

Minutes of Meeting
Letter of Support – City Acquisition of BNSF Right-of-Way
April 30, 2014
11:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green, and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Coeur d’Alene City Attorney Mike Gridley, Citizen Larry Spencer, and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 11:15 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:**

Coeur d’Alene City Attorney Mike Gridley asked the Board to consider submitting a letter supporting the City of Coeur d’Alene in their efforts to acquire land that was abandoned by the BNSF Railway. Mr. Gridley explained that if the acquisition is successful, the City of Coeur d’Alene would develop a pedestrian and bike trail that connects with the Centennial Trail and provides pedestrian and bike access to Riverstone and downtown Coeur d’Alene. Mr. Gridley informed the Board that the City of Coeur d’Alene would like to eventually continue this trail and connect the City of Post Falls with the City of Coeur d’Alene. The Board was in favor of supporting the City of Coeur d’Alene in their efforts to acquire the property for the purposes of establishing a pedestrian and bike trail.

- F. Staff Reports:** There were no staff reports.
- G. Public Comment:** Citizen Larry Spencer stated that once a federal railway has been abandoned that ownership of that land is reverted to the adjacent land owners, and inquired if acquisition of this property would be prohibited by that federal regulation. Mr. Gridley advised that the land was owned by BNSF Railway and was not subject to those restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
