



KOOTENAI COUNTY

Snowmobile Advisory Board

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SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

April 6, 2022 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; Paul Ellis; Al Beauchene; Tom Stangeland; John Dawson, Rodney Waller

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chandra Newberry, Administrative Secretary; Chris Adam, Noxious Weed Superintendent; Jake Strange, Operations Manager; Nick Snyder, Director

Others Present: Sergeant Ryan Miller, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office at 8:40 am; Deputy Adam Zitterkopf, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office; Leslie Duncan, County Commissioner

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Donald West called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman West.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action)

February 2, 2022:

Motion: Joe Wuest moved to approve the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes. John Dawson seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

IV. New Business (Action)

a. 2021/2022 Operating Season Year-End Report

Director Nick Snyder presented the year-end report.

b. Groomer Sticker – 2022/2023 Season

Director Snyder requested a recommendation from the Board regarding the groomer sticker moving forward. Mr. Dawson recommended increasing the price of the groomer sticker from \$15 to \$25 per sticker.

Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to recommend to raise the price of the groomer stickers from \$15 to \$25 per sticker. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion; all in favor, the motion carried.

c. Hayden Creek Barricades

Director Snyder asked the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) staff if there was a need to have the barricades deployed at Hayden Creek, or if they can be moved up. Sergeant Ryan Miller explained that KCSO does not have a problem with moving the barricades up. They do have a few concerns about members of the public going up the hill and getting stuck. Director Snyder recommended a letter be drafted for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and KCSO to send to the Forest Service in regards to moving the barricades for the 2022/2023 snow season. Chairman Don West was in agreement.

Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to recommend a letter to the Forest Service to move the barricades at Hayden Creek. Mr. Waller seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

d. Fernan Hill Plowing

Item d and g are combined items.

Director Snyder reviewed the costs it would take to repair the department's 30 year old loader. He explained that a decision needed to be made to either stop plowing Fernan Hill and get rid of the loader, or replace the loader and continue plowing Fernan Hill. Discussion ensued about the amount of money and time it would take to replace the loader to meet public expectations and limit liability of the County. Sergeant Ryan Miller recommended a "pay to play" for Fernan parking to increase funds so the program can continue to plow Fernan.

Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to continue plowing Fernan Hill and recommended to have the County discuss with the Forest Service about having a pay to play fee. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to recommend to find a new loader and replace the current loader by grant process or other funding. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

Motion: After further discussion, Mr. Wuest moved to replace the loader. Al Beauchene seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

e. Route Modifications

Director Snyder provided the costs it took to open and maintain the Bishop Saddle route. He recommended removing the Bishop Saddle route from the priority map, because there are several other groomed routes for snowmobiles to access Magee. Director Snyder

recommended partnership with Shoshone County if the Snowmobile Advisory Board wanted to keep the route groomed.

f. Groomer Replacement

Discussion ensued about the amount of money it took to maintain all three groomers. Moving forward, costs will only keep adding up. Director Snyder recommended keeping two groomers and giving one to Shoshone County. An additional groomer would enable Shoshone County to groom Bishop Saddle Route.

Motion: Mr. Wuest moved to recommend a discussion with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) to go forward with giving the third groomer to Shoshone County. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

Chairman West stated there would be a need to have a meeting before the snow flies next year to set a new possible motion to get rid of a groomer.

Motion: Mr. Wuest made a second motion to recommend to take one of the groomers out and give it back to IDPR. Paul Ellis seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion carried.

g. Loader Replacement

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V. Staff Reports (Discussion)

a. Nick Snyder – Program Update

No update

b. KCSO – Enforcement and Program Update

No update

VI. Public Comment (Discussion)

There was no public comment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry
Recording Secretary