

**MINUTES OF THE  
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
October 14, 2019  
At 1445 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA**

**Members Present:**

Bill McFarland  
Bruce Hutchinson  
Chuck Wyllie  
Danara Doub-Reed  
Donald Manley  
Jeff Smith  
Larry Virga  
Rick Libby  
Robert Ripley  
Tiffany Walden

**Members Excused:**

Donald Priem  
James Stone  
Thaddeus Eubanks

**Members Absent:**

Brian Jeremiah  
Robert Boucke

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

Dale Whitmore  
Francis Coats  
Helayna Pera- DFW

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Called the regular meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 12, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve: Manley Second: Virga

Yeas: Unanimous\*

\*With edit of removing comment about "Tow Truck"

*(GS Comment- To clarify, several commissioners were having a separate discussion in reference to a Tow Truck at the September meeting, and the microphone picked up the talking over Commissioner Wyllie at that point in the meeting.) (Comment on previous minutes will be removed. - PD)*

## CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) Treasurer's Report – Approximately \$89.00 came in, likely interest.
- 2) Payment/Reimbursement- Nothing to report

## CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- 1) Chuck still waiting to hear back from Boating and Waterways regarding the Fish cleaning stations and boat ramps.

## ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Discussion and action – Requirements and location for potential Sutter County Public Rifle Range.
  - a. Moorehead/Myers old quarry at the southwest of the Sutter Buttes is a suggested option. Waiting on a few phone calls to be returned. Quarry currently inactive. If the quarry is activated again the rifle range could be relocated again. (Continue to agenda)
- 2) Discussion and action – New Location for Commission Hunt.
  - a. Three Rivers Levee Agency property, Chuck asked that Dale Whitmore have several questions answered in order to proceed.
    - i. Approximately 100 acres bordering Yuba /Sutter counties, Road 512 and Feather River Blvd
    - ii. Yuba County no longer has a Fish and Game Commission, question as to if the Board might be willing to contribute.
    - iii. Location would have to be open to the public for the duration of Pheasant Season to allow public access to leftover birds; currently is not open to the public to hunting at all.
  - b. Jeff Smith still looking into Gray Lodge as a possibility.
    - i. The old manager at Gray Lodge is retiring, the new manager is working on this option.
  - c. (Continue to agenda)

## **Commission Committee Reports –**

- A. **Commission Hunt- Chuck Wyllie:** Already discussed
- B. **Boat Ramp- Rick Libby:** Projects currently on hold, following Mr Coats contact with Boating and Waterways.
- C. **Education- Robert Ripley:** Still working on “WILD” program; Looking for 10 teachers to participate. Person currently organizing it has been teaching for a long time.
- D. **Conservation- Bruce Hutchinson:** No report.
- E. **Special Projects- Chuck Wyllie:** No report.
- F. **Planning & Budget- Danarae Doub-Reed:** No report
- G. **Fishing Committee- Robert Boucke:** Jeff Smith says Salmon fishing has been good.

**Fish and Wildlife Warden Update** – No report initially.

- Question regarding the Nutria situation at the levees. Helayna not involved in that project.
- Question regarding trapping regulations and sale of fur.
  - o No sport trapping or trapping for fur, meat or sale.
  - o Pest Control can trap ‘nuisance’ animals but can’t relocate, must destroy them humanely

**Commissioner Comments** – Discussion about “procedure” amongst commission and voting on recommendations sent to Board of Supervisors.

**Public Comments—**

- Francis Coats brought up his removal from the Commission. Has been involved since March 2017 and his primary focus has always been regarding public access to public lands. Feels he was unfairly removed from the Commission, that the letter Commissioner Wyllie sent to the Board of Supervisors implies that it was an official request from the Commission because of a vote; although it was sent independently. Asked why other commissioners not interested in public land access.
  - o Commissioner Wyllie indicated that most of the other commissioners had knowledge or input regarding the opinion expressed in the letter. The letter was sent personally from Commissioner Wyllie.
- Additional discussion regarding the previous bylaws to having provisions to reasonably remove people who did not regularly attend or who were disruptive; current bylaws have provisions to address removals.
  - o In the future all commissioners will be included in any removal process (Vote, letter, etc)
- Due to recent interactions with Department of Boating and Waterways which resulted in additional review of county plans by DBW, several projects and improvements are being held up at the boat ramps. (Gates, repairs, etc)

**Correspondence** – No report

**Notes-** No additional notes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia DeSantis*

Sutter County General Services