



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Wildlife Commission

Mike Denega-At Large
Stephen Horan-At Large
Dennis Byrne-Dist I
Eric Harnage sec/ tres- Dist II
Kathleen Jermstad VC -Dist III
Pat Weddle, Chair – Dist IV
Victor Babbitt – Dist V

MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2021

ZOOM Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Chairman Weddle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. This meeting was conducted by video conference due to COVID-19. Present were Denega, Weddle, Horan, Byrne, Harnage, Jermstad and Babbitt.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 3/31/21 and Agenda for 4/28/21– Both the Agenda and the minutes were approved.
3. Dignitaries present were CDFW Lt. Pera, CDFW Biologist Blair and Larry Nelson.
4. Public Comment – None
5. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -
 - a. Biologist- Shelly Blair reported bear trapping/tagging efforts in the Tahoe area (Taylor Creek). The mountain quail project is moving forward, and operating expenses are available. Dove banding is still moving forward with location(s) being identified. Shelly participated in the releasing of bear cubs. Three cubs were collared for tracking.
 - b. Warden – Lt. Bob Pera reported working on signage for trespassing issues in the Kanaka Valley. They have been busy with the new fishing regulations that were implemented and working hard to educate the public. Signage was approved for Caples creek and other waterways. The CDFW ATV service was completed and paid for by the state.
6. Finance Report-
Estimated expenditure was provided-formal report will be received next month
7. Lake Walton Fishing Derby-
The commission approved the sponsorship. Amount \$3000.00
8. Finnon Lake Boat Ramp Repair-(Rock)
This request was approved by the commission. Amount \$850.00
9. Commission Reports –
At Large- Mike Denega
Mike gave a “shout out” to his colleagues (FW commission) and especially to Myrna for making the business aspect of stocking Lake Wakamatsu so smooth. Mike said that Wakamatsu was successfully stocked. Mike visits many waterways was proud of the results he sees from the results of the hard work of all those involved in the projects.

Lake Wakamatsu –(Request made earlier in meeting) Amount \$4120.00

At Large- Steve Horan

Steve reported that Susan Sandoval had provided a breakdown of three major cases of how the fines are paid.

District 1- Dennis Byrne:

Dennis has a letter to the courts being finalized and was reviewed by BOS Hidahl. The letter has one correction to be made and should be mailed out next week. He will begin working on the Serrano grant monies for the ponds and will follow up with Mitch regarding CDFW stocking for the kids' derbies.

District II-Eric Harnage

Eric provided information regarding attending the Lumsden Park Fishing Derby.

District III-Kathleen Jermstad

Kathie reported that she contacted the editor for "Around Here" regarding publishing an article regarding fencing and wildlife. Kathy is working on writing the article and it will be published in the next edition of "Around Here".

District IV-Pat Weddle

Patrick commented on his attendance at Lumsden Fishing Derby with members of the commission. The event was successful. He prepared and submitted the annual report to the Board of Supervisors for the year 2020 FW Commission. Patrick reminded us of the Implicit Bias training that is required to be taken by members. He prepared a letter to the editor regarding the prosecution of two Amador Law Enforcement Officials who were hunting game over bait. The letter was in support of the warden who worked extremely hard on the case and opposed to the lenient punishment.

District V-Victor Babbitt

Victor requested an Agenda item for the stocking of fish at Sawmill Pond. The amount being requested will be for \$5000.00.

10. Legislative Report- Discussion regarding Marijuana grows endangering waterways. Lt. Pera offered that there were 150 wardens assigned in California to the environmental protection of waterways due to the issues with Marijuana grows.
11. Next meeting – 05/26//2021 – 6 pm - Video Conference (Zoom)
12. Adjournment was at 7:37 pm

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