



KOOTENAI COUNTY

Snowmobile Advisory Board

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SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

February 1, 2023 8:30 a.m.

Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building
10865 N Ramsey Rd Hayden, Idaho 83835

Members Present: Donald West, Chairman; Joe Wuest, Vice Chairman; Monty Cavadini; Al Beauchene; Tom Stangeland; John Dawson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chandra Newberry, Administrative Secretary; Jake Strange, Operations Manager; Nick Snyder, Director

Others Present: Sergeant Ryan Miller, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office (KCSO); Deputy Adam Zitterkopf, KCSO; Ian Cotter, Forest Service; Ethan Mahakam, IDPR; Kevin, Public Attendee; Chris Burk, Public Attendee

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Donald West called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman West.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action)

December 7, 2022:

Motion: Joe Wuest moved to approve the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Al Beauchene seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

IV. New Business (Action)

a. Modification of County Ordinance to Allow for Increased Width and Weight on County Snowmobile Trails – Chris Burk

Public Attendee Chris Burk started the conversation off by asking the Advisory Board about how to get an increase to the width and weight restrictions on County snowmobile trails. It was explained that the ordinance states any Off-road Vehicle (OHV) must be under 74" wide and less than 2,000 pounds, dry weight. District Trails Manager Ian

Cotter explained that the Forest Service is working on their Winter Travel Plan, so no changes can be made at this time. Discussion ensued between Mr. Cotter and Mr. Burk. **Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to table the item “Modification of County Ordinance to Allow for Increased Width and Weight on County Snowmobile Trails” to the next meeting. Mr. Cavadini seconded the motion, all in favor; the motion carried.**

V. Staff Reports (Discussion)

a. Nick Snyder – Program Update

i. Grooming Season Presentation

Director Snyder presented the Grooming Season statistics for the season to date. (See attached presentation)

b. KCSO – Enforcement and Program Update

Sergeant Ryan Miller explained that the Sherriff’s office has been down one deputy for the back country for almost 8 months. He stated Search and Rescue has only had one call this year. Deputy Adam Zitterkopf confirmed he had only come across 3 people who have not purchased a groomer sticker. Two of them bought a sticker on the spot, the other was cited. Both Sergeant Ryan Miller and Deputy Adam Zitterkopf agreed it is more common to see UTV’s this year than any other recreational vehicle.

VI. Public Comment (Discussion)

IDPR Training and Education Coordinator Ethan Mahakam advised the Board that Valley County has been having a problem with large SNO-CAT’S being used for tours on snow groomed trails. There had been no knowledge of any accidents at that time.

Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, all in favor; the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry
Recording Secretary