

Waterways Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday April 18, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Conference Room – 3rd Floor

1500 Hwy 2, Ste. 338, Sandpoint, ID 83864

Members Present: Ray Pipella, Molly McCahon, Pete Hughes, Forrest Schuck, Tom Trulock

Members Absent: Jim Brausen, Doug McGeachy

Others Present: Asia Williams, Kerry DeLair, IDL Employee – Mike Ahmer (Zoom)

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

1) Public Comment - None

Ray made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2024. Tom seconded the motion. All in favor.

2) Action Item – Discussion / Decision

- A. WWAC Resolution revision – Discussed the revisions and the process for placing it on the BOCC business meeting Agenda. Pete thought that monthly meetings would help to streamline meetings.

Forrest made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the WWAC Resolution. Ray seconded the motion. All in favor.

- B. WWAC Admin Protocol for Regular Meetings – This item was tabled.

3) Business – Discussion

- A. Launch Fee Presentation by Kootenai County Waterways Director (tentative) – Ray and Pete met with Kootenai County Waterways on Friday, 04/12/2024. Discussed Kootenai County's launch fee program and the revenues they collect from it. Need to have a good understanding of everything with Marine sheriff and the back office and how the staff will collect fees. Discussed that all revenues from launch fees will go to Waterways. Discussed implementation, citations, and season passes. Ray suggested putting out donation boxes at launches this summer and adding it as a line item on the budget for Waterways. Pete will discuss this with legal. Molly suggested a checklist with all of the costs and questions to present to the commissioners and the sheriff. Mike Ahmer added input about launch leases and the grant process, discussed/clarified some of Kootenai County's processes. Thought that there would need to be a discussion with the public regarding the implementation of launch fees. Molly suggested a special meeting for launch fees, implementation, and the overall logistics.

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- B. Launch Fee Proposal Process – Need to know if meetings will be monthly or if there will continue to be special meetings. Commissioner Williams suggested placing this on the Agenda for the next business meeting. Discussed the WWAB visiting Kootenai County to see their process and ask questions. Scheduled a special meeting for May 16, 2024.

4) Business – Discussion

- A. Budget Update – Funding request to BOCC – Pete discussed the budget and upcoming workshops as well as current and upcoming projects.
- B. Budget Hearings Dates – Pete will send some dates out to the committee.

5) Business – Discussion

- A. County Registration Flyers – Latest Draft – Gave kudos to Kerry for the great work on the flyers.

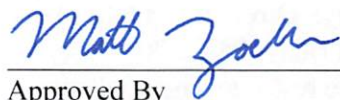
6) Miscellaneous Business

- A. Letter of Interests to the WWAC – Received on letter, brief discussion.
- B. Agency Reports – Pete went over projects in order of priority. ** with Army Corp recommended reaching out to Pend Oreille County regarding some of the issues.
- C. Future Meeting Topics – Letter of Interest, Launch fees

Meeting Adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for July 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Deputy Clerk: Alisa Schoeffel


Approved By

10/17/24
Date

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