

**SOLANO COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER - FIRST FLOOR HEARING ROOM,  
675 TEXAS STREET FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

**Commission Members Present:** Riddle, Alvarez, Hermsmeyer, and Leong  
**Commissioner Members Excused:** None.

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

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

Chair Hermsmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Tanner-Linne called roll. A quorum was confirmed.

**2. Approval of Minutes for November 13, 2008 Meeting**

Motion to approve (Alvarez), seconded (Riddle). November 13th minutes approved unanimously.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda (Leong), second (Riddle). Approved unanimously.

**4. Chair Announcements and Commissioner Comments**

The Chair and Commissioners had no comments.

**5. Committee Report with Recommendations (Action Item)**

A. Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund (FWPF) Evaluation Committee, Recommendations for FY 2008/09 Awards

Chair Hermsmeyer read the ratings and recommended award amounts from the FWPF evaluation committee, as follows.

<b>Applicants</b>	<b>Applicant Requested Amount</b>	<b>FWPF Eval. Committee Recommended Award</b>
1. Solano Land Trust	16,200	16,200
2. Grizzly West Reclamation District #2136 and Island Club	29,188	0
3. Suisun Resource Conservation District (RCD) & Bent Barrel Duck Club	10,000	0
4. Delta Protection Commission & Partners	100,000	17,630
5. Suisun RCD -- Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program	4,000	0
6. CA Dept. Fish & Game, Crescent Unit	11,750	11,750

<i>(Table continued from above)</i>		
<b>Applicants</b>	<b>Applicant Requested Amount</b>	<b>FWPF Eval. Committee Recommended Award</b>
7. Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD)	45,617	9,184
8. Solano County Parks and Recreation	19,500	19,500
9. Frost Reclamation District #2136 & Grizzly Fairview Farms	1,825	975
10. Suisun Marsh Natural History Association	3,000	3,000
11. Suisun RCD & Walnut Creek Gun Club	10,000	0
12. CA Dept. Fish & Game -- Brood Pond 15 Water Habitat Improvement Project	6,500	6,500
13. Suisun West Reclamation District #2142 & Miramonte Club	8,500	0
14. Suisun RCD & Suisun Farms	10,000	0
15. Suisun RCD & Tule Meadows Duck Club	10,000	0
16. Morrow Island Reclamation District #2138 & Morrow Island Land Company	10,000	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$296,080</b>	<b>\$84,739</b>

Chair Hermsmeyer called for discussion and a vote on each of the amounts recommended by the evaluation committee. The voting results are as follows.

<b>Applicants</b>	<b>FWPF Eval. Committee Recommended Award</b>	<b>Park and Recreation Commission Recommended Award</b>	<b>Commission Voting Result (aye - no)</b>
<b>1. Solano Land Trust</b>	<i>16,200</i>	<b>16,200</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>2. Grizzly West Reclamation District #2136 and Island Club</b>	<i>0</i>	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>3. Suisun Resource Conservation District (RCD) &amp; Bent Barrel Duck Club</b>	<i>0</i>	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>4. Delta Protection Commission &amp; Partners</b>	<i>17,630</i>	<b>17,630</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>5. Suisun RCD -- Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program</b>	<i>0</i>	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>6. CA Dept. Fish &amp; Game Crescent Unit</b>	<i>11,750</i>	<b>11,750</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>8. Solano County Parks and Recreation</b>	<i>19,500</i>	<b>19,500</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0

<i>(Table continued from above)</i>			
<b>Applicants</b>	<b>FWPF Eval. Committee Recommended Award</b>	<b>Park and Recreation Commission Recommended Award</b>	<b>Commission Voting Result (aye - no)</b>
<b>9. Frost Reclamation District #2136 &amp; Grizzly Fairview Farms</b>	975	<b>975</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>10. Suisun Marsh Natural History Association</b>	3,000	<b>3000</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>11. Suisun RCD &amp; Walnut Creek Gun Club</b>	0	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>12. CA Dept. Fish &amp; Game -- Brood Pond 15 Water Habitat Improvement Project</b>	6,500	<b>6,500</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>13. Suisun West Reclamation District #2142 &amp; Miramonte Club</b>	0	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>14. Suisun RCD &amp; Suisun Farms</b>	0	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>15. Suisun RCD &amp; Tule Meadows Duck Club</b>	0	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>16. Morrow Island Reclamation District #2138 &amp; Morrow Island Land Company</b>	0	<b>0</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>7. Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD)</b>	9,184	<b>13,184 *</b>	Unanimous – 4 to 0
<b>Totals, Recommended Awards</b>	\$84,739	<b>\$88,739</b>	

\* Note: By motion of Commissioner Alvarez, seconded by Riddle, the recommended award for the Solano RCD application was increased by \$4,000, to a total of \$13,184, to support the environmental educators symposium proposed in the Solano RCD application. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **6. Public Comments**

Helayna Pera, California Department of Fish and Game, questioned why her applications were fully funded but others were not. The work they are doing on other properties in the Suisun Marsh is exactly the same work Fish and Game is doing, but they did not get funded. She stated that next year the Commission should focus more on the wildlife and habitat in the marsh.

Steve Chappell, Executive Director of Suisun RCD expressed disappointment that his applications were not being recommended for funding. He stated he invested a lot of personal time to create this grant program. He would like to see the process improve, and felt there was a systematic refusal of Suisun RCD's proposals. There are a lot of good things that can be done with this money. He stated the letters sent out from County Counsel should have stated what specifically was wrong with the applications, instead of having applicants come in and review their applications. He requested a copy of the applications that were being recommended for funding.

Hermesmeyer asked Staff Sykes whether the process was open to review again by the Park and Recreation Commission, or would the Board of Supervisors have to approve changes to the grant application process for future use. Could it be changed if needed?

Sykes said the application did not need to be approved by the Board, but any changes to the existing application and procedural guide should be reviewed by County Counsel.

Alvarez said he disagreed with the comments from Mr. Chappell. During his work in the park and recreation business for 38 years, he had never had a granting agency review applications and come back to the applicant to discuss what was wrong with an application. If the application was not complete the application was rejected. Alvarez state he thought the evaluation committee did an excellent job.

Riddle stated that he could not see a granting agency coaching someone through their application. He could see them having a workshop, which this process did, although only one person attended. Questions could have been brought and asked.

7. **Adjournment:**

The next meeting of the Commission will be on January 8, 2009. Meeting was adjourned 6:20 p.m.