

**Bonner County Natural Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.

**Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Hwy 2, Ste. 338, Sandpoint, ID 83864**

Members Present: Cornel Rasor, Alton Howell, Robert Clark, Wayne Martin, Jim McReynolds, Luke Hixson

Members Absent: Clay Nichols

Others Present:

Commissioners Present: No Commissioners were present

- 1) Call Meeting to Order @ 10:30 a.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Minutes October 27, 2022 & February: Jim moved to approve the October 27, 2022 minutes. Alton seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2023 (no quorum). Alton seconded. All in favor.

Cornel recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Cornel reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

4) New Business –

A. Introduction of New Members

The current members introduced themselves. George Gehrig, member of the public, asked two questions: Does the BCNRC have a minimum number of times that they have to meet every year and has the BCNRC been involved with the natural resource's component of the county comp plan.

The new members introduced themselves: Wayne Martin & Bob Clark. Clay Nichols was absent.

Bob Clark stated that there was an issue that was addressed at the Zoning Commission that may come forward to BCNRC, wetland delineation. There was a brief discussion regarding delineators. Alton Howell brought up another possible wetland issue in Gypsy Bay.

Randy Stolz (member of the public) mentioned a recent Planning Commission meeting where an IDFG Officer discussed the Sackett decision. Recommended the BCNRC members watch it.

B. Committee Purpose Moving Forward

Cornel discussed the BCNR Plan and committee purpose and history of the board. Cornel read excerpts from the BCNR plan. Luke Hixson discussed a few current USFS projects, including Buckskin and potential litigation and grizzly bear sightings in the area. Luke also gave a description of the forest health in that area and fires that moved through this summer.

Cornel asked if, in the future, Jim could give a PFC update and if Luke could give a USFS update at meetings.

Cornel visited three more passages from the BCNR Plan. Including the review of the BCNR Plan biannually by a subcommittee.

Luke Hixson also mentioned that the white bark pine was listed as a threatened species and the beginning of navigating these difficulties. Luke inquired about current projects that the BCNRC has been looking at, Cornel mentioned the ongoing campground discussion.

George Gehrig, a member of the public, inquired about a critical habitat map utilized by planning that is antiquated. Asked who updates the critical habitat map. Cornel responded by stating that is not under the BCNRC prevue. Referenced Blaine County and their critical habitat map. Wayne Martin asked if the Board could ask for an updated map. There was a discussion/explanation regarding the differences between the natural resources' component of the comprehensive plan and the natural resources plan put together by the BCNRC for State/Federal collaboration.

Luke Hixson discussed the mitigation plan behind the BONFIRE program and a potential conflict in rules between agencies. Note: Invite Nick Zahler to a future BCNRC meeting for an update.

5) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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