

Mono County Fisheries Commission
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 ~ 10:00 am
June Lake Community Center, June Lake

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steve Marti called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Steve Marti led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners; Steve Marti, John Webb, Dan Anthony, Gaye Mueller and Gary Jones.
Commissioners Bob Dunn and Jim King absent.
Staff Present; Stacie Klemm and Nancy Alaniz.
Others present; Carolyn Webb

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolyn Webb reported there is a fish camp that sponsors four kids to attend fish camp in Redding, California. Children between the ages of 10 to 15 qualify and this sponsors pays for everything except transportation. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2014.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3-5-14)

Motion made by Dan Anthony to approve the March 5, 2014 meeting minutes.
Second by Gaye Mueller.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Gaye Mueller discussed trophy trout stocking; Jim Urdman is working with Dave McFarland on stocking the lakes. They are hoping to make enough trips to be able to stock all the lakes. Rather than putting fish in a holding area prior to being distributed he would like to transport enough to distribute straight to the lakes. The size of the truck could be problematic as it will not be able to get fit into all locations, example being Saddleback Lake. There is some concern that a 10 hour drive will be to stressful on the trout and they will die. As of now, there is no tentative schedule but they are working hard on moving forward with this.

Gary Jones passed around a petition for the June Lakes Public Utility District. They plan to draw 400,000 gallons of water from Fern Creek drainage. There is potential significant impact to Mono Lake and Grant Lake areas.

7. F&G UPDATE

No Fish and Game update was given

8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

- Fish and Game Fine Fund \$13,556.73
- Conway Ranch Fund \$19,976.98
- MCFC regular budget \$15,227.17

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding up to \$1700 for printing "Procedures for Catch & Release" Advertising – Gaye Mueller

Gaye Mueller presented a mock up brochure to the committee. These brochures were drafted from a prior brochure. Commissioners liked the overall look of the brochure. Agreed to make a few minor changes, such as; changing font size for it to be easier to read, change some language, and change some picture designs. Commissioners advised to remove the language “fish baskets” since they are not legal to use. Gaye Mueller requested funding up to \$1700 until she has a final price.

John Webb made motion to approve up to \$1700
Second made by Dan Anthony.
Motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding of the Kids Fishing Festival \$4000.00 – Gaye Mueller

Funding of \$4000.00 was approved by the Fisheries Commission in 2012 for the kids fishing festival. The check for \$4000.00 was not sent to the Mono Council of the Arts. Although this money should have come out of the 2012-2013 budget, the Board of Supervisors rolled \$6000.00 of unused money to the 2013-2014 budget, so its proposed \$4000.00 be paid from the current year’s budget.

John Webb made motion to approve \$4000.00
Seconded made by Gary Jones
Motion passed unanimously

11. DISCUSSION - Conway Ranch Conservation Easement – Steve Marti

This was discussed at the last meeting; currently there are no changes for discussion.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION- Funding for the OVCC on the Conway Conveyance Ditch - John Webb

This is currently in process of contacting the land owners to determine if a permit or environmental study is needed to proceed.

13. DISCUSSION - Direction of the Mono County Fisheries Commission - John Webb

This was discussed at the last meeting; currently there are no changes for discussion.

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Completion of electrical connection (electrical vault) between raceway B and D. There will be an estimated dollar amount available at the meeting – John Webb/Steve Marti

John Webb spoke about the electrical for the test well at Conway Ranch; after discovering it could take up to 6 weeks from time they apply to get an estimate, the Commission had agreed this project was not worth it. In the meantime, a contact for Southern California Edison was found and an estimate of \$12,000 was given. This estimate does not include the pre ground work IAG would be responsible for, or the cost of installation. The Commission agreed this not worth the cost at the current time.

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding of Trophy Trout or Funding or Transformer – John Webb/Steve Marti

Commissioners agreed this discussion was covered with item number 14.

16. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agendize – Direction of the Mono County Fisheries Commission

17. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to calling meeting adjourned Chair Steve Marti and Vice Chair John Webb submitted letters of resignation, stating this meeting will be their last.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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