



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

MINUTES

Approved by Commission on December 13, 2016

DATE: Tuesday, August 9, 2016
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: Willits Branch of the Mendocino County Library
390 E Commercial Street, Willits, CA

1. Call to Order: President White called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Patty Madigan, Sean White, David Wright, and Randy Vann
Absent: Commissioner Autumn Bremer, Terry Guerrero, and Charles Morgan

2. Public Expression on Non-Agenda Items (No Action)

No one from the public indicated an interest in speaking.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2016:

Commissioner Vann motioned to approve the June 14, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Wright seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Madigan, White, Wright, and Vann
Absent: Commissioner Bremer, Guerrero, and Morgan

4. Presentations

- a. A Fish and Wildlife Warden Report
Warden Steve White provided an update on personnel and the abalone season.
DFW Biologist Scott Koller provided an update on personnel, UC Davis fencing impact research, and wildlife issues
- b. Jeanette Pederson, Environmental Impacts Related to Marijuana Cultivation in Mendocino County
Ms. Pederson, Retired Program Manager and Law Enforcement Coordinator for CALFIRE, presented specific common impacts seen in Mendocino County directly linked to permitted marijuana grows. The Commission was asked for support in recommending action to the County Board of Supervisors to develop policy on this issue and continue the conversation of the need for thorough CEQA review on projects.

Commissioner Madigan motioned to approve a letter be drafted by Commissioners Madigan and Wright with approval for Chair White to sign and distribute. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Madigan, White, Wright, and Vann
Absent: Commissioner Bremer, Guerrero, and Morgan

5. Discussion Items

a. Feral Cat Colony Policy Development

Commission discussion led to a suggestion of a letter to the Mendocino Board of Supervisors asking if they would like the Commission's help in an ad hoc committee of Fish and Game Commissioners and other interested parties to develop a policy to minimize the negative impact on wildlife of the practice of feeding feral animals.

Commissioner Vann motioned to approve a letter be drafted by Commissioner Guerrero.

Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Madigan, White, Wright, and Vann

Absent: Commissioner Bremer, Guerrero, and Morgan

b. Range and Habitat Burn Symposium

Secretary noted the burn symposium has been tentatively scheduled for autumn 2017.

6. Commissioner Comments, Reports, Announcements

a. Chair White proposed delaying the Request for Proposals for Grant Applications until April 2017.

Secretary was asked to obtain report on Commission accounts and to place item on agenda for discussion October 2016.

b. Commissioner Vann noted the road is still out and delaying the Hammerhorn project. Warden Steve White noted work would probably start in September 2016.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:50pm