

MINUTES OF MEETING
Waterways Advisory Board Special Meeting –September 23, 2014
Parks & Waterways Office
Hayden, Idaho

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Aucutt, Ray Bradley, Craig Brosenne, Brad Pendleton.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Brown, CDA Tribe

Vice-Chairman Jim Aucutt called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.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.

NEW BUSINESS

Regulatory Buoy Summit

The purpose of the meeting was for the Advisory Board, Parks and Waterways and the KCSO Recreation Safety Division to evaluate the process for regulatory buoy applications on county waterways. The meeting began with a discussion of the recommended parameters that should be in place when deciding where to permit/place no-wake buoys. The discussion framework included the adoption of regulatory buoy permit application guidelines that should be integrated into the permit application.

The CDA tribe discussed its position of rarely permitting or placing buoys in their area of jurisdiction. Some discussion included mandated boater education and that boater education should be encouraged by all agencies.

The group discussed the recent application at Loff's Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene by Camp Cross. They also discussed the channel at Spirit Lake from the sportsman's access boat launch out into the main lake.

Ray Bradley stated that they have 4 choices:

1. Deny all no-wake applications.
2. Don't change anything: Consider each application (usually denied) and make a recommendation to the BOCC.
3. Set a policy: define criteria for meet to get a recommendation from this advisory board.
4. Approve all applications that meet the 200 ft criteria.

Jim Aucutt added:

5. Place no-wake buoys at all existing navigational aid locations.

There was discussion about adopting parameters for regulatory buoy permit applications.

Examples were:

1. Applicants shall incur all costs of installation and maintenance.
2. Markers must conform to Coast Guard Standards. (P&W would order).
3. Public safety, congestion, or mixed commercial and public use must be a factor at the requested location.
4. Must not unnecessarily restrict boaters.
5. Protection of private property shall not be a consideration
6. Applicant must present neighbor consensus by affected property owners, not just neighboring property owners, as part of the application for consideration.

Based on the above criteria; Kootenai County Parks & Waterways, the Waterways Advisory Board and the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office all must agree to recommend an application to the Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to adopt the above criteria as policy and instructed Parks & Waterways and the Sheriff's Office to write the language to be added the current Regulatory Buoy Application. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Nick Snyder, Parks & Waterways-Mowry Shelter project is in progress. Old shelters have been torn down. Staff is working on footings and preparation to erect the new shelters when they arrive. The resolution for the fee increase is still a work in progress.

Jason Brown, CDA Tribe: Discussed the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's and its affect on Harrison and surrounding property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz

Recording Secretary