

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Waterways Advisory Board
October 28, 2015
3:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Parks & Waterways Director Nick Snyder, Waterways Advisory Board Chairman John Condon, Vice Chair James Acutt, and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.
- B. Introductions:** No introductions were made.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. New Business:**

Waterways Advisory Board Update by Chairman John Condon

Waterways Advisory Board Chairman John Condon apprised the Board of the recent business the Waterways Advisory Board had been addressing. He stated that no-wake buoys on Lake Coeur d'Alene are a reoccurring topic of discussion at the Advisory Board meetings. He explained that no-wake buoys are the equivalent of stop signs in water navigation and that the Advisory Board had been very hard-line in declining the buoys. Mr. Condon stated that all parties whom are denied a no-wake buoy are told they can come to the Board of County Commissioners to plead their case further, but none have exercised their right to do so. He added that a recent case involving The Terraces Marina had made the Advisory Board debate drafting a policy to treat businesses as a separate consideration from homeowners on this issue.

Parks & Waterways Director Nick Snyder spoke regarding the Audubon Society's request for a Reel-In and Recycle program and how it would affect the County. He said that Parks & Waterways had worked with the Audubon Society in the past very positively but that in this request he advised against the County supporting the program as it countermands the current policy and creates potential risk. He explained that the program would encourage fishers to recycle their fishing line and hooks on site by providing receptacles but the current County policy is "pack it in, pack it out," and no receptacles are provided. He explained this was because receptacles had been abused in the past and there was the added risk that hypodermic needles could be in the trash exposing County staff to risk whenever they emptied the receptacles. The Board agreed that the current policy was better suited to the County's needs.

Mr. Condon explained that the Advisory Board wanted to raise the Board's awareness of the need for a concrete or steel commercial bulkhead approximately 20 feet wide on Lake Coeur d'Alene. He stated the bulkhead would be for the purpose of barges loading

and unloading and bringing boats in. He added that in the past the County had made use of the industrial bulkheads on the lake but over time they have been closed leaving fewer options available. He told the Board that several sites have been discussed over the years and it was the Advisory Board's opinion that the best site would be at Higgins Point.

Mr. Condon advised the Board of an upcoming meeting with the US Coast Guard. The Advisory Board would host the meeting on November 12, 2015, but no venue had been chosen at this time. Mr. Condon invited the Board and stated that he would be inviting Sheriff Wolfinger as the Sheriff had spoken very strongly regarding the debate of jurisdiction with the Coast Guard. Vice Chair James Acutt explained that because federal money was spent on the lake the Coast Guard could push for more Coast Guard involvement in policing and creating policy that would affect Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Mr. Snyder thanked Commissioner Stewart for presenting the Floating Recreation Island proposal at the Annual Leadership Coeur d'Alene Government Day. Commissioner Stewart added that it was well received and people showed interest in the proposal.

E. 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 Green adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk
