

**Minutes of Meeting  
Parks & Waterways  
October 25, 2022  
1:30 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Leslie Duncan, Commissioner Bill Brooks and Commissioner Chris Fillios met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Kootenai County Residents Jim Stafford and Bob Stiger.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**

**Parks & Waterways Advisory Board Follow-Up Meeting on Proposed Ordinance Changes (Action)**

Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder said that, in the Waterways Advisory Board meeting on October 13, 2022, a discussion of the removal of legal buoys was moved forward to the planned December meeting. He added that there was also a citizen who wanted to talk about the excessive wake ordinance that may be present at the December meeting also.

**Citation Increase for Parking Violations**

Mr. Snyder reminded the Commissioners that P&W had doubled their parking violation citation fees from \$25 to \$50 last year. He reported that this was not having the desired deterrent effect and asked the Board for direction to proceed, with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, on a Resolution to double it again, to \$100. He confirmed that this would cover both boat launches and parks.

Commissioner Bill Brooks said he thought it should be increased beyond the proposed \$100.

Chair Duncan and Commissioner Chris Fillios indicated that they would support such a resolution and urged Mr. Snyder to proceed with it.

**15 Minute Loading & Unloading at County Docks**

Mr. Snyder stated that he would also like to propose implementation of a limit of 15 minutes for loading and unloading at County docks. He said they were having problems with people leaving their boats tied up for days at a time because they cannot find or cannot afford moorage. He added that there were also problems with people who own property that is “boat in only” leaving their vehicles and boats at the County facilities.

Mr. Snyder noted that there would be exceptions to this in places where moorage was available or where otherwise posted. He stated that exceptions would be made for boats needing repair, which would be allowed for four hours.

In response to a question from Commissioner Brooks, Mr. Snyder confirmed that violations would receive the same \$100 citations as mentioned above.

Commissioner Brooks repeated that he felt the cost should be more than the \$100 suggested.

Chair Duncan and Commissioner Fillios indicated that they would support the proposal.

### **Illegal Dumping at County Docks or Marine Facilities**

Mr. Snyder explained that some people dragged broken docks or other debris to the County docks and left them there. He said there was a substantial cost involved with removing and disposing of them. He stated that he had suggested to the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) that they collect a deposit from people who requested permits to replace a dock, which would then be returned when the permittee provided proof of proper disposal of the old dock. He remarked that IDL had not yet acted on the suggestion, which would require state legislation to enact.

Mr. Snyder asked the Board to consider making this behavior a misdemeanor offense.

All three Commissioners indicated they would be willing to consider such a proposal at a future meeting.

Mr. Snyder said that this generally occurred at least five or six times in a given year, at different locations. He confirmed that Community Development did not typically have anything to do with docks, but that he would be willing to speak to Community Development Director David Callahan and see what he thought about the problem.

Juvenile Probation Director Brian Alexander entered the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Mr. Snyder stated that the next Waterways Advisory Board meeting would be on December 8, 2022 and it would be at that time that agencies would submit Waterways Improvement Fund Grant Requests. He said that P&W would be requesting a grant for replacement of the damaged docks at Spokane Point.

- 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.

Kootenai County Resident Bob Stiger read a statement from RiverFriends regarding ongoing issues with excessive wakes on the Spokane River this past season. He remarked that they had not yet received a promised report from KCSO listing enforcement actions taken. He included information about harassment directed toward the marine patrols by surf boaters.

Kootenai County Resident Jim Stafford voiced his support for Mr. Stiger's statements.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk