

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Parks and Waterways Advisory Board –July 18, 2011**  
**Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building**  
**Coeur d’Alene, Idaho**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, Dennis Liming, Brad Pendleton.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sergeant Ryan Higgins, Sheriff’s Office Marine Division; Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Maria Petris, Supervisor, Parks & Waterways; Ranell Sims, Recording Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frank Orzell, Lynn D. Schundel, Duane Severson, Phil Boyd, Ross Walkinshaw, Wendy Gabriel, Sandy Emerson, Kurtis Robinson, Terry Kincaid, Tina Johnson, Doug Eastwood, Julie Clark, Nick Rotunno, Tom Crimmins.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**THIRD STREET LAUNCH-ALTERNATIVE SITES:**

Doug Eastwood from the City of Coeur d’Alene stated that the city has considered various site to replace the Third Street Boat Launch. Two that have been considered are the NIC beach and Silver Beach Loop between the Beach house and the Hagadone Condos. Phil Boyd of Welch-Comer Associates presented a conceptual plan of a boat launch at Silver Beach. It includes 56 spaces for boat trailer parking with the possibility for more across the road. They are waiting for the real estate deal before they proceed with more detail. They are in the preparation process applying for the necessary permits. The plan includes a breakwater and two launch lanes. More lanes may be considered. This site is not as steep as Higgins Point and will be able to handle large boats. ITD may have other sites to consider also. Chairman Aucutt stated that the position of the County is they support access to the lake. A launch of suitable size is needed on the north end of the lake. If the proposed launch meets the size criteria, they support it and will provide help in any way they can.

**ANCHOR REGULATIONS, SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ray Bradley presented a letter that the sub-committee has submitted to a county attorney for assistance in requesting a change to the Waterways Ordinance that will address anchoring for extended periods in the lake. They are proposing a no-anchoring zone and a provision to limit the length of time vessels may be left unattended on county waterways.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF FUNDING FOR THE KOOTENAI COUNTY PARKS AND WATERWAYS DEPARTMENT:**

Nick Snyder reported that the County Clerk will be officially making a budget recommendation to the BOCC and asked the other county elected officials to “work together” to come up with the good solutions for cutting the budget. The county elected officials (not the commissioners) voted to cut non-essential departments from the budget. This includes the Parks department. This is only a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), who have the final decision regarding the county budget.

The Parks department uses .039% of the general fund tax dollars. Eliminating the \$200,000 funding for the Parks department will have a devastating effect on the Waterways department as well. \$172,000 of these funds is salary; half of the salary for the combined Parks and Waterways Department. All of the operations of the Parks and Waterways department would be affected. The county would no longer be able to maintain the 19 boat launches and ten parks and other county facilities. Grant projects and MOU’s with other agencies would also be affected. The Parks and Waterways department brings in grant funds,

boater registration fees, user fees as well as contributions. Mr. Snyder will have 20 minutes on Thursday, July 21 to present information and answer questions of the elected officials. The BOCC will have a public hearing on the budget September 1. Chairman Aucutt stated that now is the time for public comments to the Board of County Commissioners. Letters can be sent to PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816 or [kcbocc@kcgov.us](mailto:kcbocc@kcgov.us).

### ***FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS***

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### ***STAFF REPORTS***

**SHERIFF'S MARINE DIVISION:** Sergeant Ryan Higgins reported that summer is finally here. The marine deputies have been very busy. There was one fatality; a drowning victim at Corbin Park. A victim of a prop chop on Hayden Lake expects a full recovery. Sergeant Higgins stated that he is losing marine deputies to Washington State Patrol and Sheriff Patrol.

**PARKS AND WATERWAYS:** Maria Petris reported that the Hauser Launch is now complete and open. The summer routine has kept staff very busy. There have been lots of reservations for moorage. Turner Point dock is in bad shape. Due to non-repairable deterioration, there is a shortage of docks in Bell Bay. The new parking lot at East Fernan has been very busy.

Nick Snyder reported that the poly-float docks that the Parks & Waterways staff built for the Sheriff Marine Boathouse will be splashed on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The steel piling abutment on the Spokane River is scheduled to be removed on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Snyder has been working on the permits necessary to build a launch at Sun up Bay in anticipation of applying for a 2012 grant for a new launch like the one at Hauser Lake. He hopes to do a three phase project to include a boat launch, upland parking and an RV Park. He would like to thank everyone involved in the Hauser Boat Launch Project.

Chairman Aucutt reported that Community Development Director Scott Clark asked him to apply for a position on the Comp Plan review board. He was appointed to the Waterways and Resort owners group. This advisory board will meet July 21<sup>st</sup> to make recommendation to the Comp Plan. He would like input from this board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Sims  
Recording Secretary