# SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

**THURSDAY, January 13, 2011**

**County Administration Center - First Floor Hearing Room,**

**675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California**

**Commission Members Present: Hermsmeyer, Whited, Alvarez, Leong**

**Commission Member Absent: Riddle**

**Staff Present: Sykes, Tanner-Linne**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

1. **Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2010.**

Motion to approve (Leong), with second (Alvarez), and approved unanimously with changes: the minutes were changed to reflect that Item 7 (wind turbine proposal) was moved by Commissioner Riddle, and seconded by Commissioner Leong, and passed by a 3-1 vote (Alvarez voting no).

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda (Leong) with second (Alvarez). Approved unanimously.

1. **Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011**

Alvarez nominated Steve Hermsmeyer, Leong seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Alvarez nominated Michael Whited as Vice Chair, Hermsmeyer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

1. **Chair and Commissioner Announcements**

Hermsmeyer stated that Sykes had made news in the Rio Vista River News Herald announcing the upcoming Lake Solano docent training. He also said another article announced Michael Johnson, County Administrator, had announced his retirement.

Leong reported he was doing Christmas bird counts around Lincoln, CA, and met someone who is raising fish acceptable for stocking in California waterways that are currently not allowed to be stocked. Leong requested his help in resuming stocking in Lake Solano, since business at Lake Solano Park was being negatively affected by the lack of stocking.

1. **Public Comments**

Sykes introduced Alex Westhoff of the Delta Protection Commission, who made a presentation on the “Great California Delta Trail Blueprint Report for Solano and Contra Costa Counties.” He handed out copies to each Commissioner. The report includes setting and opportunity maps, where the trail’s access points could possibly be located, and how the Delta Trails could connect to cities and parks around Solano County. Alex requested that the Commissioners review the report, and said he would return at the March 10th meeting to request a recommendation to forward the report onto the Board of Supervisors for approval.

1. **Committee Reports, with Commission Action**
   1. **Suisun Marsh Specific Fund Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee: Present Committee’s Recommended Grant Awards for FY2010/11.**

Sykes presented a summary sheet with the recommendations from the Suisun Marsh Specific Fund Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee.

**Suisun Marsh Specific Fund Grant Awards, FY2010/11 Cycle**

**As Submitted by ad hoc SMSF Evaluation Committee**

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| **Project Name/Property** | **Applicant** | **Requested Grant Amount** | **Score** | **Grant Awarded Amount** |
| **Goodyear Duck Club Wetland Enhancement** | California Waterfowl Association | **20,000.00** | 88 | **20,000** |
| **Infrastructure upgrade for Longevity** | California Waterfowl Association | **28,300.00** | 88 | **28,300** |
| **Mulberry** | California Waterfowl Association | **8,800.00** | 87 | **8,800** |
| **Water Control Enhancement Project** | Suisun Resource Conservation District & Fairfield Suisun Sewer District | **14,205.00** | 87 | **14,205** |
| **Walnut Creek Gun Club** | California Waterfowl Association | **13,600.00** | 87 | **13,600** |
| **Water Control Structure** | Greenhead Inc. (A California Corporation) | **13,125.00** | 87 | **13,125** |
| **Flood Gate Pipe Replacement** | Montezuma Gun Club | **20,130.00** | 86 | **20,130** |
| **Arnold Ranch** | California Waterfowl Association | **18,500.00** | 86 | **18,500** |
| **Water Circulation Improvement** | Greenhead Inc. (A California Corporation) 5354 Stonehurst Drive, Martinez, CA 94533 | **14,697.00** | 85 | **14,697** |
| **Morrow Island Land Co. Wetland Enhancement** | California Waterfowl Association | **17,000.00** | 85 | **17,000** |
| **St. Germain** | California Waterfowl Association | **12,000.00** | 84 | **11,821** |
| **Miramonte Wetland Enhancement** | California Waterfowl Association | **20,000.00** | 84 | **19,821** |
|  | **Total** |  |  | **$ 199,999.00** |

* 1. **Commission Recommendation for Grant Awards for FY2010/11 SMSF Program, to be forwarded to Board of Supervisors**

The action before the Commission was to either recommend or revise the list of applicants for grant awards. A motion was made to approve the list of awards as is (Alvarez), with second by (Whited). It was approved unanimously.

* 1. **Nature Center Facility Use Guidelines, Ad Hoc Committee: Status Report**

Sykes said he would be meeting soon with Hermsmeyer and Riddle to discuss the Use Policy for the Nature Center Facility, and that he hoped he would have a draft Use Policy to present for approval at the March 10 meeting.

1. **Parks and Recreation Division Staff Report**

Sykes provided a table of the parks’ attendance and revenues for FY2010/11, to date. Sykes also reported that Beach Drive at Sandy Beach Park had been repaved, and in the spring they would be receiving new picnic tables. The Lake Solano Day Use parking lot also will soon be repaved.

Solano RCD is conducting Docent Training at Lake Solano, thanks from a Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant. There will be three classes in February and March.

Commissioner Leong requested that Staff bring another multi-year comparison of attendance/revenue to a future meeting, for Commission review.

1. **Recognize Commission’s Achievements in Administering SMSF and FWPF Grant Programs Since 2008**

Sykes said he wanted to recognize the achievements of the commission and the ad hoc committee for their perseverance with the process of developing the SMSF and FWPF Grant Programs over the past two years. With this latest round of grant funding, there have been $566,888 in grants awarded to date, for the enhancement of the Suisun Marsh and for countywide fish and wildlife projects. This is about half of the amount received from the original 2005 Kinder Morgan settlement, so the County is well on its way to appropriately disbursing these funds.

Steve Chappell, Executive Director of Suisun Resource Conservation District, also commended the Commission, and added that almost $700,000 total had been used for Suisun Marsh improvements over the past few years, when the matching funds of grant awardees are also considered.

1. **Confirm next Regular Meeting of March 10, 2011, 5:30 pm, and adjourn**