

Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission

Kern County Administrative Building
General Services
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

October 11th, 2017

8:00 A.M.

Field Trip – Wind Wolves Preserve

MINUTES

The Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission met on Wednesday, October 11th, 2017. Chairman Bakman presided.

Present: Bob Bakman, District II; Dave McArthur, District III;
Landon Peppel; District IV; Jack Gotcher, Member at Large

Absent: Dave Freeland, District I; William Cooper, District V; Fred Kinoshita, Member at Large (Secretary)

Advisors: Bret Haney, Division Chief - Kern County General Services

Others: There were 3 others present.

NOTE: Ba, Co, Fr, Ki, Mc, Pe, and Go are abbreviations for Commissioners Bakman, Cooper, Freeland, Kinoshita, McArthur, Peppel, and Gotcher. As an example, Fr-Ba denotes Commissioner Freeland made a motion and Commissioner Bakman seconded the motion.

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 a.m.

1. Flag Salute

Commissioner Bakman led everyone in the flag salute.

2. Approval of the Minutes of July 12th, 2017

Mc-Co motion to approve the minutes of July 12th, 2017. 4 ayes, 3 absent - motion carried.

3. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter **not on this agenda** and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name for the record.

There were no public requests.

4. **Correspondence – Receive and File**

Go-Pe motion to receive and file all correspondence. 4 ayes, 3 absent - motion carried.

5. **New Business**

There was no new business.

6. **Old Business**

Funding Request – Harry Love, Kern Audubon Society

Hands-on learning centers for 5th & 6th graders to learn about birds, and respect for the environment.

Two Requests: Phase I - \$500; Phase II - \$1,000

Harry Love, Susie Castle, Ginnie Dallas - all heard. Discussed how funds will be utilized, such as a purchase of an iPad for the kids to utilize for hands-on learning. Commission suggested funding phase I and a portion of phase II and asked that Kern Audubon Society request additional funding through grants that are available to them. Commissioner Bakman suggested some additional resources for funding (some possibilities included the Elks and Moose organizations). Pe-Go Motion to recommend \$800 funding award. 4 ayes, 3 absent – motioned carried.

7. **Advisory Report**

None heard.

8. **Staff Report**

Bret Haney heard on the following topics:

Owl Boxes – Installed in some of the trees at Panorama Park to assist with the squirrel issues.

Blue green algae at Buena Vista Recreation Area & Lake Isabella – This past summer there were reports of this type of algae at Buena Vista and Lake Isabella, which posed a problem by contaminating the fish. We are expecting a report from the State this week and are hopeful that it will show the problem has been remedied and planned fishing derbies/events for November will not be interrupted.

Hart Park Plan – The Board of Supervisors approved the plan. This went through a public process and there was a lot of input from the public in putting together this plan for the future of Hart Park. All of the public information that was gathered is being sent to an architectural design firm. They will take all of the input and give us a conceptual plan to move forward with which will include all the possibilities and the budget needed to accomplish those things. This year the Board approved \$5 million in major maintenance projects (parking lots, roofs, etc) system-wide, and \$2 million in capital improvements, which approximately half of which will go towards Hart Park.

Public Parking Passes – Passed out to Commissioners for the public parking structure for the day while they are on the field trip to Wind Wolves.

9. Commission Comments

Commissioner Peppel heard regarding SIGMA

Commissioner McArther heard regarding NOR skate park at North Beardsley Park, the moving of the NOR office and the development of Riverlakes Park complex.

Commissioner Gotcher – No report

Commissioner Bakman heard - Southeast Kern has a new parks and recreation director. Report of an injured condor found in the Tehachapi area and that there are issues with the public/locals feeding the condors – public cooperation is needed in fixing this problem.

10. Date and Location of Next Meeting

January 10th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room in Bakersfield.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Bakman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.