

MINUTES OF MEETING
Waterways Advisory Board –March 17, 2014
Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, Craig Brosenne, John Condon, Brad Pendleton.

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Sergeant Ryan Higgins, Sheriff’s Office Recreation Safety Division; Dale Johnson, Sheriff’s Office Recreation Safety Division; Ranell Schwartz, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Harlen, Harbor View Boat Association; Ross Walkinshaw

Chairman John Condon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

The BOCC plans to schedule a Public Hearing regarding proposed boat launch user fee increases and overnight mooring fees at appointed county facilities sometime in April. Parks and Waterways staff is working on a five year strategic plan for the proposed use of the fees for presentation to the BOCC.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULATORY BUOY APPLICATION- HARBOR VIEW BOAT ASSOCIATION

Craig Harlin presented a Regulatory Buoy Application on behalf of the Harbor View Boat Association, on Lake Coeur d’Alene, for two (2) No-Wake Buoys. When IDL permitted their new dock some years ago, they required the breakwater to be removed. The No- Wake Buoys have remained at the location of the breakwater. They are requesting to move buoys out to 100ft off the docks to slow down boating traffic that comes around the point. After some discussion of this complex issue by the board:

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to table this discussion to determine a policy in order to be consistent throughout the lake. The motion was seconded; all were in favor except Jim Aucutt who voted no; the motion carried.

Chairman Condon appointed Ray Bradley to chair a committee to review the policy. Brad Pendleton and Ross Walkinshaw will also be on the committee. They will not meet until May.

PARKS & WATERWAYS 2013 YEAR END REPORT

Nick Snyder presented a PowerPoint highlighting 2013 projects and financial information.

COAST GUARD MOU AND EVENT PERMITS

Sergeant Ryan Higgins reported that the Coast Guard MOU with the state is under discussion. One of the issues is the permitting of marine events. Events that meet a certain criteria (environmental impact and boating safety) may have to be permitted by the Coast Guard in addition to the County Marine Event Permit until this MOU has been evaluated and possibly changed.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

COAST GUARD MOU & EVENT PERMITS

PARKS & WATERWAYS STRATEGIC PLAN

STAFF REPORTS

Nick Snyder, Parks & Waterways-

Parks & Waterways will have full seasonal staffing beginning in April. Harrison Boat Launch construction is complete but high water levels prevented staff from connecting the gangway. Docks at Hauser have some ice damage. The pump-out at Carlin should be operational next week. Staff is busy repairing winter damage. IDPR is looking at grants this week. The new Community Development director has discussed Carlin Bay parking with Mr. Snyder. He thinks there is a somewhat simple process to open rural gravel parking areas with help from the BOCC.

Sergeant Ryan Higgins, KCSO, Recreation Safety Division-

Sergeant Higgins introduced Dale Johnson. Deputy Johnson is replacing Tim Leeder as the Supervising Marine Deputy. He has been with KCSO for twelve years. They are in the process of hiring seasonal staff and hope to have 10 deputies this season. Sergeant Higgins is hoping Kathy Goodwin will return this season for Civil Boat inspections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz

Recording Secretary