

**Minutes of Meeting
Parks & Waterways
July 9, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Representative Mike Ahmer and Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Board Chair Steve Meyer. Mr. Meyer was present via teleconference.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Hayden Lake Buoy Project – Hayden Lake Watershed District

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder reported to the Commissioners that some people have started a rumor that the County is purposely holding up this project. Mr. Snyder stressed that this was not true. He said the necessary MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) had been completed and the County had done everything it could. He explained that the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) had said they were not able to put the new, official buoys into the water until all of the illegal buoys have been taken out.

Mr. Snyder stressed that the County was not allowed to remove the illegal buoys; only IDL could do it. He added that he had donated \$500 from his budget to Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement Association to help with the cost of putting in the new ones.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked what would happen if the owners of the illegal buoys never pulled them out.

IDL Representative Mike Ahmer stated that Hayden Lake had been surveyed today and there were only five of the faux-official buoys left in the water. He said IDL would send another notice to the probable owners asking that they take them out. He noted that they could be considered abandoned buoys if they received no response from the owners and the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District could remove them at that point. He indicated that IDL was reluctant to pull them out themselves; they would prefer that the District do it. He added that IDL would prefer that the buoys be kept in storage, in case the owners want them back.

Commissioner Bill Brooks suggested IDL send a letter stating that, unless someone takes ownership of the buoy and removes it within 30 days, it would be considered abandoned.

Mr. Ahmer said he would have to consult with his legal department before taking any action.

Commissioner Duncan commented that everyone would prefer voluntary cooperation but, lacking that, expediting the process would be desirable. She pointed out that IDL had the required statutory authority to act.

Mr. Ahmer said IDL had already sent out fifty six letters to different owners of buoys on the Lake.

Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement Board Chair Steve Meyer said his organization had ordered fourteen buoys about six weeks ago, but had been told that there had been disruption in their supply lines with China, so it would take longer for them to be delivered.

Commissioner Duncan said she thought seven buoys had been agreed upon for the first year, with a further seven to be placed the next year, if needed. She said the application to IDL had asked for eight now and six later. She indicated she would prefer to take the more incremental approach.

Mr. Meyer said they would prefer to put in all fourteen at once.

Chairman Fillios moved that the Board agrees to deploy fourteen buoys in conjunction with the efforts of Hayden Lake Water District to deploy the buoys on Hayden Lake upon removal of the five remaining illegal buoys. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Nay
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

D. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
