

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**  
**June 15, 2022**

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Courtney Beebe at 3:30 pm.

**1. Opening Protocols:**

Commissioner Brown gave opening protocols.

**2. Roll Call:**

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

**3. Introduce Guests:**

One guest attended the meeting: Bob Reisch of Hayden Lake.

**B. Business (Action Items)**

**Agenda Item #1 Approval of Minutes May 18, 2022.**

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

**Agenda Item # 2 Proposed Budget Presented to BOCC**

Commissioner Beebe reported that we have had no word on approval of our proposed budget presented to the BOCC on May 31. Also attending the special meeting were Commissioners Mauser, Brown, and Burns. The BOCC seemed to support the proposal but commented that they see the HPC as advisors, not a fund dispensary. In the meantime, a challenge for the BOCC is a wage study because of the flow of county employees leaving.

**Agenda Item #3 Oral History Training.**

Chairperson Beebe reported that Sara Ruggles will be doing the training and is preparing an estimate for 2-3 trainings. Commissioner Beebe and Jody Bieze discussed the possibility of using CLG grant money already received for the Heritage Conference which will not be used to fund these workshops. HPC has \$1900 left in the operating budget to fund some or part of the workshops.

**Agenda Item #4 Heritage Conference Update.**

Chairman Beebe reported that she will not be able to attend the September conference because of work conflicts. To date, Commissioner Mauser is registered

to attend and Commissioners Brown and Piedmont are considering attendance but have work and other obligation conflicts. HPC obtained CLG grant funding for attendance expenses for approximately \$5000 which has been funded.

## **Agenda Item #5 Commissioner Subcommittee Updates on Action Items**

### **Farragut Meeting (Burns, Mueller, Mauser) :**

No progress has been made for the upcoming meeting with Park managers. Commissioner Walters volunteered to try to touch base with the Park Manager during his weekend camping activities.

### **Meeting with Historic groups (Brown, Beebe):**

Commissioner Brown reported that he is planning on visiting the Worley Museum.

Commissioner Beebe reported that she had a Zoom meeting with Dan Everhard (SHPO) regarding the National Register nomination of the Post Falls Chapin Building. Mr. Everhard offered options with an application due by January. All that is needed is the architectural description write-up. Discussion followed concluding that HPC and Post Falls Historical Society are capable of preparing the nomination. Deb Mitchell was suggested as capable of doing the architectural description and helping with the research. The City of Post Falls owns the building and has given an okay for the nomination and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the building.

### **Feely Farm Research (Mauser)**

Commissioner Mauser reported that she had contacted Tag Jacklin (owner or manager) by email but he has not responded. She recommended to him that we record the farm to get it into the Kootenai County inventory and the Idaho State Historic Inventory with an eligibility recommendation for feedback from SHPO.

### **Dalton Irrigation Canal:**

Guest Bob Reisch stated he is attending because of concern for a potential project which could affect the Dalton Irrigation Canal, his concern in disclosure primarily because he lives on property just above the canal and is concerned for potential project plans of construction of a parking lot. He said his information is that the canal was built in 1913 and is also known as the Feller Ditch.

Commissioner Mueller reported that he has information about the canal/ditch and potential project affecting the canal which he offered with full disclosure that he had worked with the city of Hayden on the comprehensive park plan in 2019. He discussed the conflicts of Honeysuckle park and beach and carrying capacity of the area and how they were looking for ways to minimize conflict and change the dynamic of serious health and safety issues there. Originally it was a park and later a boat launch was put in which doesn't mix and now no one wants either to go away, so they are looking for parking arrangements through a working group of federal, state and local groups and have dismissed relocating the boat launch. If any project proceeds it will be through the NEPA process but that last he heard, the

project is not a priority. If HPC pursues investigation he will recuse himself from any votes.

Mr. Reisch explained that the ditch is not in Hayden Lake, Hayden or Dalton but in the county.

Commissioner Mauser reported doing some research which included obtaining the water rights for the Dalton and Hayden Lake irrigation districts which show the ditch and point of diversion to date to 1906. She reported at this point an evaluation of National Register eligibility for the ditch could go either way. There may be a connection to the early agricultural development initiated by Corbin with the construction and arrival of the electric train in Hayden in 1906.

Commissioner Beebe moved that HPC do a historic inventory of the property. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Commissioner Mueller abstained. All voted in favor. An ISHI inventory of the property will be prepared by Commissioners Mauser and Beebe. Commissioner Beebe will research old photos and North Idaho Museum sources for information.

Commissioner Mauser will complete the inventory form for the next meeting which will include all context information, photos, and maps for submittal to ISHPO.

#### **Funding Status of CLG Grant for Kootenai County Historic Preservation Plan :**

Chairman Beebe reported that the grant has not yet been funded but expects that to happen early September when we can then proceed with our RFP for a contractor.

#### **Cougar Gulch Field Work for Context/Survey ( Beebe):**

Commissioner Beebe reported that the May 31 deadline for submittal of the Cougar Gulch Context report to SHPO was extended to June 30. Sharon Boswell has had difficulty with presenting a context that addresses new requests from SHPO on proposing a district or going to individual nominations.

### **C. Open Floor**

Commissioner Brown commented that he was unsure what our procedure is for identifying historic resources such as old barns when he is out in the county, for example, in the Cataldo and Twin Lakes area. Discussion followed with a consensus that when an historic property is encountered to photograph it if possible and note the location and enter it into a database of historic properties in the county to be further evaluated and/or recorded.

Chairperson Beebe reviewed action items for the next meeting:

- she will send out a link for the Idaho Heritage Conference again,
- she will coordinate with Sara Ruggles,
- suggested everyone make an attempt to contact and set up a Farragut meeting,
- continue working with Kim Brown on the Chapin Building nomination application,
- continue to follow-through with the Feely Farmstead contacts

start research for the Dalton Irrigation Ditch.

**D. Adjourn**

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Commissioner Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Piedmont seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Chairperson Beebe adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

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Laurie Mauser, Recording Secretary