

**Minutes of Meeting
Waterways Advisory Board
May 29, 2013
10:30 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 Deputy Clerk Michael Beaver. Commissioner Jai Nelson was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 10:30 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:

1. Discussion of the minutes of the Waterways Advisory Board meeting dated May 20, 2013.

Waterways Advisory Board Chairman Jim Aucutt presented a request from the Natural Resource Committee (NRC). This request asked the Board to craft a letter stating its support to the City of Coeur d'Alene if the City accepted an Idaho Department of Transportation (IDOT) offer of \$3 million dollars to take over a stretch of Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive (former US 10/Interstate 90). The City would gain control of the road and adjacent land ranging from the Beach House to Higgins Point. This property is currently managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Aucutt suggested that the City's acquisition of this property would also allow the County to develop additional areas for water access by the public. Chairman Tondee and Commissioner Green expressed their desire that the Board remain neutral on the proposal, offering that, long-term, shared responsibility for road and embankment maintenance could well exceed the County's portion of the \$3 million dollars offered by IDOT to accept the Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive takeover.

Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder informed the Board that the grant for restoration of the Harrison Boat Launch had been approved and that requests for qualified bidders would be forthcoming shortly. Mr. Snyder also noted that a hearing on the implementation of Overnight Moorage Fees should be held during boating season to allow interested individuals the greatest opportunity to voice their opinions.

The Board asked Mr. Snyder about the progress in finalizing the proposed boating ordinance for a No Wake Zone specific to Hayden Lake. The discussion centered on determining what conditions warrant imposing No Wake Zone restrictions on boaters – when a measurable quantity of water is flowing over the spillway or a specific depth is reached on the gauge in Hayden Lake. Mr. Snyder suggested that using the gauge would be the most accurate measure of when to impose the restriction.

The Board agreed and asked that Mr. Snyder work with the Department of Water Resources on a gauge reading that would correlate between a measurement on the lake's gauge (2,140 Feet) and a corresponding level of water (4, 5, or 6 inches) over the spillway. Mr. Snyder stated he would have the water measurements information by the next Waterways Advisory Board's meeting with the BOCC.

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 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Michael Beaver, Deputy Clerk