

Minutes of Meeting
Waterways Advisory Board Update
April 1, 2015
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman David Stewart and Commissioner Marc Eberlein met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder, Advisory Board Chairman John Condon and Advisory Board Vice Chairman Jim Aucutt, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler. Commissioner Dan Green was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions made.

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

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

E. New Business:

Parks and Waterways Advisory Board Chairman John Condon gave the Board an update on the last Advisory Board meeting and said there were some citizens that expressed concern about the safety issues on the river, specifically boaters ignoring the no wake zones. The Board discussed options to help resolve these safety concerns and increase efforts to enforce courtesy among boaters. At the Board's request, Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder agreed to freshen up the "No Wake Zone" signs, especially near the Templin's Red Lion Hotel and the Post Falls Dam on the Spokane River, and also add to the signs "5 mph" so boat speed reductions are encouraged.

Mr. Condon said the Waterways Advisory Board is challenging the cap to be removed from the Waterways Improvement Fund (WIF) Grant. The Waterways Board requested the Commissioners write a letter to Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) Board asking for this cap to be removed as well. Mr. Condon also requested copies of this letter to be sent to the governor and state legislators.

Chairman Stewart asked if the Grant should be on a pro-rata share? Mr. Condon said the caps currently do not allow one county to receive more than 30% of the total grant funds. Mr. Condon said our area manages a large topographical region and there are some counties with much smaller waterways entitled to the same amount of funds.

The Commissioners gave their support to Mr. Condon, and directed Mr. Snyder to draft a letter addressing the WIF grant funds cap. Mr. Snyder agreed to present the draft letter to the Board after review by the Legal department.

Mr. Snyder said overnight moorage fees are now in place, but they will not be implemented until some infrastructure is in place to collect the fees and a new breakwater is in place.

- F. 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 were no public comments.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk
