

MINUTES OF MEETING
Kootenai County Waterways Advisory Board
April 8, 2021
Kootenai County Search & Rescue Building
10865 N Ramsey Rd
Hayden, Idaho 83835

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Foley, Doug Harris, Mike Pelissero, Gary Schmidt, Tom Torgerson, Terry Werner

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Deputy Gerald Wallace, Deputy Jonathan Traw, and Sergeant Will Klinkefus, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office; Ranell Schwartz, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Stiger, Bob Stiger, Jim Stafford, Spokane River Association; Chase Grove

Chairman Werner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Advisory Board members declared no conflicts of interest.

MOTION: Doug Harris moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ANCHORING ON COUNTY WATERWAYS:

Nick Snyder stated that legal counsel has the request. They will provide a legal opinion to the County Commissioners. More information will be discussed at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE: PROPOSED NO-WAKE ZONE-HONEYSUCKLE BAY-HAYDEN LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Nick Snyder reported that the proposed ordinance has been drafted. It will be advertised, per Idaho Code, early next week. Once that is completed, the County Commissioners may or may not decide to have a public hearing. There is no requirement for a Public Hearing. There should be more information by the next meeting.

UPDATE: REQUEST TO MODIFY COUNTY WATERWAYS ORDINANCE-SPOKANE RIVER:

Nick Snyder met with KCSO and Commissioner Duncan. Some questions have been sent to legal counsel for clarification as to the impacts of removing or keeping the ordinance. The Commissioners will make a decision after they receive this information.

UPDATE: WATERWAYS ORDINANCE REQUEST CHECKLIST:

Nick Snyder reported that the Commissioners approved the proposed checklist. The checklist is now posted on the Parks and Waterways website so the public now has a clear path forward for requesting changes to the County Waterways Ordinance. Mr. Snyder thanked this board for tackling this procedure.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Chairman Werner stated that the next meeting would be cancelled if there are no items for the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chase Grove asked if the KCSO has the survey that was mentioned at the Town Hall Meeting at Templin's that was hosted by Sheriff Bob Norris. Deputy Gerald Wallace said he thought it was available online and would get back to Mr. Grove. Chairman Werner reminded the board that they were not to discuss public comment, based on the recent open meeting law training.

Mr. Grove also stated that he sees the Spokane River issues pushed as a safety issue, but the facts do not support that. He would like to see concrete studies before action is taken to make any further changes. Chairman Werner stated that this issue is now with the County Commissioners so any comments should be directed to them. There was more discussion about the Open Meeting Law.

Deputy Gerald Wallace stated that Deputy Justin Arts was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and is no longer with the Recreation Safety Division. Deputy Jonathan Traw has taken his place in Recreation Safety.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz
Recording Secretary