



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission
501 Low Gap Road
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MINUTES

Approved by Commission February 9, 2016

DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2015
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: Fort Bragg Branch of the Mendocino County Library
499 East Laurel Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

1. CALL TO ORDER

President White called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Roll Call: *Present:* Commissioners Morgan, Trouette, White, and Vann
Absent: Commissioner Bremer
Two Vacancies

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (NO ACTION): Bill Townsend asked for a status update on Gun and Rod Club

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner Vann motioned to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes with one edit as discussed. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (NO ACTION): Commissioner Vann announced the 2nd Annual Round Valley Salmon Awareness Festival on October 17th, 2015 and reported on the County's Community Wildlife Protection Plan. He also provided an update on the Hammerhorn Lake project. Secretary Salomone reported on Senator Mike McGuire talk at Farm Bureau.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Grant Award Budget. Discussion on the Grant Award Budget distribution guidelines, including the \$5,000 limit per application. The Commission directed Secretary Salomone to communicate with Planning Staff regarding the possibility and process for changing the cap on projects process. The Commission directed Secretary Salomone to communicate with Supervisor McCowen to clarify the intent of the Board of Supervisors in the grant awarding process. Secretary Salomone will email information to the Commissioners.

Terry Guerrero asked if the Commission ever sponsors its own projects. Discussion was held.

- b. Marijuana Environment Impact. Commissioner Trouette reported on Marijuana Environmental impact in the third district, Laytonville city limits. Comments and questions were offered by Commissioners White, Vann, Trouette, and Morgan.

Commissioner Trouette motioned to approve a letter be drafted by himself from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors to address environmental damages in District 3 with appropriate authorities. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Trouette will email the draft letter to Secretary Salomone who will distribute it to the full Commission and collate comments.

- c. CA State Fish and Wildlife Commission Boundaries Review. Commissioner Trouette presented. Comments and questions were offered by Commissioners White, Vann, and Trouette.

Discussion was held on how to present this and other issues to the Board of Supervisors. It was suggested that Commission Trouette draft a bullet point list that Secretary Salomone will distribute to the full Commission and collate.

Commissioner Vann motioned to approved Commissioner Paul Trouette to be a Commission spokesperson at a Board of Supervisors meeting during Public Expression to present the Commissions concerns. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- d. Decadent Wildlife Habitat. Commissioner Trouette presented his concerns regarding the USFS, BLM, Cal Fire, decadent wildlife habitat, and fuel loads review. The Commission asked Commissioner Trouette to add these issues to the bullet point list for his presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- e. Brown Act. President White and Secretary Salomone reviewed the Brown Act requirements for meetings and teleconferencing. It was stressed that it is best if all Commissioners can attend the meeting however if compliant with Brown Act, teleconferencing is acceptable, and can be used to enhance public involvement.
- f. Open Commissioner Seats for Districts 4 and 5. Secretary Salomone reviewed the procedure for applying to the Commission. Discussion was held.

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL – NO ACTION)

Commissioner Morgan asked for an update on the schedule for 2015/2016 Grant Cycle. President White reviewed the process.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None noted.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:26pm.

Commissioner Vann motioned to adjourn. Commissioner White seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.