

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Kootenai County Waterways Advisory Board –September 4, 2018**  
**Kootenai County Search & Rescue Building**  
**10865 N Ramsey Rd**  
**Hayden, Idaho 83835**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Bjelland, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, Craig Brosenne, John Condon, Fred Gabourie, Brad Pendleton, Terry Werner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Jake Strange, Operations Manager, Parks & Waterways; Ranell Schwartz, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Samuel Hoggatt, Idaho State Parks Boating Education Coordinator; Craig Ely, Susan Snedeker, Nate Sparks, Ben Miller, Carrie Miller, Paul Loutzenhiser, Tom Torgerson

Chairman Werner called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

**MOTION:** Norm Blakney moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**HONEYSUCKLE BAY PUBLIC SAFETY**

Craig Ely is concerned about the safety of mixed use in Honeysuckle Bay on Hayden Lake. He proposed reducing the speed limit or extending the no wake zone to include the area south of the Boat Launch. There was some discussion. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting so the Sheriff's Office can weigh in.

**WATERWAYS SPEED LIMIT**

Tom Torgerson is concerned about safety on Lake Coeur d'Alene at night. The current nighttime speed limit is 20 mph. At the time it was set, boats were much smaller. Bigger boats do not plane at 20 mph, making it difficult to control the vessel and visibility is limited because the driver cannot see over the bow. Mr. Torgerson stated that the nighttime speed limit is 25 mph nationwide. There was some discussion.

**MOTION:** John Condon moved to approve and recommend to the County Commissioners to increase nighttime speed limit from 20 to 25 mph on all county waterways. After some discussion the motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

**ORV PARK**

Paul Loutzenhiser was present as a representative of the North Idaho Trailblazers riding club. He spoke in support of the ORV Park that was proposed back in 2015. There is a Facebook page in support of the park and numerous signed petitions. Parks & Waterways Director Nick Snyder presented a PowerPoint to provide background information regarding the proposed park. There was some discussion. This proposal will be discussed at the next meeting.

***OLD BUSINESS***

**WAKE RESTRICTIONS/ WAKE BOAT DISCUSSION**

There was some discussion about a letter from IDL that was sent to Spokane River waterfront property owners that have deployed un-permitted no wake buoys. Many of these buoys were removed from the water after this letter was sent. The wake restriction issue will be discussed with the incoming Board of County Commissioners after January, 2019.

**ORDINANCE CHANGES- RESOLUTION 2018-35**

The County Commissioners signed Resolution 2018-35 on August 21, 2018. Mr. Snyder reviewed the changes to the ordinance. Rafting of boats at county waterways facilities is now prohibited. Too many boats tied to the docks can cause

damage and is unsafe when the boats block public access. County waterways facilities now have quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

### ***FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS***

**HONEYSUCKLE BAY PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION**  
**ORV PARK DISCUSSION**  
**UPLAND PARK RENOVATION FUNDING DISCUSSION**

### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Susan Snedeker expressed concern about the fireworks shows on Lake Coeur d'Alene. She has spoken to Ken Gabriel from the City of Coeur d'Alene. She then spoke to Commissioner Fillios. He suggested that she speak to this board about the issue. She would like stricter noise regulations or fireworks rules or calendar or time restrictions. The noise bothers her dogs and she is also concerned about those that suffer from PTSD.

### ***STAFF REPORTS***

Jake Strange, Kootenai County Parks & Waterways: Mr. Strange reported that the Post Falls Highway District completed a parking lot reseal with a fog process at Hauser Park. They saved the county about \$7000. The Highway District also partnered with the Parks and Waterways staff to complete the parking lot renovation at McGuire Park. They expanded the parking spaces from 5 to 12 off-road parking spaces and fenced the property. One Maintenance Worker resigned in August, so they have been short staffed and only doing basic maintenance. The vessel pump-out at Carlin Bay needs to be repaired and has been out of service for the season.

Nick Snyder, Kootenai County Parks & Waterways: Mr. Snyder reported that the Parks and Waterways staff will partner with the Sheriff Marine staff to survey and permit all the navigational buoys on the county waterways. Mr. Snyder would like to replace all of the buoys with permanently splashed, steel buoys. He will be submitting a grant to contribute to the cost of the replacement of about 52 mooring or regulatory buoys. There was a discussion about the remaining pilings on the Spokane River. The Harrison Breakwater project is progressing. The funding is in place, the permits are in process. The preliminary bid process will begin soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ranell Schwartz*  
Recording Secretary