

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Waterways Advisory Board –September 21, 2015**  
**Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building**  
**Coeur d’Alene, Idaho**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, John Condon, Brad Pendleton.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randy Herman, IDPR; Tyson Kaestner, The Terraces

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.**

***NEW BUSINESS***

**REQUEST FOR REGULATORY BUOYS-The Terraces**

Tyson Kaestner presented an application for no-wake buoys on Lake Coeur d’Alene in front of the docks at The Terraces Marina. They are concerned with the safety of recreational users and the damage that the wave action is causing to the docks. The adjacent docks at Silver Beach Marina currently have three no-wake buoys but they do not influence boat traffic going by the Terraces. Sergeant Ryan Higgins stated that even though the marina is private the request is justified because of the public use in the area. After some discussion of the options available:

**MOTION: Brad Pendleton moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded; Brad Pendleton and John Condon voted Aye. Ray Bradley and Norm Blakney voted No. The motion failed. After some discussion Ray Bradley moved to direct Parks & Waterways staff to deploy temporary educational buoys and evaluate and re-visit this request next year. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.**

**AUDUBON SOCIETY REQUEST-REEL- IN AND RECYCLE PROGRAM**

The board considered a letter of request dated May 12, 2015 from the Coeur d’Alene Audubon Society. They would like to place recycling bins for fishing tackle at the county docks to protect wildlife from the dangers created when they tangle in fishing line. The board discussed the Parks & Waterways’ policy of pack it in, pack it out as related to this issue.

**MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.**

**PARKS & WATERWAYS POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

Nick Snyder presented some exciting new projects including the Harrison Breakwater replacement, Floating Recreation Island, and Off Road Vehicle Park. He also showed photos of the completed Mowry Park Shelters and touched on the proposed 2016 WIF Grant and Road and Bridge Grant.

***OLD BUSINESS***

**ADVISORY BOARD TERM LIMITS**

No discussion

**SAFETY ISSUES ON THE SPOKANE RIVER**

Parks and Waterways staff evaluated the current regulatory signs on the Spokane River. There are eleven signs between Q’emiln Boat Launch and Templin’s resort. They also gave a sign to the City of Post Falls to post on the end of the dock at Q’emiln.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Jake Strange, Parks & Waterways:

Staff recently completed rehab at Spokane Point parking lot. The pumpout at Rockford Bay has been repaired and will be given to the owners of the Marina to maintain. A steel piling was placed on the Spokane River to replace on that had been missing for a few years. Most of the summer was spent completing the Shelters at Mowry Park.

Randy Herman, IDRP:

There were thirteen water related fatalities in the state of Idaho this summer. Four of the last five “voluntarily left the boat” for various reasons. 80 lifejacket loaner stations have been placed at boat launches throughout the state.

Ryan Higgins, KCSO:

There were two boating fatalities and one water related death. OUI arrests were way up. Boat inspections were down due to lack of personnel. Only three teams were deployed this summer making coverage difficult.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ranell Schwartz*

Recording Secretary