

Minutes of Meeting
Bureau of Land Management
March 26, 2019
11:00 a.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 Director Nick Snyder and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Manager Kurt Pavlat.

- 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:**

Informational Update from Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Manager Kurt Pavlat (Discussion)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Manager Kurt Pavlat listed the recreation projects planned. He said the four and a half mile trail system at Wallace Forest Conservation Area at Blue Creek Bay would be extended to eight miles over the next few years. He noted that a new bridge had been built last fall across Blue Creek. He said that POS (Point of Sale) machines were going to be installed at Blackwell Island this spring. Mr. Pavlat also announced that a \$140,000 contract for the Ross Point day-use picnic area with a dock and swimming area would be awarded in the near future. He informed the Commissioners that that an additional \$200,000 would be needed to complete the project, after which the parcel would be annexed into Post Falls.

He reminded the Commissioners that fuels reduction treatments had been started about two years ago in the Wallace Forest Conservation Area at Blue Creek Bay. He said the remaining hand piles would be burned next fall and logging would begin this summer, followed by installation of recreational enhancements. He noted that future timber sales on the West Fork of Pine Creek were being planned, with implementation scheduled for FY20 or FY21. Mr. Pavlat also briefly described a planned fuels reduction project at Mica Bay.

Mr. Pavlat remarked that there were about 11,600 acres of BLM managed public land in Kootenai County. He said they were hoping to acquire the Nature Conservancy parcel at Cougar Bay using funds from LWCF (Land and Water Conservancy Fund).

He listed some additional points of interest: the annual eagle watch events at Wolf Lodge and Beauty Bays will be held this year; they are working on holding a Biannual International Migratory Bird Day event at Blackwell Island beginning next May; and an educational native plant/pollinator garden planted at Blackwell will be open to the public.

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 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____

Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
