to clean up invasive primrose at Live Oak park. Not using in Marysville or Star Bend. Permits. Rattlesnakes an issue this time of year.

**Correspondence –** No report

**Notes—**No notes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia DeSantis*

Sutter County General Services