

Waterways Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 9:00 am

Commissioners Meeting Room

1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338

Sandpoint, ID 83864

Does anyone present need assistance to hear, see or participate in these proceedings?

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

Members Absent: Doug Cossette

Commissioners: Commissioner Sudick

Staff: Steve Klatt, Rob Stepp & Jim Aney

Others: Mike Brown, Bob Lizotte, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, Pat Holland, Jim Brady – IDL, Randy Stolz

I. Public Comment

II. Adopt Minutes from May Meeting

Jim Kelly made a motion to adopt the May Meeting Minutes. Jim Thorpe seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

III. Old Business

A. Maintenance Report – Rob Stepp & Jim Aney – parks

Rob advised the WWAB of the following ongoing projects:

- Channel marker buoys
- Navigation lights on the river (replaced lights)
- No wake buoys (installation)
- Danger buoys (installation)
- Hope Boat Launch (exit – clearing branches)
- New Buoys at Hope peninsula – danger buoys (installation)
- 8 Mile Island – 2 no wake buoys (installation)

Jim Kelly gave a kudos to Rob & Jim for their great work.

Jim advised the WWAB of the following ongoing projects:

- Tree work at Hope Boat Launch
- Added picnic table at Hope (4 now)
- Clean up work at Garfield Bay
- Ongoing lawn care
- Pre-work for ramp extension at the west end of the dock at Bonner Park West
- Paint bathroom floors and pressure wash the restrooms at the campgrounds

There was a brief discussion regarding no-wake buoy placement (in the river) amongst the WWAB and Rob Stepp.

B. Projects to Follow up & Follow through – Steve Klatt

Steve updated the WWAB on the following projects:

- Mooring buoys installed on the Pend Oreille Bay Trail
- Sign installation on the SI bridge on the river
- Sunnyside light – would like to get that dolphin rebuilt

- BPW – erosion control issues
- Rip Rap Project – Hope Basin
- Rip Rap Project – BPW
- 4th of July Garfield Bay
- Potential ramp extension in Coolin – Slee Street Facility
- Memorial Pilings
- Pump Out Stations

There was a brief discussion amongst the WWAB and Steve Klatt in regards to additional signs at all boat launches; prop wash at launches, holes, boater education, etc.

C. Priest Lake Study – Steve Klatt

The Lakes Commission, Water Resources & Bonner County are moving forward. They are getting ready for a RFP – the study will not be completed this summer. The timeline will need to be adjusted. This summer there will be a meeting at Priest Lake.

D. Navigation Light for Granite Creek Point – Priest Lake

Ed Jochum advised that they looked at it and it doesn't appear to be a problem. A hazard light could be placed there, but I have never seen anyone run aground. Steve Klatt advised that he will further look into it, and get feedback from PL residents.

E. Large Wake Boats Petition – Ed Jochum

Ed Jochum stated that a gentleman stopped by last week – presented a petition to call attention to a new surf wake boats. Copies were provided to the WWAB members. Chairman Jensen read the petition. Steve Klatt commented that until there is an actual problem/issue, there is no problem/issue to address at this time. Steve Klatt also mentioned a potential joint meeting with Kootenai County, and this would be one topic of conversation.

There was a brief discussion amongst the WWAB members and audience in regards to these new surf wake boats, and suggested enforcement or prohibition.

Pat Holland – Owner of Action Water Sports

He stated that he is very familiar with this industry, I would be very reluctant to believe a pitch from a sales person for a five foot wake. He pointed out that 20 foot cabin cruiser can create the 5 foot wakes as well. This is not a boat issue, this is a boat driver issue.

F. Possible Summer Projects

1. Garfield Bay Dock Extension

Our permit is in Boise for review. We are waiting for response from Boise.

2. Pend Oreille Bay Trail Mooring Buoys

Already touched base on this item earlier in the meeting.

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

Steve reviewed the following:

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

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“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. No Wake Buoy Permitting, Shoreline Protection – Jim Brady, IDL

Jim stated that this is an issue everywhere. I do not know what's going on in other states. As far as the permitting of no wake buoys, I looked at google earth, and what the appropriate spacing, we do not want a picket fence of no wake buoys along the 200 ft. line. This is a tough issue. We don't want to get carried away. The process for us would be, waive the fees for governmental entities, 30 days to process an application. If groups object to the application, they have the right to request a public hearing. 30 day notice would have to be published prior to the hearing, it is simply an information gathering hearing. We do not regulate boats. I think a statewide regulation may be a good way to approach this.

There was a discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Brady, and audience regarding no wake buoys, the cost and maintenance for navigational buoys, wake boats, boater education and no wake zones.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

A. Albeni Falls Dam Update – Betsy Hull

Betsy was not present to provide an update.

B. Future Meeting Notice – Priest Lake – July or August?

The WWAB discussed the location, topics for this meeting, and room availability. The WWAB agreed that August would work best.

C. Signs – Steve Klatt

Steve provide a photo of a sign display board to the WWAB for their review

- No Wake

- No Lifeguard
- Lake – Keep it Clean
- Attention Boaters
- Park Rules
- Fish Limits
- Clean, Drain, Dry

There was a brief discussion amongst Jim Thorpe and Jim Brady in regards to the quantity of dock permits in Lake Pend Oreille issued in a year.

- Roughly 150 per year which include: Purchases, amendments, rip rap, new construction, etc.
- Jim advised that he has a two person staff that are looking at an audit type program to possibly be instituted this summer. To look at 10% of the shoreline each year.

Ed Jochum advised that he was contacted by a company that will start work from July – September in Lake Pend Oreille doing armoring of the pilings, painting and general repair of the Long Bridge. He also advised of upcoming classes and night operations.

Erin Mader provided an update for the next Lakes Commission Meeting.

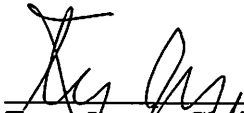
VII. Featured Facility Review – a regular discussion idea

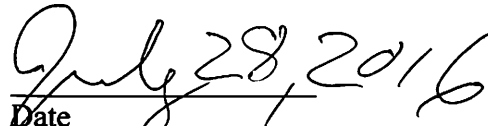
A. Bonner Park West

There was a brief discussion amongst Commissioner Sudick and Jim Kelly regarding Jim Kelly.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the WWAB at 10:53 a.m. Keith Sheckler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.


 Terry Jensen, Chairman


 Date