

MINUTES OF MEETING
Waterways Advisory Board –March 21, 2016
Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, John Condon, Brad Pendleton, Terry Werner.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chairman John Condon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

Chairman Condon introduced and welcomed the newly appointed member of the board, Terry Werner.

MOTION: Jim Aucutt moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; Terry Werner abstained because he did not attend the previous meeting. All others were in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Jim Aucutt moved to nominate John Condon as Chairman of the board .The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

MOTION: John Condon moved to nominate Jim Aucutt as Vice-Chairman of the board. The motion was seconded; Jim Aucutt voted nay. All others were in favor; the motion carried.

VESSEL ACCOUNT FUND BALANCE:

Nick Snyder explained the Vessel Account funding from State boater registration fees that is shared with the KCSO Recreation boating safety department. After some discussion and evaluation between Parks & Waterways and the Sheriff’s Office with input from the Auditor’s Office, the BOCC acknowledged that a 50/50 split of the funds between P&W and the KCSO will continue moving forward. The fund balance is currently low. Both departments plan to closely monitor the fund and adjust capital spending for the next year or two to increase the fund balance. Ideally a fund balance of \$100,000 (\$50,000 for grant match and \$50,000 for emergencies) is desired. Sergeant Higgins reported that so far revenues are up in 2016.

REGION 1 WIF GRANT REPRESENTATIVE:

Nick Snyder presented the board with an overview of the role of a WIF Grant representative. Kathy Goodwin is the current representative. He asked if any of the board members had an interest in serving in the future at such time that Kathy is no longer the Region 1 representative. He emphasized that it is critical to have good representation for our area. Three names were brought forward as possible applicants: Craig Brosenne, Terry Kincaid and Ross Walkinshaw.

OLD BUSINESS

COAST GUARD JURISDICTION ON INLAND WATERS:

Sergeant Higgins reported that the Coast Guard (CG) insists that they have jurisdiction on inland waters. Sheriff Wolfinger says the CG does not. The Sheriff's department will work with the CG with situations involving commercial boating accidents, hydroplane races, etc.

BOOTHE'S LANDING

Mr. Snyder reported that he was in contact with Eastside Highway District in January. They reported that the judge presiding over the case had 38 days to make a ruling. There have been no updates since. Mr. Snyder will inform the board if he receives any news on the ruling.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

STAFF REPORTS

Will Klinkefus, KCSO: They have 5-6 new seasonal applicants for the summer if all goes well. They will have about the same amount of seasonal and patrols as last year.

Nick Snyder, Parks & Waterways: The Parks and Waterways staff is now full again. New docks for Bayview were completed over the winter and will be installed soon.

HARRISON BREAKWATER:

Mr. Snyder presented a power point presentation of an overview of the Parks & Waterways department and the proposed Harrison Breakwater renovation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz

Recording Secretary