

Waterways Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Conference Room – 3rd Floor

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

Members Present: Matt Zoeller, Ray Pipella, Tom Trulock, Win Taylor, Forrest Schuck, and Molly McMahon; Zoom: Jim Brausen and Doug McGeachy

Members Absent:

Others Present: Kerry Delair, Commissioner Korn, Commissioner Domke, Katie Cox (Kaniksu Land Trust), Jason Welker (City of Sandpoint), Tyler Warner (IDL)

Matt opened the meeting at 9:00 AM

Forrest made a motion to approve the WWAB minutes from October 17, 2024, Special Meeting minutes from December 16, 2024, and minutes from January 16, 2025. Win seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment - None

Parks & Waterways Updates/Reports

A) Matt Zoeller, Director

1) ORFAC Grant Update

Brief discussion regarding the funding for Granite Creek dock (Pend Oreille) and nav lights

New Business: Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation

A) Action Item: Vote to Support Bonner County Waterways WIF Grant

Win made a motion to support the Bonner County Waterways WIF Grant. Ray seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was discussion regarding the vehicles used by Waterways.

B) Action Item: Vote to Support City of Sandpoint Waterways WIF Grant

Win made a motion to support the Sandpoint Waterways WIF Grant. Ray seconded the motion. All in favor.

Miscellaneous Business: Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation

A) Action Item: Vote to Support Project 7B and Kaniksu Land Trust for ROW Validation

Ms. Cox provided a quick overview of this project to Commissioners Korn and Domke and the reason for ROW validation. Discussion followed.

Jim made a motion to support Project 7B and Kaniksu Land Trust for ROW Validation. Tom seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business: Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation

A) Action Item: Buoy Process: A 3 Part Document.

Discussion regarding differentiating between Parks, Waterways, and Grooming and the department name. There was discussion regarding the process for buoy applications and approval processes with focus on the portion regarding an appeal process. Potential changes were discussed. The goal of the state is to have less signage and buoys on Idaho waterways. Doug provided LE perspective regarding too many buoys potentially being ignored if there are so many which is one reason for the “first come first serve” in the

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language. Tyler also provided insight into the "first come first serve" basis.

Win made a motion to support the buoy process document upon addition of contact information. Tom seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Next meeting: April 17, 2025 @ 2:30 PM

Deputy Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*

Math Zoeller

Approved By

4/17/25

Date