

Minutes of Meeting
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
September 6, 2018
11:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Marc Eberlein, Commissioner Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bob Bingham met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Dan Redline and Kajsa Van de Riet from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and Chip Corsi and David Leptich from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Creation of Advisory Board to Provide Input for Selecting Restoration Projects for Funding (Action)

Idaho Department of Fish and Game Representative Chip Corsi informed the Board that the creation of an advisory board to provide input for selecting restoration projects for funding was being considered. The parties involved would be Kootenai County, Benewah County, and Shoshone County, with projects related to restoration of the Coeur d'Alene River Basin. He said they would like to enlist two members from each County to express local opinions on proposed projects.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Representative Dan Redline listed the different stakeholders in the matter. He said he and Mr. Corsi represent the state trustees on the Natural Resource Trustee Council, Federal trustees are representatives of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He stated that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe would also be involved.

Commissioner Chris Fillios asked to whom this advisory board would report. Mr. Corsi said the advisory board would work with the state trustees who, in turn, would discuss their concerns with the others.

Chairman Eberlein remarked that he had been involved with the Environmental Improvement Project for four years and felt that sometimes Advisory Boards are created more for appearance than any other reason. He said that the input from some Advisory Boards is only acted on when it aligns with what the primary agency, such as the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) already planned on doing. He asked how seriously County input would be taken in this instance.

Mr. Corsi and Mr. Redline assured the Commissioners that the suggestions and direction from the Advisory Board would play a real role in decisions. Chairman Eberlein, Commissioner Fillios and Commissioner Bob Bingham agreed that an Advisory Board

should be created. Chairman Eberlein suggested Mr. Corsi and Mr. Redline create a set of parameters and a written description of the proposal to show to potential members.

Chairman Eberlein asked how much was currently in the fund the Restoration Project would draw from. Mr. Corsi said there was about 125 million dollars in the fund now; about 15 million had been spent on initial projects.

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. Adjourn (Action)

Chairman Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
