

MINUTES OF MEETING
Parks and Waterways Advisory Board –December 19, 2011
Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, John Condon, Fred Finney, Dennis Liming

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ross Walkinshaw; Sara Fladeland, North Idaho College; Garry Stark, North Idaho College; Jon Totten, North Idaho College; Suzanne Endsley, Bureau of Land Management; Tom Crimmins, IDPR Board; Terry Kincaid, IDPR/WIF

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

2012 GRANT APPLICATIONS:

North Idaho College presented a WIF grant application to replace the existing dock gangway at the NIC beach. They will be requesting \$32, 903 in grant funds with a \$45,300 match.

MOTION: Norm Blakney moved to approve the WIF grant application presented by North Idaho College to replace the dock gangway at North Idaho College Beach. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

The Bureau of Land Management presented a WIF grant application for the purchase and installation of live-streaming video systems at Blackwell Island and Mineral Ridge. They will be requesting \$10,000 in grant funds with a \$3000 match.

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to approve the WIF grant application presented by the Bureau of Land Management for the purchase and installation of live-streaming video systems at Blackwell Island and Mineral Ridge. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

Kootenai County Parks and Waterways department present three grant applications:

1. WIF grant for Sun Up Bay to remove and replace the boat launch. It will be much the same as the project at the Hauser Launch. They will be requesting \$331,000 in grant funds. The BOCC has approved \$156,000 in cash match.

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to approve the WIF grant application presented by Kootenai County Parks and Waterways for removal and replacement of the boat ramp at Sun Up Bay. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

2. RV grant to remove and replace the RV Dump located on Dalton Avenue. They will be requesting \$399,564. The BOCC has approved \$13,355 in cash match.
3. R&B grant for Carlin Bay Parking Lot. The county recently purchased property for a parking lot at Carlin Bay Boat Launch. They will be requesting \$188,000 in grant funds. The BOCC has approved \$1875 in match.

ORDINANCE CHANGE: ANCHOR REGULATIONS; COMMERCIAL USE FEES; OVERNIGHT MOORAGE FEES, DESIGNATED SWIM AREA AT NIC

Nick Snyder proposed that due to the economy, all commercial fees be reduced by 50% for two boating seasons.

MOTION: Norm Blakney moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that all commercial fees be reduced by 50% for two boating seasons. There was some discussion about the perception by the public if commercial fees are reduced and overnight recreational moorage fees are implemented. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

In order to designate the NIC Beach as a swim area a proposal will need be presented by NIC and/or the City of Coeur d'Alene. Nick will contact North Idaho College.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to reappoint Jim Aucutt as Chairman and John Condon as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioner re-appointed Dennis Liming and Ray Bradley to this advisory board.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

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BUOYS AT NIC BEACH

PLEASE NOTE: the January meeting will be cancelled unless a special need arises.

STAFF REPORTS

IDPR- Tom Crimmins reported that the Road and Bridge funds may be affected by a re-allocation of gas tax dollars because the state is losing recreation trail funds. IDPR is proposing a \$10 option for the annual parks pass for in-state resident.

KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S MARINE DIVISION: Sergeant Higgins reported that they are purchasing a ROV for the underwater team which will allow them to reach a depth of 500 feet. They will take possession in February. This summer signs that post the regulations of the river will be placed at the mouth of the river and the Spokane Street Bridge. They are also in the process of purchasing a 25ft ACB boat from Spokane County for a great price.

PARKS AND WATERWAYS: Maria Petris reported that Parks and Waterways staff retrieved and disposed of an abandon boat at Spokane Point. Trails are being developed at Mowry State Park and all tables in the shelters have been replaced. Gangways are being built with the new aluminum welder. The docks at Upper Twin have been removed. Staff will build docks over the winter to replace them in the spring. These new docks will be removed each winter to prevent ice damage.

Mr. Snyder reported that he has been focusing on grants and permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Sims
Recording Secretary