

Minutes of Meeting
Idaho Department of Lands
March 29, 2021
10:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Idaho Forest Group Resource & Business Analyst Tera King, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Real Estate Services Program Manager Joshua Purkiss and Kootenai County Resident Erin Barnard.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes in the agenda.
- C. Business (Discussion):**

Idaho Forest Group and Idaho Department of Land Athol Land Swap Presentation by Idaho Forest Group Resource and Business Analyst Tera King

Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Real Estate Services Program Manager Joshua Purkiss introduced himself and stated that he and Idaho Forest Group Resource & Business Analyst Tera King were present to give the Board a chance to offer comments or ask questions about the Athol Land Swap.

Ms. King reviewed a slide presentation that illustrated the ongoing land exchange. She said they would acquire about 75 acres east of their existing facility in exchange for some of their timberland parcels. She described the different parcels involved. She explained that her group would provide four parcels, three in Bonner County and one in Athol, as their side of the trade. She pointed out that having 75 acres of state land and put into private ownership, would benefit Kootenai County by increasing tax revenue.

Mr. Purkiss said that, from IDL's perspective, the ground adjacent to the mill was not the most productive timberland, so they would receive about 320 acres of better timberland.

Ms. King said that the swap was relatively equal in value, rather than the same number of acres.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan remarked that the groups did not need any official action from the Board, but it sounded like it would be a beneficial action for the County.

- 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. There were no public comments.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
