

MINUTES OF MEETING
Kootenai County Waterways Advisory Board –November 20, 2017
Kootenai County Search & Rescue Building
10865 N Ramsey Rd
Hayden, Idaho 83835

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Bjelland, Craig Brosenne, John Condon, Michael Pelissero, Terry Werner

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Owens, Bureau of Land Management

Chairman John Condon called the meeting to order at 6:07 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

WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT PRESENTATIONS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Mitchell Owens presented a WIF Grant Application for two Automated Fee Machines at Blackwell Island Boat Launch. They hope to improve security, compliance and customer service by providing this method of payment for daily parking fees and annual passes. The WIF Grant request is \$21,176 with a 22% match of \$6,000 for a total project cost of \$27,176.

MOTION: Terry Werner moved to approve the grant as presented and have the Chairman sign the signature page. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

PARKS & WATERWAYS

Nick Snyder presented a WIF Grant Application for the Harrison Breakwater Replacement Project. This request will provide a portion of a complex funding proposal that includes three Federal Boating Infrastructure Grants. The WIF Grant request is \$325,000 with a 51% match of \$340,000 for a total project cost of \$665,000.

MOTION: Michael Pelissero moved to approve the grant as presented and have the Chairman sign the signature page. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

LAKE LEVEL/CDA TRIBE

Craig Brosenne presented an overview of the Tribe's water rights claims on Lake Coeur d'Alene and how it affects lake shore property owners and businesses. A mediation is planned before the issue goes to court.

OLD BUSINESS

UPLAND PARK DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Nick Snyder will be discussing park levies and park development with the BOCC in 2018.

SKIING/SPEED LIMITS AFTER DARK

Bob Bjelland proposed changing the Kootenai County night speed limit of 20 mph from "one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise" to "at sunset until sunrise". Idaho Code allows waterskiing one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. That is the reason Kootenai County Commissioners implemented this rule. Idaho is only one of six states in the nation that has this rule. Mr. Bjelland proposed that the rule should be changed for safety on the water at night and thinks that the recent fatality on Lake Coeur d'Alene would have been prevented had this rule been in effect and followed.

MOTION: Bob Bjelland moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioner to change the night time speed limit of 20 mph from “one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise” to “at sunset until sunrise”. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

STAFF REPORTS

Sergeant Klinkefus, KCSO: Sergeant Klinkefus reported one recent boating related fatality on Fernan Lake. The victim was not wearing a life jacket and cold water was also a factor. There was a lengthy discussion regarding staffing and budgets.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz

Recording Secretary