

Minutes of Meeting
Special Meeting
EPA Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup
October 16, 2018
4:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Pro Tem Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bob Bingham met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were BEIPC (Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission) Executive Director Terry Harwood, BEIPC Member Rusty Sheppard, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Lake Management Representative Laura Laumatia and High Country News Reporter Emily Benson. Chairman Marc Eberlein was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Pro Tem Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

EPA Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup, Funding from Idaho, and Participation (Action)

BEIPC (Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission) Executive Director Terry Harwood outlined the accomplishments of the organization since he last met with the Board. He said this included the sampling and resurfacing of a large number of gravel roads in Kootenai and Shoshone Counties. Mr. Harwood stated that over six hundred road segments, originally built from contaminated materials, had been repaved in the last five years. He added that about seven thousand properties belonging to private citizens, businesses and government entities had been remediated.

Chairman Marc Eberlein entered the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Mr. Harwood informed the Commissioners that he was interested in gaining permission to sample three residential properties owned by Kootenai County that are located in Cataldo. He urged the Commissioners to allow this because, as the Superfund stands now, they could be cleaned up at no cost to the County. He warned that the property cleanup program would not continue after next year, so if the County ever wanted to sell them, the Commissioners should allow the sampling now.

Chairman Eberlein said the properties in question are located on a flood plain and the County used federal funds to buy them to take them out of inhabited areas, so they cannot be sold to a private individual or business. He stated he has tried to interest the Idaho Fish & Game Department in them, without any success so far.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden entered the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Chairman Eberlein updated Mr. Braden on the meeting to this point and told him that Mr. Harwood was asking permission from the Board to sample the properties to determine whether they need to be cleaned up. Chairman Eberlein said that there was funding

available for the cleanup. He asked Mr. Braden whether there was sufficient information on the agenda to allow the Board to have a vote on the item.

Mr. Braden said he thought there was enough information on the agenda item to permit the Board to vote today.

Commissioner Bob Bingham moved that the Board approve the sampling on the three properties, parcel numbers 49NO1E337270, 49NO1E337320 and 49NO1E337660 as discussed. Commissioner Fillios seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Bingham: Aye

Commissioner Fillios: Aye

Chairman Eberlein: Nay

The motion carried.

Mr. Harwood remarked that the Lower Basin Project Focus Team would be able to become more active in the near future, since many other projects have been completed. He said there are four major sources of contamination in the Basin: Bunker Hill Mine, which is being treated and should be completed in two years and Nine Mile Canyon, which should be done in five years. He said the other two are Burke Canyon, and Spokane River from Cataldo to Harrison. He explained that there are ten million cubic yards of contaminated sediment in the bottom of the river. Mr. Harwood assured the Commissioners that there will be funding available for the lower basin and projects for that area will be proposed soon.

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. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____

Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
