

**Minutes of Meeting
Waterways Advisory Board
March 20, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee and Commissioner Dan Green met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder, Waterways Advisory Board Chairman Jim Aucutt and Vice-Chairman John Condon, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Jones. Commissioner Jai Nelson was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions made.

C. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes made to the agenda.

D. Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

E. New Business:

Waterways Advisory Board Chairman Jim Aucutt stated that in FY 2012, the County budget included \$226,000 for Waterways improvements, but that over \$750,000 in improvements were accomplished. These projects were possible through cost-cutting measures and submission of successful grant applications. Mr. Aucutt extended his thanks to Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder, and to his staff, for making those improvements possible through their efforts.

Mr. Aucutt detailed the progress that has been made on the Sun Up Bay Improvement Project, noting that the improvements are similar to those that will be completed in Harrison, if grant funds are awarded.

Mr. Aucutt presented drafts of an Ordinance and a Resolution that the Waterways Advisory Board will be submitting for Board approval in the near future. The Board reviewed the drafts, and asked questions regarding the overnight moorage fees and the “no wake zone” restrictions.

Commissioner Nelson joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Mr. Snyder acknowledged that restrictions specific to Hayden Lake will still require adjustment before the final drafts are submitted. Once final drafts are submitted for approval, a Public Hearing will be required. In order to avoid mid-season fee adjustments and allow time for public education, the new fees will likely be implemented early next year. Commissioner Nelson suggested additional Ordinance verbiage to clarify time limit restrictions for overnight moorage.

The group discussed the possibility of making adjustments that would allow for long-term, off-season vessel storage at some facilities. Mr. Snyder agreed to present this recommendation to the Waterways Advisory Board at their next meeting.

Mr. Aucutt and Mr. Condon shared the processes and challenges associated with the upcoming Hydroplane Races, which are tentatively scheduled for Labor Day weekend. The Board asked about plans relating to staging areas, emergency services, and parking.

F. Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

G. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Nancy A. Jones, Deputy Clerk