

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
**March 18, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Field Manager of the Coeur d'Alene Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kurt Pavlat and Kennon McClintock representing The Nature Conservancy. Commissioner Leslie Duncan was excused. Commissioner Bill Brooks attended via teleconference.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**Annual Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Briefing with Kurt Pavlat (Discussion)**

Field Manager of the Coeur d'Alene Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kurt Pavlat announced that he would be retiring as of May 31, 2020 and Debbie Paul would become the Principal Acting Field Manager.

Mr. Pavlat stated that BLM was still open for business, including campgrounds. He said many of their staff were working from home, but there were still people in the office.

Mr. Pavlat reported that BLM had acquired property from The Nature Conservancy at Cougar Bay. He directed the Commissioners' attention to the map provided of the property.

The Nature Conservancy's representative, Kennon McClintock, remarked that they had been working on the transfer of their 90 acre parcel at Cougar Bay for several years. He said it would continue to be available for recreational purposes. He noted that BLM owned adjacent property of about 155 acres.

Mr. Pavlat described some improvements BLM planned to make to the area, including putting in an outhouse and restoring the included wetland.

Mr. Pavlat listed some of BLM's local projects, which included:

- Increase the trail system at the Wallace Forest Conservation Area at Blue Creek Bay. He noted that there had been a timber sale on the west side and that another was planned on the east side.
- Point of Sale (POS) machines installed at Blackwell Island last year had been very successful.

- A day-use picnic area with a dock and swimming area was planned for a 2.5 acre parcel at Ross Point on the Spokane River. Mr. Pavlat noted that they were working on having the parcel annexed into Post Falls.
- BLM planned timber sales for FY21 on the West Fork of Pine Creek.

Mr. Pavlat said BLM still planned to hold the annual eagle watch events at Wolf Lodge and Beauty Bay but they were not certain if the Biannual International Migratory Bird Day event at Blackwell Island in May would be held.

Mr. Pavlat reported that BLM's budget remained static, but was effectively declining over time when the value of the dollars was considered. He noted that David Bernhardt had been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Secretary of the Interior, Perry Pendley was acting as Director of BLM for the time being and Kurt Pindel was the Coeur d'Alene District Manager.

**D. Public Comment (Discussion):** 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 was no public comment.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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