

**Minutes of Meeting
Parks & Waterways
August 9, 2022
1:30 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan, and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder, Community Development Director David Callahan, Civil Deputy Prosecutor Pat Braden, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present were Piper Sandler Representative Eric Herringer and Hawley & Troxell Representative Danielle Quaid. Ms. Quaid, Mr. Herringer and Mr. Braden were present via teleconference.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**

1. **Open Space and Park Development Bond (Action Items)**

Bond Funding Options

P&W/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomer Director Nick Snyder drew attention to the Bond Funding Options and explained that the options were predicated on the current market values for the upcoming November 2022 Election.

Mr. Snyder asked the Board which option they would prefer. He explained that, for example, if the County were to put forth a bond for \$30 million and it passed, they would purchase and develop approximately 200 acres. Mr. Snyder then stated that a \$40 million bond would allow for 266 acres or a \$50 million bond would allow for 333 acres.

Commissioner Bill Brooks said that the \$40 million was preferable for him, as it made education easier since it was \$0.10 for every \$1000. Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked if there was a way to find out what the most popular option would be before deciding which option to choose. Community Development Director David Callahan explained that they could survey the taxpayers, which would cost around \$20,000 to \$30,000; however, it would provide the Board with great feedback.

Bond Timing Options

Commissioner Duncan pointed out that if the bond were to go on the November 2022 Ballot, that there would be a high chance it would fail. However, she said that if it were on the November 2023 Ballot, it would leave 13 months to educate the public on the question.

The Board all agreed to place the question on the November 2023 General Election Ballot.

Market Value Options

Mr. Snyder said that September 2022 market values were the ones that had been proposed by Piper Sandler if the bond question were to have been on the November 2022 Ballot. Piper Sandler representative Eric Herringer said that if the question would be moved to the November 2023 Ballot, September 2023 values should be used instead.

Request for Funding – Public Notice & Education

Mr. Snyder requested funding in order to provide clear and concise information to the public and would like the Board to approve the hiring of a local private firm for a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Commissioner Duncan moved to approve that the bond question be put on the November 2023 General Election Ballot and to consider funding sources for education and outreach. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Commissioner Duncan moved to put forward the education and bond measure for \$50 million. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

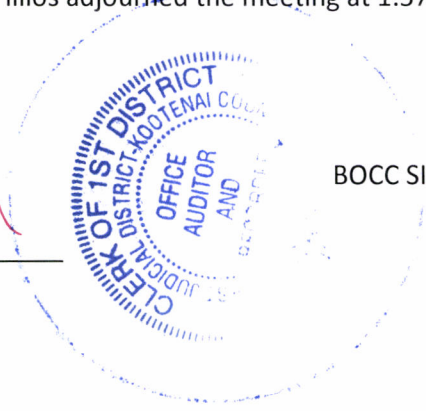
D. Public Comment (Discussion): This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

E. Adjourn: Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BY: Ronnie Davisson
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk



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