

MINUTES OF MEETING
Parks and Waterways Advisory Board –March 21, 2011
Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, Fred Finney, Yvonne Gallia, Dennis Liming, Brad Pendleton,

STAFF PRESENT: Jai Nelson, Board of County Commissioners; Sergeant Matt Street, Sheriff's Office Marine Division; Sergeant Ryan Higgins, Sheriff's Office Marine Division Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Maria Petris, Supervisor, Parks & Waterways; Ranell Sims, Recording Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Connie Frank, Jim Frank, Bryan Poland, Randy Herman, IDPR; Ross Walkinshaw; Kurtis Robinson, Knight EZ Dock; Sandy Emerson, Emerson Valuation.

Chairman Jim Aucutt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

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

NEW BUSINESS

REGULATORY BUOY APPLICATION-FRANK

James and Connie Frank submitted an application for a No Wake Zone on Hayden Lake in the bay that includes Sportsman's Park Boat Launch. Idaho Fish and Game has plans to improve this launch and increase the parking. The Frank's are concerned about increased traffic in this bay. There is an existing buoy at the launch to remind boaters of the no wake zone. The bay is very narrow leaving a small area in the middle that is not included in the 200 ft. (from the shore) no wake zone. The Franks are requesting that the No Wake Zone extend across the bay.

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to table this decision so that a petition of the whole bay could be obtained. After some discussion, Mr. Bradley withdrew the motion. Yvonne Gallia moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded; seven were in favor; one was opposed. The motion carried.

The Board recommended that the Franks write a letter to the Kootenai County Parks and Waterways Department requesting educational buoys be placed in the existing No Wake Zone. These would be placed for one boating season if approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PILING REMOVAL PROJECT UPDATE: Phase 5 will include the removal of steel bridge abutment of the old 95 bridge. Mr. Snyder is considering two contractors for the removal, and working with the Solid Waste Department regarding the disposal of the steel and concrete.

REGION ONE WIF GRANTS: The IDPR board will meet in April to approve WIF grants.

COUGAR BAY ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: Funding from Boater Fees is available for this project, but Mr. Snyder will recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that special interest groups and landowners supporting the placement of No Wake Zone buoys provide 50% of the funding to deploy the 15 buoys placed every 300 feet. The cost is upwards of

\$17,000 for buoys with navigational lights. Mr. Snyder would like to see those deployed before the 2011 boating season begins.

ANCHOR REGULATIONS: No new information. Ray Bradley took the names of volunteers for a subcommittee.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

THIRD STREET BOAT LAUNCH/ ALTERNATIVE SITES

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND WATERWAYS: Maria Petris reported extensive damage from ice at Hauser and Upper Twin. Repairs are planned at both launches. The spring clean up is almost complete. New docks, built by staff, will be installed at Mica Bay. Worn buoys will be replaced according to the rotation schedule. The Parks and Waterways Staff will be building new docks for the boathouse of the Sheriff's Marine Division.

Nick Snyder is working on the 2012 budget to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners soon. He has also applied for encroachment permits at Upper Twin Lakes for replacement of docks that can be removed for the winter to avoid ice damage. Mr. Snyder is working with Welch Comer Associates on a plan to overhaul the Sun Up Bay Launch and Upland parking area. Now that Impact Fees have been approved by the BOCC, a county park and waterways master plan can now be pursued. Mr. Snyder is hoping to partner with other government agencies to develop a county wide waterways plan. Commissioner Nelson is supportive of this master plan. The Hauser Boat Launch is near completion. Paving will begin as soon as the asphalt plants are up and running this spring.

SHERIFF'S MARINE DIVISION: Matt Street has received a request for a permit to test racing boats on the Spokane River. The requesting party is in the process of obtaining permits, boat registrations and insurance that will cover Kootenai County and other affected entities. The hiring process is underway for the Marine Deputies for the upcoming boating season. A limited number of applicants have passed the testing. Sergeant Street is leaving the Marine Division. Sergeant Ryan Higgins will be replacing him.

Chairman Aucutt stated that, if there were no objections, he will be recommending fees for overnight moorage to the Board of County Commissioners. None were opposed.

CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE: Sandy Emerson stated that Doug Eastwood is willing to launch a study of trailer parking at the launches on Lake Coeur d'Alene. A steering committee has been formed for this purpose. They are still looking for alternate launch sites to replace the Third Street Launch. One possible area is on Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive between The Beach House and the Condos. This is within the city limits of Coeur d'Alene. Concept design drawings show ample parking areas.

Motion: Doug Allman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Sims
Recording Secretary