

**Minutes of Meeting
Parks & Waterways
May 26, 2020
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/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder, KCSO Sergeant William Klinkefus, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Kootenai County Residents Jim Stafford, Craig Ely and Robert Stiger.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Proposed No-Wake Zone – Honeysuckle Beach – Hayden Lake

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder reminded the Commissioners that this proposal had been made last year by Kootenai County Resident Craig Ely. He noted that Mr. Ely had provided a letter and pictures for their consideration on January 20, 2020. He stated that KCSO Sergeant William Klinkefus had reviewed the material and, if the Board decided to implement a no-wake zone, had prepared suggested buoy locations.

Mr. Ely presented his case in favor of creating a no-wake zone in the Honeysuckle Beach area of Hayden Lake. He pointed out the dangers implicit in the currently allowed behavior in that section of the lake.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked why such constraints should be placed there and not on other parts of the lake.

Mr. Ely replied that its proximity to the public beach and park were what made him feel the area required additional restrictions.

Chairman Fillios expressed his concern that this proposal would not align with the treatment given the Spokane River. He pointed out that the recently passed amended Resolution 2020-38 would offer some additional protection in this area.

Mr. Ely said his concern was that it did not provide a sufficient margin of safety, based on the use of the surrounding area, especially at busy times.

Commissioner Duncan remarked that she would prefer to observe the results of the amended ordinance and increased enforcement before considering additional restrictions.

Sergeant Klinkefus stated, in response to questions from Commissioner Duncan, that only the Spokane River would be receiving increased patrols; Hayden Lake would experience the same number of patrols it had received in the past. He confirmed that presence of the Dike Road offered additional access to people who carried their vessels to the water and further complicated use of the Bay.

Sergeant Klinkefus reported that KCSO had supported the request because Honeysuckle Bay had become a center for paddleboard and kayak activities. He noted that those vessels had as much right to use the waterways as powerboats, by Coast Guard regulations. He said the amount of non-motorized use had been increasing in that section and there had been complaints of near misses, particularly of jet skis coming too close to kayaks and paddleboards. He added that the bay is actually smaller than it appeared on maps.

Commissioner Bill Brooks said he did not support the request to make the area a no-wake zone. He expressed concern that other bays around the Lake would request similar restrictions.

Mr. Snyder confirmed that the County would have to submit a request for an encroachment permit to the Idaho Department of Lands to place additional buoys.

After discussion of all aspects of the proposal, the Commissioners agreed not to move forward on the request at this time. Chairman Fillios did ask Mr. Ely to collect additional information for the Board to review in the future. There was general agreement expressed.

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 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
