

**Minutes of Meeting
Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
May 18, 2022**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jon Mueller at 3:27pm.

1. Opening Protocols:

Commissioner Brown gave opening protocols.

2. Roll Call:

Present were Russ Brown, Walter Burns, J.P. Piedmont, Jon Mueller, Laurie Mauser and Don Walters. Courtney Beebe was excused.

3. Introduce Guests:

Three guests attended the meeting: Bob and Nancy Reisch of Hayden Lake and Gabriel Guthry, Coeur d'Alene High School student.

B. Business (Action Items)

Agenda Item #1 Approval of Minutes April 20, 2022.

Vice Chairperson Mueller presented the minutes. Commissioner Burns moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Walters seconded the motion. Vice-Chairperson Mueller called for discussion. There was no discussion. Vice-Chairperson Mueller called for a vote to approve. All approved in a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item #2 Welcome new Commission Member Don Walters.

Vice-Chairperson Mueller welcomed and introduced Don Walters, newly appointed commissioner and invited him to tell the Commission about himself. Commissioner Walters stated that he has lived in Coeur d'Alene for 23 years and started as a substitute teacher and now teaches government at Coeur d'Alene High School.

Agenda Item #3 Review Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Historic Preservation Plan Project.

Vice-Chairperson Mueller requested comments from commissioners regarding the draft RFP which was sent out by email prior to the meeting. Consensus comments were that the RFP looked good and was well prepared. Commissioner Mueller commented that the amount of work required for the dollar amount of the grant seemed like it would be difficult to accomplish, though the same task

was performed by the Coeur d' Alene Historic Preservation Commission successfully. He also questioned the required insurance costs making it feasible for a consultant to do a project with such a low amount. Commissioner Mauser commented that most consultants are already carrying the liability insurance and it should not be a factor in any proposal budget. Vice-Chairperson Mueller requested that we note to proceed to issue the RFP with no objections and that Jody Bieze is still reviewing and we are waiting on the funding to come through, though the grant has been awarded. It is probable that it will be several more months before it is funded as has occurred in the past with other grants.

Agenda Item #4 Budget Presentation to BOCC May 31, 2022 at 4pm.

Vice-Chairman Mueller requested that the Commission identify five of the most important items to support and justify the budget increase request we are submitting to the BOCC. Commissioner Mueller stated that we have projects with objectives and need funding to accomplish these projects for the benefit of the people of Kootenai County. Several line items point to this. Most important to accomplish our objectives is our plan for future and continued outreach. We also want to emphasize a general concept of support to county entities and become a source of influence to those groups and individuals. Discussion was summarized in three general areas that the proposed budget addresses: 1) outreach enhancement, 2) discretionary money for groups or organizations' planning and projects which creates good will to the county residents and expands our influence and enhances the county's own image, 3) enhance education of historic preservation, one example of which is having a greater presence on the county website.

Agenda Item #5 Commissioner Subcommittee Updates on Action Items

Farragut Meeting (Burns, Mueller, Mauser):

Commissioner Burns reported he has called and left several messages in an attempt to make an appointment with the Farragut State Park Manager. She has not been available and/or not returned his calls. Commissioner Burns suggested that either before or at the same time we meet with her that we take time for a "tour" of the park and Pen d' Oreille City so that all commissioners are familiar with the cultural landscape and the newly designated NRHP Pen d'Oreille City site in order to discuss management goals with the Park. An agenda for our meeting has been prepared by Commissioner Mauser. Commissioner Mauser suggested adding Bayview's NRHP historic district features to that tour, especially since many are failing and new development may be impacting these.

Cougar Gulch Field Work for Context/Survey (Mauser):

Commissioner Mauser reported that Commissioner Beebe and our contractor Sharon Boswell toured the project area on

Saturday April 23, 2022 to revisit some of the previously recorded properties and locate new features. One previously unrecorded barn and outbuildings were located and three property owners answered questions and offered information. The context report is due on May 31 and Ms. Boswell is on schedule to submit the deliverables on time.

Contacts with Kootenai County History Groups:

Commissioners Russ Brown and Walter Burns reported that they attended the award ceremony for North Idaho Museum at Ft. Sherman Chapel on May 5. Commissioner Brown also attended the Pleasantview School cowboy breakfast. He also has been trying to make contact with the Worley Museum.

Planning for Oral History Training Event with Sara Ruggles (Beebe):

Vice-Chairperson Mueller reported that Commissioner Beebe is working on setting up oral history workshops with Sara Ruggles.

BOCC requested edits to Inadvertent Find Protocol (IDP) (Mauser):

Commissioner Mauser reported that she reorganized the IDP and tried to address BOCC concerns and requested any changes/edits to the document from the Commission. None were made. The revised document as presented will be forwarded to the BOCC.

Feely Farm Research (Mauser)

Commissioner Mauser reported that Chairman Beebe met with Kim Brown of Post Falls Historical Society who suggested the KCHPC record and research the Feely Farm on Prairie Avenue. Commissioner Mauser agreed to follow through and submitted a request for records for the farm and neighboring farms from ISHPO a few weeks ago. The information, if any, has not be received as of this meeting. Commissioner Mauser will contact the owners once the records are checked.

C. Open Floor

Bob and Nancy Reisch of Hayden Lake were given the floor. They live between the upper and lower Hayden Lake Road above the Dalton Irrigation Canal. They were attending the KCHPC meeting to find out how to proceed to preserve the canal as a historic property and what the procedure is. The canal was constructed in 1913 by

Frank Feller to supply water to irrigation companies. It is in a neglected state now. It may have also been used for flood control.

Commissioner Mauser suggested that with some research, the canal could be recorded and an ISHI form submitted to Idaho State Historic Preservation Office for evaluation. She stated that it may be eligible for the National Register if it meets one or more criteria, one of which would be its importance in the settlement and agriculture development of the area. Vice-Chairperson Mueller suggested we keep it under advisement and put the canal on the agenda for further consideration next month.

D. Adjourn

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Commissioner Piedmont moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Vice-Chairperson Mueller adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm.

Laurie Mauser, Recording Secretary