

Minutes of Meeting
Idaho Transportation Department
August 24, 2016
1:30 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 and Deputy Clerk Randi Davis. Also present were Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) District Engineers Damon Allen and Justin Wuest, City of Coeur d'Alene Parks & Recreation Director Bill Greenwood, Trails Coordinator Monte McCully, City of Hayden Public Works Director Alan Soderling, North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation Board Chair John Bruning, Executive Director Theresa MacLennan, and Foundation Board members Jon Ingalls, Matt Gillis, and Terry Godbout.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- D. New Business:**

Discussion of potential participation of the County, City of Coeur d'Alene, and City of Hayden in managing the recreational trail paralleling Highway 95

ITD District Engineer Damon Allen discussed the recreational trail paralleling Highway 95 and its current state. He said the southern section of the trail between Appleway Avenue and Highway 53 was in disrepair, and the northern section between Highway 53 and Athol was unpaved. He said ITD expected to receive a Federal transportation grant for freight improvements on Highway 95, which included improvements to the trail. Chairman Green asked whether the grant would cover the costs of improvements to the entire trail, or only a portion. Mr. Allen replied the grant could only be used for the southern portion. He stated the trail was the only one in the state that ITD currently owned, and ITD's intention was to make an agreement with local entities to take jurisdiction of the trail after improvements were made.

Commissioner Stewart asked whether the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation would like to participate in the agreement. Foundation Board member Jon Ingalls replied that the Foundation's first priority was to preserve the Centennial Trail, and would be an advocate for the trail without participating in the agreement. Parks & Waterways Director Nick Snyder said that City of Coeur d'Alene City Attorney Michael Gridley and County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes recommended creating a Joint Powers agreement between the County and the Cities of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden for the maintenance of the trail.

Chairman Green asked whether the Cities of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden would support a Joint Powers agreement. City of Coeur d'Alene Parks & Recreation Director Bill

Greenwood expressed support for the agreement. City of Hayden Public Works Director Alan Soderling stated he was concerned about maintenance costs, since the City of Hayden had no funding source for it. City of Coeur d'Alene Trails Coordinator Monte McCully pointed out that each jurisdiction could maintain their portion of the trail at a level that suited its budget. Mr. Snyder pointed out that volunteers could help maintain Hayden's portion of the trail if necessary. Chairman Green and Commissioner Stewart supported creating a Joint Powers agreement. Commissioner Eberlein stated he was unsupportive of using County money for trail maintenance because the County already had enough costs to cover in other areas.

Chairman Green asked Mr. Snyder to contact the City of Post Falls to see whether they would like to participate, and to organize a meeting including the County and Cities of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden to discuss a Joint Powers agreement in further detail. Mr. Allen said ITD would be willing to attend the meeting as well. Chairman Green also asked Mr. Soderling to discuss the agreement with Hayden's City Administrator Brett Boyer, and Mr. Soderling confirmed that he would.

- 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 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Randi Davis, Deputy Clerk
