

MINUTES OF MEETING
Kootenai County Waterways Advisory Board –August 21, 2017
Kootenai County Search & Rescue Building
10865 N Ramsey Rd
Hayden, Idaho 83835

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Bjelland, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, John Condon, Brad Pendleton, Terry Werner

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Sergeant Will Klinkefus, Sheriff Recreation Division; Ranell Schwartz, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Herman, IDPR; Rand Wichman, Lake Coeur d'Alene Property Owners Association; Gaila Condon.

Chairman John Condon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Terry Werner moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER-BOB BJELLAND

Chairman Condon welcomed Mr. Bjelland to this advisory board.

PARKS & WATERWAYS POWER POINT PRESENTATION

This presentation will be postponed until all recently appointed members are present. Nick Snyder presented photos of the new docks at Hauser Lake and the Greensferry Launch renovations.

LAKE COEUR D'ALENE HAZARD MITIGATION PROPOSAL

Mr. Snyder described the repairs performed as a result of damage to several of the county marine facilities from the ice and flooding this winter and spring. The department may pursue a Hazard mitigation grant to protect the infrastructure at Spokane Point, Harlow, Bell Bay and Mowry Park. He is proposing that log booms be constructed and deployed seasonally to protect the new infrastructure.

MOTION: Brad Pendleton moved to support this project. The motion was seconded. After some discussion about the grant match; all were in favor; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

REGULATORY MARKER APPLICATION PROCESS and WAKE RESTRICTIONS/ WAKE BOAT DISCUSSION:

Chairman Condon stated that the BOCC will not make a commitment or decision on any of these issues. A public hearing has not be scheduled. A meeting to discuss county ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 11:00 at the Commissioner's office. Chairman Condon would still like to pursue mandatory boater education in Kootenai County.

Rand Wickman, president of the Lake Coeur d'Alene Property Owners Association, said their organization has the same concerns that have been discussed by this board. They would like to get involved with seeking solutions to resolve the issues on the water.

There was extensive discussion on boater education. Bob Bjelland stated that Idaho is second per capita for boating facilities. Randy Herman of Idaho State Parks recommended that this board get an opinion from the State Attorney General regarding mandatory boater education in Kootenai County and if it is feasible if not required by the entire state.

MOTION: John Condon moved to request an opinion regarding boater education from the Idaho Attorney General. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

The discussion continued at length regarding mandatory boater education, providing the Sherriff's office with more funding for Marine Deputies, and the 500 foot no wake rule.

MOTION: John Condon moved to recommend that the Kootenai County to the Board of County Commissioners fund two additional Marine Deputies to enforce the rules that are already in place on the Spokane River from General Fund Dollars; the motion was seconded; all were in favor except Terry Werner. After some discussion about additional expenses that may be associated with this request a vote was taken; all were in favor. The motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

SKIING / SPEED LIMITS AFTER DARK
FUNDING ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR PARKS & WATERWAYS DEPARTMENT
PARKS & WATERWAYS PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF REPORTS

Sergeant Klinkefus, KCSO: Sergeant Klinkefus stated that they had six good seasonal marine deputies this year. They performed 2766 safety inspections, made 20 OUI arrests and wrote 215 citations. All six have been hired on full time by the Sheriff's office which means they will have to hire all new seasonal deputies next summer. The high number of boat safety inspections, etc. will help with the RBS funding for next year. There were two drownings but no boating related fatalities.

Randy Herman, Idaho State Parks: Mr. Herman reported that there were 11 boating related fatalities statewide. The average is 10 per year.

Nick Snyder, Parks & Waterways: Mr. Snyder reported that they have received two of the four grants needed for the Harrison Breakwater replacement project. The department will submit another grant in December. He stated that he has received more complaints regarding "poor behavior" this summer than ever before and reiterated the need for more marine law enforcement. He has future plans to develop more parks in Kootenai County.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz

Recording Secretary