

**Minutes of Meeting
Parks & Waterways
Centennial Trail Encroachment Discussion
October 3, 2018
2:00 p.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 were Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds Director Nick Snyder and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Centennial Trail Encroachment (Discussion)

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds Director Nick Snyder reminded the Commissioners that the problem of multiple encroachments on the Centennial Trail had been discussed in a meeting during the summer with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes. At that time, he said Ms. Holmes had been directed to write a letter to the offending property owners notifying them of the situation. Mr. Snyder said the letters had been sent and a number of responses had been received with the same tone: people asked for additional time to fix the fences or other issues.

Mr. Snyder said Ms. Holmes was not able to attend this meeting but had offered him her advice to present to the Commissioners. He said she recommended that the Commissioners take appropriate action, ensuring that every person receives equal treatment. He said she also advised that she did not have the legal ability to recommend a grace period, since the problem deals with recognized County property.

Chairman Eberlein pointed out that, while the encroachments are on County property, the County is not using that property right now. He reasoned that the Board does not need to take immediate action. He suggested the response be to inform the residents that a future Board may require immediate action so those affected could be prepared. He said the County could encourage the residents to make the changes organically: for example, if they were going to repair an encroaching fence, they move it to their property line at the same time. Commissioner Bob Bingham and Commissioner Chris Fillios voiced their agreement.

Mr. Snyder said he would ask Ms. Holmes to write a letter to that effect and present it to the Board.

- D. **Public Comment:** 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 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
