

**MINUTES OF THE
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
August 8, 2019
At 1445 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA**

Members Present:

Bill McFarland
Donald Manley
Donald Priem
Francis Coats
Robert Ripley
Chuck Wyllie
James Stone
Bruce Hutchinson
Jeff Smith
Danarae Doub-Reed
Robert Boucke

Members Excused:

Rick Libby
Tiffany Walden

Members Absent:

Thaddeus Eubanks
Brian Jeremiah
David Neubert
Larry Virga

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

Dale Whitmore
Cameron Tucker

REGULAR MEETING:

Called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No July Meeting
- ***June Minutes not yet approved

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) Treasurer's Report – No action
- 2) Approve submitted invoices for payment/reimbursement.
 - No new submissions- Question about Cody's payment-

- 3) Discussion/review of fiscal statement.
 - a. Expected revenue for 2020 reduced (Acct 43210)
 - b. Incomes were higher than expenses; banked \$814.18 for 2018/2019 FY.
 - c. Additional discussion clarifying budget/revenue accounts.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- 1) Ordinance has been completed and will be in next month's mailing.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Discussion and action – Requirements and location for potential Sutter County Public Rifle Range.
 - a. Agendize for September meeting. (Continued for subsequent month until action can be taken)
- 2) Discussion and action – Maintenance Grant from Boating and Waterways for \$50,000 per year; How is the money being used?
 - a. Request a County Employee and County Supervisor to attend an upcoming meeting and discuss this issue with the Commission.
 - b. Question regarding Tisdale and integrity of facility, had insurance company been notified? Is there a bond regarding a guarantee of the work for a set period of time?
 - c. Would the proposed locking gate need Fish & Game or Boating and Waterways approval to close at night?
 - d. Trash at Yuba City Boat Launch and people sleeping in cars at Boyd's pump referenced as reasons why the gates will be helpful.
 - e. Agendize for September
- 3) Nominations and Vote Action for Chair, Vice Chair, and Recording Secretary.
 - a. Chair: Chuck Wyllie nominated (not identified), Second (not identified), Third (not identified). Vote: Unanimous yes
 - b. Vice Chair: Rick Libby nominated (not identified), no Second. Vote: Unanimous yes. Accepted via phone.
 - c. Secretary: Danarae Doub-Reed nominated (not identified), no Second. Vote: Unanimous yes.
- 4) Discussion and action—New Location for Commission sponsored Junior/Women's Pheasant Hunt.
 - a. State doesn't want to offer grounds. Fish and Game can't take part in current hunt unless are State Employees. Possibly if offering to BBQ or feed people; would have to set up completely separate from bird processing area, away from shooting areas. State provides reference to previous complaints/lawsuits as reasoning to not want volunteers.
 - b. Discussion regarding accessibility and planting accommodations for disabled.
 - c. Question as to renting private or using donated land and having a hunt; leftover birds?
 - i. ***Multiple Conversations at this point could not hear the details of either.***
 - d. About using private property, liability is an issue. (Previous Boy Scout event, event with insurance and all costs being covered there was still a lawsuit.
 - e. May be better to keep in simple: Kids education programs and field safety.

- f. Agendize for September Meeting
- 5) Discussion and action—Fish Cleaning Stations at Boat Launches- Review breakdown of costs, non-profit discounts, grants, plumbing, power and restrictions
- a. Regarding funding through Fish and Game; July 25, 2019 BOS unofficially suggested that Fish and Game has funds and should use it. Discussion of possible permits needed, F&G code 16, CEQA, streambed alteration risks, Army Corps of Engineers restrictions regarding waterways? Power for the water pumps: Yuba City ramp has power on site, Boyd’s could cost approximately \$8,000 to splice into power from light pole. Discussion related to permits shifted to comparison of facilities in Sutter County vs other locations such as Gridley and costs and proposed gates limiting access to fishing, hours of operation, cost, turn-around and Department of Waterways permission to shut down boat launches at night. Increasing fees?
 - b. Motion by Commissioner Manley to proceed with allocation of approximately \$20,000 for materials to build cleaning stations, with amendments as needed.
 - i. Second: Commissioner Bouke
 - ii. Vote: 9 Yeas 1 Abstain
 - iii. Notes: Expect County to fund electrical portions of proposal.

Committee updates –

- A. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee- Tiffany Walden:** By-laws need to be included in everyone’s package next month.
- B. **Junior Pheasant Hunt- Chuck Wyllie:** No report
- C. **Boat Ramp- James Stone:** No report
- D. **Education- Robert Ripley:** School is starting soon, need to address the fish hatch project.
- 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:** No report

Fish and Wildlife Warden Update – No report

Commissioner Comments –

- a. Francis Coats: We must get approval from Boating and Waterways before proceeding on boat ramps. Reference 2001 agreement between B&W and Sutter county, Contract# 99101336. Can change hours or lock gates without approval.
- b. James Stone: Fish and Game in Sacramento are trying to kill all non-native fish in the delta. Due to high response to delta fishing coalitions they are willing to not take action and make edits.
 - a. Agendize for September, Letter to repeal issue to protect sport fisheries and support all recreational fisheries which have an economic impact in our county.
- c. Chuck Wyllie: Some things haven’t been done in the past few years, can’t backtrack and fix everything. Fish and Game should focus on what can be done now to improve things from this point forward.

Public Comments— Dale Whitmore: There will be a meeting about River access parking at Riverfront park near the train trestle on August 13, 2019 at 5pm, Marysville City Council abandoned the river bottoms from their Master Plan. Currently parking is on pavement only or

\$50 ticket. River bottoms are important; need to create more parking, improvement will discourage homeless.

Correspondence – No report

Notes—Wild Ed plan \$250 from Account 52240 for teachers, Commission will forward payment information to GS.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia DeSantis

Sutter County General Services