

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-14**

**ESTABLISHING THE BONNER COUNTY  
WATERWAYS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Section 67-7012 of the Idaho Code empowers the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a waterways committee to serve without salary or wage in an advisory capacity related to maintenance and improvement of waterways and expenditure of moneys deposited in the county vessel account; and

WHEREAS, Section 57-1501 of the Idaho Code does provide that no waterways improvements requiring the expenditure of moneys from the state "Waterways Improvement Fund" shall be constructed in any county without the approval of the county waterway committee of the plans for such improvements; and

WHEREAS, Bonner County does desire to continue to construct and maintain waterway improvements; and

WHEREAS, Bonner County does desire to continue to alter the terms of appointment and clarify the functioning of the Bonner County Waterways Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho, that the Bonner County Waterways Committee be, and is hereby established.

**SECTION 1: PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE**

The Bonner County Waterways Committee is established for the following purposes:

- A. To recommend long range general direction and goals related to the County's waterways and waterway and park facilities.
- B. To act as a point of liaison with the public on matters concerning the County's waterways and waterways and park facilities.
- C. To recommend funding priorities for waterways and park projects and programs to the Board of County Commissioners.
- D. To investigate specific problem areas and potential fund requirement as may be assigned for investigation by the Board of County Commissioners.

**SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY, MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

**A. Eligibility and Representation.**

Any citizen, resident or property owner of Bonner County shall be eligible for appointment to the Bonner County Waterways committee. To be considered for such appointment, persons shall submit a letter of interest to the Bonner County Board of County Commissioners. Members shall be selected to provide representation of the following special interest areas:

1. Lake Pend Oreille, Sandpoint and surrounding water bodies;

2. Lake Pend Oreille, Hope area and surrounding water bodies;
3. Priest River and surrounding water bodies;
4. Priest Lake and surrounding water bodies;
5. Garfield Bay and peninsula area and surrounding water bodies.

**B. Membership and Terms of Appointment**

The Bonner County Waterways Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members, and one (1) non-voting member, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners without remuneration. The one (1) non-voting position shall be filled by a member of the Sheriff's Department Marine Division, thereby having waterways representation from the Marine Division. The term of membership shall be for two (2) calendar years, years except that upon initial appointment under the provisions of this resolution, four (4) of the members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) calendar year and three (3) of the members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) calendar years. Thereafter, all appointments and re-appointments shall be for a period of two (2) calendar years so that no more than four (4) member's terms expire in any given calendar year.

Appointments and re-appointments to the Bonner County Waterways committee shall be made by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. In the event that an appointed member of the Committee becomes unable to serve, the Board may appoint another person to the Committee for the unexpired portion of the term.

**SECTION 3: MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE**

The Bonner county Waterways committee shall meet on a monthly basis, and at such other times at the call of the Chairman. A meeting may be cancelled, rescheduled, relocated or postponed upon the concurrence of four (4) or more members.

Annually, the Committee members shall select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who in the absence of the Chairman, shall act as Chairman. The Committee may select a formal procedure for the conduct of meetings. The presence of four (4) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Agendas for meetings of the Committee shall be posted on the bulletin board at the Bonner County Courthouse in accordance with the requirements of the Idaho Open Public Meeting Law, set forth at chapter 23 of Title 67 of the Idaho Code.

**SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF WATERWAYS COMMITTEE**

The Bonner County Waterways Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. Develop and submit to the Commissioners a prioritized list of projects and objectives for the coming year, including, where applicable, an estimate of the resources that will be needed for each.
- B. Review and prioritize grant applications available for waterways in Bonner County. The chairman of the Waterways Committee will co-sign applications for Waterway Improvement Funds from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

- C. Maintain contact with the Waterways Committee of adjacent counties to promote cooperative projects where feasible.
- D. Solicit public input of ideas for waterways and park improvements and identification of waterways and park problems within the County.
- E. Assist in the implementation of an ongoing effort to better inform the public regarding such waterways matter as boating safety, waterways related ordinances, waterways projects, waterways funding sources, and distribution of funds.
- F. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners related to the expenditure of funds for waterways and park projects.
- G. Individual Committee Members shall be responsible for visiting sites of problem areas, proposed projects and recently completed projects in their designated areas, and keeping the Committee, as a whole, advised on such matters at regular meetings.
- H. Make recommendations to the Board regarding needed ordinances and regulations for the preservation, protection, use and management of Waterways and Park facilities.

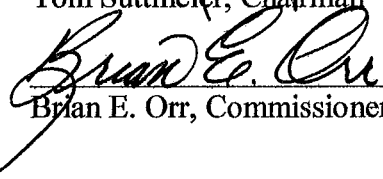
#### SECTION 5: RECISSION OF PREVIOUS FORMATION ACTIONS

All previous actions of the Board of County Commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho, relating to the formation, function or responsibilities of the Bonner County Waterways Commission or Committee, including Resolution No. 97-25 passed March 20, 1997, are hereby rescinded and superseded by the provisions of this Resolution.

Regularly passed and approved, this 22 day of May, 2001.

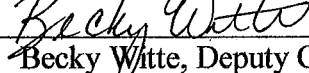
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