## Mono County Fisheries Commission Wednesday, November 2, 2016 ~ 10am June Lake Community Center 90 Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

## **MINUTES**

Attending: Anthony, King, Parker, Morton, Burak, Jones

Others: Tim Fesko, John Peters

Staff: Jeff Simpson

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:04am

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was made.
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Fesko thanked the commission for their work while he was on the Board of Supervisors over the last four years.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9-14-16 and 10-5-16) A MOTION WAS MADE BY PARKER, SECONDED BY MORTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION APPROVED 6-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
- 6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Mr. Simpson gave updates on the fishing brochure, business cards and a letter from Jeffrey Wegner from Bridgeport Reservoir RV Park and Marina concerning fish stocking. Mr. Morton presented an editorial letter to the commission to put on his website and to submit for professional publication. The commission wanted Mr. Morton to include a disclaimer at the top of the article reiterating that the letter was not representing Mono County Fisheries Commission.
- 7. DEPARTMNET OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: No report, Jim Erdman was unable to attend.
- 8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE
  - Fish and Game Fine Fund \$7,500 Starting Balance. \$4,000 Remaining (\$3,500 Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care)
  - MCFC regular budget \$25,000 Starting Balance. \$16,554.80 Remaining. (\$5,000 Spawning Study. \$3,000 for Mammoth Creek Study, \$445.20 for Business Cards)
- 9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION Increasing Game Wardens in the Eastern Sierra Commissioner Parker: Lt. Daily was unable to attend the meeting but was able to express his opinions to staff. Lt. Daily thought the fishing fees in Mono County were amongst the highest in the state and that his staff does not recommend or give input on any fee fines due to conflict of interest. Lt. Daily didn't recommend any plan of action for the commission regarding increasing Game Wardens in the Eastern Sierra at this time.
- 10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION Conway Ranch Site Review Commissioner Burak Commissioner King and Commissioner Burak gave feedback on their recent site visit on Conway Ranch with Tony Dublino including opportunities and pitfalls for a potential fish hatchery. The commission had no further recommendations or actions at this time.
- 11. DISCUSSION/POSSILBE ACTION Review Eastern Sierra Fisheries Recommendations by Dr. Tom Staff This agenda item was tabled until Dr. Tom could be present at the meeting.

- 12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update Staff Mr. Simpson was interested in receiving recommendations from the Fisheries Commission for further ways to market fishing and recreation in the Eastern Sierra.
- 13. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Review strategic plan for Board of Supervisors presentation.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT Next regular scheduled meeting is December 7, 2016 at 10am in June Lake.

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