

# Waterways Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday October 17, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Conference Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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

Members Present: Matt Zoeller, Ray Pipella, Molly McCahon, Win Taylor, Tom Trulock, Jim Brausen – Zoom, Forrest Schuck - Zoom

Members Absent:

Others Present: Sgt Craig Ross, Kerry Delair, Commissioner Asia Williams

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Matt opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Does anyone present need assistance to hear, see or participate in these proceedings?

Ray made a motion to approve the WWAB minutes from April 18, 2024, July 18, 2024, & August 15, 2024. Tom seconded. All in favor, the motion carries.

**Public Comment - None**

## **Parks & Waterways Updates/Reports**

A) Matt Zoeller, Director

a) Welcome Winthrop Taylor

b) ORFAC Grant-Priest Lake Navigation Lights/Granite Creek Dock

Discussed grant for fixing nav lights at Priest Lake. Applied for ORFAC Grant and the Granite Creek dock project. Discussed grants and pilings up at Priest Lake. Once new pilings are in then our guys can do maintenance and upkeep. Discussion regarding nav lights.

c) WWAC Resolution voted on in early spring-continuing business/adapting

Briefly discussed the bylaws and how the meetings go for the time being and using the time at the meetings best. Matt wants to stick with the current bylaws and quarterly schedule.

B) Lt. Doug McGeachy, Marine Division (Sgt. Craig Ross standing in for Doug) nothing to report.

## **New Business: Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation**

A) Buoys

a) Requests, a 3-document process by WWAC/Bonner County

Present the new application/process. This has been approved by legal. Will need to go before the commissioners. Brief discussion regarding the process and the due date. Hoping that this process will streamline the process. Discussion on already approved permits. Working with IDL. Questions on the appeal process and why it was removed. Matt said this is currently a draft and living document that can be changed.

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b) Illegally Placed-Should IDL be in charge of illegally placed buoys?  
Constant issue, not easily removed, IDL Matt will reach out to IDL. Ray said some of these are placed due to denials.

**Old Business: Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation**

- A) County Boat Registration Flyers  
Flyers have been put out/distributed. Kerry placed at the County building. Molly thought the County was placing them at all the launches. This should be in a workshop.
- B) New Buoys: Process, Application Form, & Evaluation  
Discussed

**Miscellaneous Business: Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation**

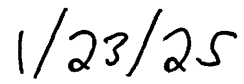
- A) WIF (Waterways Improvement Fund) plans for grants? (Due Jan 31, 2025)  
County does need new vehicles. Ray is on the WIF board, said vehicles are not a priority, the vision is more towards storage and repair facilities, etc. Matt pointed out that the WW boats cannot be on the lake without proper vehicles.
- B) 5-year plan-Visit with Kootenai County  
Matt will go visit with KC and begin a 5-year plan

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Next meeting: January 16, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.  
A special meeting for December will be scheduled.

Deputy Clerk: Alisa Schoeffel

  
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Date

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