

**Minutes of Meeting
Status Update
January 17, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Leslie Duncan, Commissioner Bruce Mattare and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Community Development Director David Callahan, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Coeur d’Alene Skeet and Trap Club President Ed Wagner, Save the Open Space Committee Members Wes Hanson and Jan Scharnweber and Kootenai County Resident J. A. “Sandy” Emerson.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

CDA Skeet Club Next Steps (Discussion)

Commissioner Bruce Mattare remarked that the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) response to this issue would seriously impact any decision the Board made. However, he said, it was also important to settle this issue as promptly as possible.

Commissioner Bill Brooks said he felt that any action before the FAA reaction was received would be premature.

Commissioner Mattare agreed, but suggested that having options to fit their most likely responses would be wise.

Chair Duncan commented that she had a plan, which she would propose once it was fully prepared. She said there was still one part of it that needed to be completed before she could bring it forward.

Facilities Plans 2 Year/5 Year/10 Year (Discussion)

Chair Duncan reported that she had been working on a presentation for the 2 Year, 5 Year and 10 Year Facilities Plans and asked when the other Commissioners would like to review it.

Commissioner Mattare suggested she bring it forward within the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Brooks indicated he would be ready to listen and discuss her proposals.

Open Space Bond (Discussion)

Chair Duncan reminded those present that Kootenai County Resident Wes Hanson had led a group that proposed that the Commissioners go to the public for an Open Space Bond, in the amount of about \$50 million. She said that, now that Commissioner Mattare was getting settled into office, they could take the discussion back up.

Community Development Director David Callahan reported that he had just spoken to Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder and Mr. Snyder would like to have individual discussions with each of the Commissioners before bringing this topic before the public. He said Mr. Snyder had also indicated that he had not yet had time to talk to the group leaders of the Save Open Space Committee in the depth that he would like.

Commissioner Mattare remarked that he was somewhat familiar with this initiative. He said he thought the public would react well to a proposal like this, if it were properly presented. He added that, once the details had been ironed out, he would be glad to hear more about it.

Commissioner Brooks agreed.

- D. 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.

Save Open Space Committee Member Jan Scharnweber presented a letter to the Commissioners outlining their project and asking for the Board's support. She urged the Board to proceed with the proposals as soon as possible.

Chair Duncan commented that Mr. Snyder had not objected to a target of the November 2023 ballot.

Save Open Space Committee Member Wes Hanson said he was glad there was interest expressed in this. He noted that the committee felt that November 2023 was too early to present this for a public vote. He urged that time be taken to fully educate the public so that they could get the two thirds vote needed to pass it. He added that they would like their group to be officially recognized by the County, as well.

Chair Duncan stated that she would urge Mr. Snyder to meet with the group soon.

- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER LOCKE, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk