

Waterways Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 9:00 am

Members Present: Terry Jensen, Keith Sheckler, Ed Jochum, Jim Kelly, Erin Mader & Doug Cossette

Members Absent: Jim Thorpe

Commissioners: Commissioner Todd Sudick

Staff: Steve Klatt, Rob Stepp & Jim Aney

Others: Mike Brown, Bob Lizotte, Mr. Taylor & Betsy Hull

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Jensen opened the meeting and asked if anyone present needed assistance to hear, see or participate in these proceedings.

- I. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
- II. Adopt Minutes from June Meeting
Keith Sheckler made a motion to approve the June WWAB meeting minutes. Jim Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Maintenance Report – Rob Stepp + Jim Aney – parks
Rob provided updates on the following:
 - 2 more buoys at the Hope peninsula
 - No wake buoys at 8 mile – Priest Lake.
 - No wake signs up on the trestle on the river
 - A few navigation lights have been replaced on Pend Oreille
 - Parking at Coolin
 - Fixed Marine Divisions Dock at Hope
 - Removal of a Tree at Lees Point/Johnson CreekThere was a brief discussion amongst Doug Cossette, Steve Klatt & Rob Stepp regarding buoys and lights.

Jim Aney provided updates on the following:
 - Ongoing lawn care parks & campground
 - Sidewalk at Bonner Park West is complete
 - Drainage ditch is complete at Bonner Park West
 - Clean up of large tree branch/tree stem fell at Garfield by the pavilion
 - Dog beach clean up
 - Bathroom floors at Bonner Park painting delay – probably at the end of the season
 - B. Projects to Follow up & Follow through – Steve Klatt
 - Some of the no wake signs have been installed; some will be installed on the Long Bridge nearing the end of the re-construction project that is currently under way on the Long Bridge. There was a brief discussion regarding the cost of signs, and the color of the signs.
 - Pilings Water Sewer Treatment Plant; appropriate lighting

- Concrete walk at the dock in Bonner Park West; do we want to extend that?
- Sunnyside Navigation Light; green light from Department of Lands to replace
- Clark Fork signs, and buoys

Terry Jensen advised that had received a verbal comment and email regarding water hazards close to the Pend Oreille Bay Trail. There was a brief discussion amongst the WWAB and Commissioner Sudick regarding these logs.

C. Priest Lake Study

Steve commented that this is absolutely new territory for the Idaho Water Resource Board, that the water in Bonner County is tied to recreation, not so much resource as they are used to in Southern Idaho. The tour went quite well. Erin and Ed provided similar feedback and also commented that there is a feeling of universal support for the thoroughfare. Cynthia provided a handout for the tour, Steve will scan it and get it out to the WWAB members.

D. Large Wake Boats

Jim Kelly shared information on no-wake buoys, and emails regarding personal property owner's no-wake buoys. Should we consider adopting a similar plan in Bonner County? There was a brief discussion amongst the WWAB and audience in regards personal property owner's no-wake buoys and compliance from boaters. Steve will follow up and provide more information to the WWAB.

E. Summer Projects

1. Bonner Park West sidewalk
2. Eight Mile Island
3. Garfield Bay Dock Extension
4. Sunnyside Navigation Light Replacement

Steve commented that these were discussed previously in the meeting. Steve did mention that Ed brought up a concern of trailer traffic at the highway right of way entrance at Hope and put signs in place, and move some material to create a trailer round about. We do have permission to proceed with this.

IV. Budget Re-Caps-Year to Date Review – Steve Klatt

Parks and Recreation

“B” Budget – General Operations – Remaining Balance = \$15,066

Contract Host positions will require \$9,000+

Maintenance Budgets for both Parks = \$3,100 for next four months

Two new facilities in budget – parks at Fairgrounds & Stobie on Pack River

“C” Budget – Capital Expenses & Purchases – Balance = \$764.69

Spent \$1,702 at Garfield

Waterways

“B” Budget – General Operations Total \$96,900 - \$23,029 spent = \$68,971

Grant Matches \$50,000 = Balance of \$37,141

\$4,200 for Mooring Buoys of Pend Oreille Bay Trail
Dock Repairs \$10,900 + Insurance \$4,900 – storm with balance = \$14,887
Granite Cr. - \$4,300 repairs soon
Ramp Repairs = Balance of \$710
Capital Construction \$50,000 = \$37,141
Garfield add 40 feet to dock & 30 feet improvement to ramp - \$8,300 this Fiscal Year
Build new Navigation Light dolphin at Sunnyside

V. New Business

A. Dog Beach

Steve commented about the Dog Beach to be an established water access point. And it is in our best interest to keep it clean. We are going to put up signs to pack it in and pack it out signs. Steve has collaborated with the City crew and the County crew to clean it up.

Commissioner Sudick commented on the mooring buoys set up in the Pend Oreille Bay Trail area; specifically that there really isn't a dock or landing area to pull up a dingy.

B. Priest Lake – August 18, Inn at Priest Lake, Coolin 9:00 a.m.

1. Workshop – Priest Lake perspective

a. Noise

b. Wake Boats

Get as much notice to the Priest Lake Community as they can in advance, and to get there agenda topics on the agenda. Steve Klatt commented that he will speak with Pecky Cox to get the word out on this meeting. We want to make this very clear that we aren't taking any action, simply consideration and comments.

C. Grant Priorities 2017

Steve spoke in regards to possibly applying for a grants for the following:

- Slee Street ramp extension
- Boat Basin master plan

VI. Miscellaneous Business

A. Albeni Falls Dam Update – Betsy Hull

Betsy presented photos and provided an update to the WWAB in regards to the log debris in the lake that was caused by the breach of the Clark Fork Drift Yard C-Boom. Betsy also provided general updates on the following:

- Lake Level
- Water Samples
- In Water Chemical Treatment
- Address and issue that they are having with Water Sports companies that are using public ramps to conduct their business and block the ramp, parking trailers, and leaving their boats. There was a brief discussion amongst the WWAB regarding this issue.

B. Future Meeting Notice – Kootenai/Bonner Joint Meeting, October

Steve commented that we can have a joint meeting somewhere in between both cities for this meeting. The WWAB members were in agreement.

VII. Featured Facility Review – a regular discussion idea

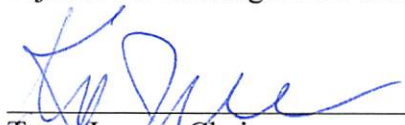
A. Coolin Boat Launches

It would be a good opportunity to have the WWAB members take a look at these at the same time as the next meeting.

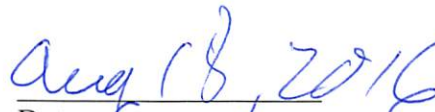
Steve commented on restrooms (port o potty) and parking at the launch locations. The WWAB members had a brief discussion on parking at the County launches.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the WWAB at 11:15 a.m. Jim Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Sheckler seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.



Terry Jensen, Chairman



Date