



KOOTENAI COUNTY

PARKS & WATERWAYS NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SNOWGROOMER

KOOTENAI COUNTY SNOWGROOMER ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Advisory Board Meeting – November 19, 2020
Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building
10865 N Ramsey Rd
Hayden, Idaho 83835

Members Present: Dale Adickes Chairman, Ted Burnside Vice Chairman, Steve Powers Board Member, Joe Wuest Board Member, , Lavern Welton Board Member, Al Beauchene Board Member

Members Absent: Donald West Board Member

Staff Present: Nick Snyder Director, Jake Strange Operations, Lynnell Smith Administrative Secretary, Chris Adam Weed Superintendent, Leslie Duncan Kootenai County Commissioner,

Others Present: Orin Moses CDA Snowmobile club, Rodney Waller, William Klinkofus Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Banks Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Wallace Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Fletcher Kootenai County Sheriff's Official, Ryan Higgins Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Elect Robert Norris, Tom Stangeland, and Skip Anderson

Chairman Dale Adickes called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Chairman Dale Adickes asked for approval of minutes of the last meeting.

Motion: Joe Wuest moved to accept the minutes as written. Ted Burnside seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Snowmobile Groomer Registration: Joe Wuest reported; the paperwork on raising the Snowmobile registration to \$49.50 will be taken up to the State by one of the Legislatures not sure which Legislature will be assigned to take it up. Orin Moses stated that if we could get some hard numbers from the State that would be helpful in determining what we should charge.

Snowmobile Groomer Sticker Vendors: Dale Adickes asked for the information on the vendors. Dale was given a list. Some of the Vendors listed do not have stickers yet. But Kootenai County Snowgroomer office and the website have them and are selling them now. As of today Snowgroomer office has sold 30 stickers.

Purchase and Registration Information: State of Idaho changed their computer systems, many places that previously sold the pass are now not able to do so. Registrations can be made on line or at the IDPR office at 2885 Kathleen Ave. Coeur d' Alene, in the same office as Fish and Game.

Action Item: Advisory Board meeting locations- Discussion as to where we should hold the board meetings especially during these COVID times. It was decided that the meetings will be held at the Search and Rescue Building from now on at 8:30am each month during the winter. Dates will be picked according to the available dates on the Search and Rescue Calendar. Commissioner Leslie Duncan spoke to the board and stated that this would be a positive change for the meetings. Leslie thanked the board for all the work they do and she realizes that it has been a lot of change fast and appreciates the board's dedication to the program.

Motion: A motion was made by Joe Wuest to move the Advisory Board meetings from Elmer's to the Search and Rescue building. Steve Powers seconded; motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion: The board was disappointed the Forest Service was not able to attend. They were looking forward to talking about placement of signs for the upcoming season. Director Snyder assured the board that the Snowgroomer Department would take care of getting all of the signs out to the backcountry with the help of snowmobile club and Advisory board. Joe Wuest is looking into another grant asking for sign dollars. The program is in need of new signs and more of them. The current ones are old and we are missing quite a few.

Reports:

Kootenai County Sheriff's Office: Sergeant Klinkefus

Action Item: Registration Funding Allocation-KCSO: Reference Idaho Code 67-7106(2)
Sergeant Will Klinkefus asked for the Snowmobile Advisory Board to support giving the Sheriff's office 10% of the registration money given to the Snowgroomer department, in the past the Sheriff's Office has asked and were always denied. He believes it's a fair ask because the code states that they can have up to 15%. This will help the partnership with KC Snowgroomer and enable the Sheriff's office to continue supporting the program at the high level they currently provide.

Motion: After a brief discussion a motion was made by Al Beauchene to support giving the Sheriff's office 10% of the Snowmobile registration fees. Lavern Welton seconded; motion was carried unanimously. We would like to submit our recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff Reports: Director, Nick Snyder: Presented a detailed Power Point presentation of all the work the Snowgroomer Department has been doing and how we are preparing for the grooming season. It was very well received by all.

Director Snyder spoke to the board about Kootenai County Snowgroomer Department applying for a ORMV grant for two snowmobiles.

Public Comments: Joe Wuest wanted to thank Commissioner Duncan and all her staff for all their hard work and dedication toward the Snowgroomer program.

Al Beauchene announced that the Gold Creek Lodge would be open this year on weekends. This would be very good for the Snowmobile program. It really helps when people have a destination spot. Al gave us a contact number to get more details on the opening of the Lodge.

Motion: Joe Wuest moved to adjourn the meeting, Steve Powers seconded; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell M. Smith
Recording Secretary