

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Parks and Waterways
February 1, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green and Commissioner Marc Eberlein met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Parks & Waterways Director Nick Snyder and Deputy Clerk Cecilia Sweet. Commissioner David Stewart was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. New Business**

Harrison Breakwater Replacement Project Update

Parks & Waterways Director Nick Snyder mentioned that the 515 ft. breakwater was responsible for protecting two marinas in Harrison and was in poor condition. He revealed the new proposed breakwater replacement would be 80 ft. longer with an expanded recreation area, and the Coeur d'Alene cruise boats could use the new gangway with overnight mooring. He informed the Board the new proposed docking system would be made of steel construction from Bellingham Marine Company. He reported Parks and Waterways had worked with Idaho State Parks on this project's first federal grant and that the development was going well. He hoped to deploy this project in the spring of 2018.

Vehicle Discussion

Mr. Snyder advised the Commissioners that Parks and Waterways had a 2008 GMC Canyon truck, which was in excellent condition, but was not the best choice for the department. He said the vehicle was purchased with dedicated funds from the Boat Launch Account and now had 51,379 miles. He mentioned the truck had a short bed with limited space and the gas mileage could be better.

Chairman Green suggested Mr. Snyder could write a request for a new vehicle, but he would not support the purchase until the next fiscal year's budget.

Recreation Island Update

Mr. Snyder gave a Recreation Island update, and he requested to obtain a \$75 permit for the Floating Island even though the project was not funded. He assured the Commissioners the permit would be good for a number of years and was required for advertising.

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Park Direction Discussion

Mr. Snyder would like to start conversations with potential property owners about leases and he asked for Board direction for future projects. He said there was millions of grant dollars available for the ORV Park; however, the County lacked the grants' cash match. He stated there was community support for an ORV Park, but if there was no direction from the Board on future projects, he could not apply for grants without a project and a potential location.

Chairman Green said that the prospective funding for this project was denied, and it was an unrealistic expectation to imply that this project was moving forward when the project was not funded. He stated, he respected Mr. Snyder for his due diligence, but asked that there be no reference to the Board's approval so early in this project's process. He stated that it was okay for a personal conversation with potential land owners on a conceptual plan with no projected dates mentioned.

- 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 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Cecilia M. Sweet, Deputy Clerk
