

**MINUTES OF THE
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
September 12, 2019
At 1445 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA**

Members Present:

Bill McFarland
Donald Manley
Donald Priem
Chuck Wyllie
Bruce Hutchinson
Jeff Smith
Rick Libby
Thaddeus Eubanks
Larry Virga

Members Excused:

Robert Ripley
James Stone
Tiffany Walden
Danarae Doub-Reed

Members Absent:

Brian Jeremiah
Robert Boucke

Others Present: (signing is voluntary, this list represents guests that signed the sign-in sheet)
Francis Coats- Left after received letter from Board of Supervisors.

REGULAR MEETING:

Called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 13, 2019 Minutes
Motion to approve: Manley Second: Hutchinson
Yeas: Unanimous

August 8, 2019
Motion to approve: Priem Second: Manley
Yeas: 8 Abstain: 1

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) Treasurer's Report – Only interest income thus far. Question as per what is happening with fine revenue, is a case in the works but not finished yet. Chuck to follow up with the DA regarding charges pertaining to the case in question.
- 2) Reimburse Kathy Payne for purchase of 2 Arctic Chillers from Petco, previously approved in April 2019 meeting.
Motion: Commissioner Manley
Second: Commissioner Hutchinson
Yeas: Unanimous
(A lot of unrelated chatter can't hear Chuck Wyllie)

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- 1) Chuck to turn in drafts for B&W for fish cleaning station. YC Boat ramp details for day use, date specific code?

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Discussion and action – Requirements and location for potential Sutter County Public Rifle Range.
 - a. Agendize for October. (Commissioner Ripley not there)
- 2) Discussion and action – Maintenance Grant from Boating and Waterways for \$50,000 per year; How is the money being used?
 - a. Chuck reviewed info from Tisdale regarding hours, costs etc.
 - i. County to work with B&W regarding erosion to determine who is responsible. Sand bar, wing dam (?) ideas for mitigating erosion issue suggested
 - b. No further action
- 3) Nominations and Vote Action for Chair, Vice Chair, and Recording Secretary.
 - a. Chair: Chuck Wyllie nominated (Manley), Second (Stone),
 - i. Vote: Yeas-Unanimous
 - b. Vice Chair: Rick Libby nominated (Stone), Second (Boucke)
 - i. Vote: Yeas-Unanimous. Accepted via phone.
 - c. Secretary: Danarae Doub-Reed nominated (Wyllie), Second (Priem)
 - i. Vote: Yeas Unanimous
- 4) Discussion and action—New Location for Commission sponsored Junior/Women's Pheasant Hunt.
 - a. Location in tri-counties, Hwy 70 and bear river. Currently posted no hunting. Look into if Yuba County would put in 50% towards the hunt, would have to be open to public after Commission hunt.
 - b. If commission approves paying for half, then may want Yuba County to handle the insurance.

- c. Another option is Grey Lodge. Would they allow Commission to hold a Jr Hunt and then open to public to hunt the remaining birds? Find out how many people must be state employees. How many people must take the hunter education instructor test? Request packets in case? If hunt doesn't work out maybe plan a fishing derby out at Grey Lodge.
 - i. Chuck to draft a letter outlining the Commission plan and steps for proposal for hunt for future hunt for kids only.
 - 1. Motion: Commissioner Manley Second: Commissioner Libby
 - a. Yeas: Unanimous
- 5) Discussion and action-- Letter from Sutter County Fish and Game to oppose the repeal of 1996 Striped Bass Policy and support recreational fisheries which have economic impacts on Sutter County
- a. Motion: Commissioner Manley Second: Commission Libby
 - i. Yeas: Unanimous

Committee updates –

- A. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee- Tiffany Walden:** Disband
- B. **Junior Pheasant Hunt- Chuck Wyllie:** Change to Hunting Committee, Jeff Smith to get information
- C. **Boat Ramp- Rick Libby:** Sanitation and holding at YC Trailer park, has city water. County said years ago that leach fields would fail. If can get B&W approval for fish cleaning stations will have water up by bathrooms. Can't use sewer lines for fish cleaning as it won't break down fast enough (bones etc.)? Thought that would pump water out of river and dump fish guts and water back into river. Looking into electric at Boyd's
- D. **Education- Robert Ripley:** No report
- E. **Conservation- Bruce Hutchinson:** No report.
- F. **Special Projects- Chuck Wyllie:** Fish cleaning sinks on hold until boat ramp gates and improvements are approved by B&W. Commission member asked why gates so far down instead of by road? County hired security to open the gates. Location of the turn around being so close to the levee is concern that people will go down there anyway. Why aren't the gates up by the emergency high water gates (k-rail). Can card lock gates be up where the concrete blocks are? Will ask Blake at GS. Concern about space for turn-around.
- 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. Chuck and Don have a hunter ed class set up at Sutter County Ag Monday- Thursday, October 21-24, 2019. Sign up on-line. All ages. (Example: 7-year-old got 93 after asking several questions. 6-year-old verbally pass with 98. Not want to discriminate.
- b. Letter to Board of Supervisors regarding removal of Francis Coats, due to disruptive actions and seemingly personal agenda. Threats of lawsuits regarding land access

issues, civil vs criminal. (Advised by the District Attorney). Francis actions making Fish and Game commission dysfunctional. Commissioner asks Chuck to send copy of both letters (Letter from Chuck as well as letter of removal from Board of Supervisors), to Casey, John and Helena via email and they will likely show at meetings again.

(Sidebar discussion regarding tow truck, etc. talking over Chuck referencing BOS meeting in April, can't hear details)

Clerk of Board will notify Commission of Board's decision, but Chuck didn't hear back from Clerk. Was on consent calendar. Per Chuck, Donna Johnston advised that there had been a gap in communication and letter should have been sent back in April 2019. Request for Chuck to forward both letters and County Counsel response to everyone on commission. **GS to include copies along with fish cleaning pages with next month's packet in bag, not mailed.**

- c. Review of correspondence. No private trapping of wildlife in California: Must be federally licensed trapper. No county trapper, Northern California had 3 federal trappers and they are stationed out of Sutter County. No more degradation permits (Beavers, etc.), can't trap them, must put up fencing. No selling pelts. Mountain Lions a threat as well.

Public Comments— No comments

Correspondence – No report

Notes- No additional notes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia DeSantis

Sutter County General Services