

Kootenai County Board of Natural Resource Advisory Board (KCNRAB)

Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2022

Committee Members: Jamie Sturgess, Richard Meyer, Wayne Wakkinen, Dave Brown, Chris Schnepf, Linda Rider

Other Attendees: Mitch Silvers and Juli Smith from Sen Crapo's staff; Leslie Duncan, Kootenai County Commissioner

A. **Call Meeting to Order:**

At 1:30 pm Committee Chair Jamie Sturgess called meeting to order.

B. **Approval of Minutes:**

Feb 17, 2022: Dave Brown moved, Chris Schnepf seconded, minutes were approved.

C. **Business:**

This was primarily an informational meeting for Senator Crapo's staff. The staff requested this meeting to become familiar with issues the KCNRAB is currently involved in. Mitch Silvers, State Director of Natural Resources and Environment, stated that he wanted to look to the KCNRAB as a resource for natural resource issues in the county.

Issues that were discussed with Senator Crapo's staff:

- Potential resuspension of nutrients in area lakes as a result of wake activities and other environmental factors, such as warming water temperatures.
- Weed issues in the county and an effort to prioritize weed species that could be controlled through management actions.
- Fire, especially as it relates to invasive weeds and the increased risk in the Wildland/Urban interface.
- Potential for funding through congressional budgets to address resource issues in the county.

D. **Other Business**

The current vacancy on the KCNRAB was discussed. As noted at the Feb 17 meeting, a person with a background in fire management would be beneficial to the board. Chris Schnepf agreed to develop a paragraph identifying desirable attributes of a person to fill this position. Jamie Sturgess will work with Jonathan Gillham to develop an announcement for this position.

- ### E. Motion to adjourn meeting by Rich Meyer, 2nd by Dave Brown. Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm