

Mono County Fisheries Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2013 ~ 10:00 a.m.

June Lake Community Center

June Lake ~ California

Minutes of Meeting

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Steve Marti, John Webb, Dan Anthony, Gaye Mueller, Bob Dunn, Jim King and Gary Jones. Staff present was Jeff Simpson and Nancy Alaniz.

V COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 4, 2013

Motion by Anthony to accept the September 4, 2013 minutes. Second by Mueller. Passed unanimously.

VI STAFF/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Marti introduced Jeff Simpson, Economic Development, as the new liaison for the commission. Simpson stated he will be present at the meetings, but Lyster will still be the "point person" and will represent the commission at the BOS meetings.

Mueller stated that the Mammoth Lakes Parks & Recreation Department plans to take over the Trout in the Classroom program. She also reported on the "frog and toad" meeting that was held by the Inyo County BOS at the Bishop Fairgrounds. She stated that Mono Co. Supervisor Johnston was present. She stated she believed the FC needed to comment on the issue. It was agreed that Mueller and King would work with Simpson regarding the economic development impacts.

Webb asked Frederickson to comment on the status of the proposed agricultural well for Conway Ranch. Frederickson explained that the test well was not operable because the ranch has single phase electricity, but the new pump requires three phase electricity. Angeles clarified that the logical progression is to await Tony Vaught's consultant report since the future plans may include three phase electricity for the entire ranch, instead of only installing three phase electricity for the current (test) well. In expectation of low water levels, IAG will reduce their stock and utilize only one raceway during the winter. Some commissioners voiced frustration about not being provided a copy of the consultant's report.

VII F&W UPDATE

Erdman reported that he located a USFW employee in Bishop and they are attempting to meet regarding the frog issue. He gave an update on the study and the recent death of numerous frogs. He also reported on the low water status of several Inyo County locations. There was a discussion regarding the Mattley Ranch ditches and the activities there of Fred Fulstone.

VIII FUND BALANCES

The F&G Fine Fund balance was reported by the Finance Department as \$13,840.26 (balance after BFEF/ESWC \$6340.26). The MCFC regular budget is \$25,000. The Conway Ranch Fund was reported as \$26,807.93 (with \$20,000 encumbered.)

IX BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Presentation Ref: Data from the CDFW Bear Study – Taylor

During the Summer of 2011 the FC recommended to the BOS, \$5,000 funding for the CDFW bear DNA study. The funding was approved. Those monies, along with other sources provided funding for the hair collection portion of the study. The Mono Co. money launched the DNA set up at UC Davis. Tim Taylor, CDFW Biologist, helped to coordinate the study which was primarily conducted and is still being conducted by Jonathon Fusaro. Fusaro gave an overview of the Black Bear, the processes of the study and the preliminary findings. This study is being conducted in order to better understand the varying causes and effects of urban bear activity and their conflicts with humans.

2. Modify FC Management Plan for BOS – Marti

Tabled, pending management plan recommendations from Consultant Tony Vaught.

3. Discussion/Possible Approval of CCC Contract for Ditch Clean Out – Marti/Webb

Webb spoke about the neglect of a conveyance ditch from Virginia Creek to Conway Ranch. Webb additionally stated that there are other conveyances for Conway Ranch that have not been maintained properly. He proposed to Jim Leddy, Mono Co. CAO, the use of the Ca. Conservation Corps to clean out the ditches to get them to the point where they should be, so that they can be maintained. Webb also gave Leddy the CCC application for submission and approval. Webb reported he had not heard any response at this point.

4. BFEF Loss of Eggs - Mueller

Mueller reported that she received communication from BFEF representatives that the organization lost a large amount of fish that were being raised. The commissioners were concerned about the details of the loss since BFEF had received recent funding from the FC and has additional funding pending. Alaniz was directed to contact BFEF to schedule an appearance by them at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

The next regular meeting of the MCFC will be held in the June Lake Community Center, June Lake on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Alaniz, Secretary