



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Wildlife Commission

MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2021

330 Fair Lane, Placerville

Conference Room A - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Mike Denega- At Large
(Pending BOS Approval 2-23-21)

Stephen Horan-At Large

Dennis Bryne-Dist I

Eric Harnage sec/ tres- Dist II

Kathleen Jermstad -Dist III

Pat Weddle, Chair – Dist IV

Victor Babbitt – Dist V

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Vice Chairman Weddle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. This meeting was conducted by video conference due to Covid 19. Present were Denega, Weddle, Horan, Bryne, Harnage, Jermstad and Babbitt joined later.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 12/2/20 and Agenda for 1/27/21– Both the Agenda and the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Dignitaries present were Lt. Para, CDFW Biologist Blair and past Chair Larry Nelson
4. Public Comment – None
5. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -
 - a. Biologist – Shelly Blair reported on the 1700 acre Irving Ranch in Latrobe out South Shingle Rd. and was seeing a lot of activity. Fences were being worked on being put up and a grazing permit was obtained for a two-year lease. The area has been having trespass issues partly due to the onyx app showing the area as public. She offered a field visit to the ranch to any members of the commission.
Biologist Blair advised of Senate Bill (252) that proposed illuminating bear hunting. From a biological standpoint this would have a dramatic impact on our county.
Biologist Blair added that there is now a second conflict wildlife specialist working instead of one.
 - b. Warden – Lt. Para provided information regarding the trespass issues at Irving Ranch. They are ramping up enforcement there but are concentrating on educating persons regarding this area being closed (Technically) to the public. He stated that they were finding criminal activities (Illegal Dumping etc.) on South Shingle Road prior to the ranch and were increasing enforcement in the area.
Lt. Para advised members that the Sheriff's Office (EDSO) had recently dispatched a mountain lion for a public safety issue on one of the walking trials.
Lt. Para was asked about the condition of game cameras and decoys. He said the cameras are being deployed in the field currently and the deer decoys were in good order. Apparently one of the turkey decoys may need of repair.
He stated that their end of the year report should be available soon and then requested that the ATV service be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
6. Finance Report –
 - a. Weddle reported on current balance included were fines collected and the expense of fish stocking.
7. Nomination and Elections of Comm. Officers and At-Large Member:
 - a. Chair Pat Weddle
Vice Chair (Not Filled)
Sec/Tres Eric Harnage
At Large Member Mike Denega (Letter will be sent to Board of Supervisors)

8. Commission Reports –
District 1- Dennis Bryne:
Dennis is working on developing model for collection of fines and how that works. During discussion Dennis and Steve (Horan) will be meeting with the court etc.
Dennis is working on obtaining a grant for removing nonnative species at the Silva Parkway Pond.
Dennis requested fishing removal tools.
Dennis requested the meeting time be changed from seven pm to six pm.

District II-Eric Harnage
No report

District III-Kathleen Jemstad
Kathleen discussed noticing a possible increase in deer strikes in the Camino Safety Project area. A wildlife undercrossing is to be built but the time of completion was not known. Construction workers are to place openings for wildlife to pass.

District IV- Weddle
Pat reported that the fish stocking permit had been permitted.
He will contact the sec/treasurer to sign documents and provide material to.
Pat advised that a reservoir was being bult in the Alder Creek Area.

District V-Victor Babbitt
Victor requested what the Sawmill Pond Fishing Derby funds were. They \$4598. Victor expected a donation of \$1500 as well.
Victor requested Barren Lake be placed on agenda for possible funds to be used there.
Victor stated that due to the new regulations March 1, 2021 signage may be needed for the tributaries in Tahoe and possible signage in the Caples Lake area as well. Request for the signage to be placed on the agenda as well.

9. Purchase of Hook Removers:
Dennis Byrne requested to buy 300 fish removal tools at .99 cents apiece. A motion was made to purchase the fish removal tools with a budget of \$350. The motion was passed.
10. COVID-19
Meetings will remain on zoom.
11. Legislative Reports – None
12. The Commission presented Larry Nelson with a retirement gift (Thank You Sir).
13. Next meeting – 02/24//2021 – Video Conference (Zoom)
14. Adjournment was at 8:58 pm

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