

Waterways Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 9:00 am
Commissioners Conference Room
1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Members Present: Terry Jensen, Keith Sheckler, Todd Sudick, Doug Cosette, Ed Jochum, Jim Thorpe
Staff: Commissioner Cary Kelly, Leslie Marshall, Rob Stepp
Guests: Molly McCahon, Bob Howard, Mike Brown and Bob Lizotte
Absent: Erin Mader

Terry Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Adopt Minutes from 9/18/14

Todd Sudick made a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 minutes. Keith Sheckler seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

2. Budget Re-Caps-Year to Date Review-Leslie Marshall

Leslie Marshall provided an update on the budget re-caps. In the last week we spent \$27,000 on the Priest Lake thoroughfare that came out of the FY14 budget and also the dock at Granite creek had to be replaced, which cost roughly \$17,000.

3. Old Business

A. Maintenance Report – Rob Stepp

Rob Stepp provided updates on the following items:

- Rebuilding picnic tables
- Winterizing
- Brushing/down trees (fire hazard)
- Fire Wood from fallen trees is available for anyone who can cut it and pick it up (Garfield Bay)

B. Priest Lake Thoroughfare Update – Leslie Marshall

Leslie advised that 28 new pilings have been installed, logs and timbers have been moved in; they cannot install them until the water level is lowered to make it more secure. Beams were purchased recently, and have been delivered but not installed until water level is lowered. (Copper Bay Construction) This is an expensive/temporary fix.

C. Report on the Regatta – Todd Sudick

Todd thanked the County for their help at Bonner Park West. This was a very nice day, a success for the regatta, with over 500 people in attendance.

4. New Business

A. Lakes Commission News – Erin Mader/ Molly McCahon

Molly announced that the Lakes Commission public hearing will be held on October 23 at the Panhandle State Bank. The Lakes Commission, Bonneville Power, USACE will be taking testimony from the public regarding future lake levels. Molly read the specific details on the format of the meeting/public hearing.

The Lake Commission will be having their annual flowering rush dig. This will be at City Beach and Dog Beach on October 30th from 10-12, and at Dover on October 29th from 10-12.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Board regarding the success of hand pulling vs. chemical treatments.

Commissioner Cary Kelly commented that the lake level issue is very important and encouraged the WWAB to attend the Lakes Commission meeting if possible. He also noted that the Board of County Commissioners discussed invoking Coordination with Senator Crapo and spoke with Governor Otter regarding this issue. The Board of County Commissioners thanked him for the letter he wrote in support and will be at the Sandpoint Community Hall tomorrow. Bonner County is getting a lot of support from him.

5. Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Bob Howard advised the WWAB that in September he applied for a grant through DOT regarding response plans. Bob was notified yesterday that the County received that grant. The County will advertise for a consultant, and a planning committee to develop geographic response plans. Bonner County is the only county out of Bonner, Boundary and Kootenai counties that has a current geographic response plan. We are working with EMS to obtain a surplus trailer for oil response and mass casualty; it will be placed at Priest Lake.

Todd Sudick mentioned that the WWAB will need to advertise for his position; he will be resigning as of the end of December. There was a brief discussion amongst the Board regarding recruitment.

Commissioner Cary Kelly mentioned that Ed Jochum will be looking into the Boating Ordinances this winter. These need review and consolidation. Commissioner Cary Kelly provided some details regarding process. The WWAB agreed that they would like this to go through the WWAB prior to legal review.

Mark Sauter commented about a previous discussion regarding winter lake access. There was a lengthy discussion amongst the WWAB and audience regarding winter access to the lake, specifically: emergency access, access locations, and funding (grants).

Leslie noted that the pilings just off of the long bridge have been replaced with twelve new steel metal pilings, which were a donation. There are no more wood pilings.

Adjournment

At 9:43 a.m. Keith Sheckler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Thorpe seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.


Chairman


Date