

Waterways Advisory Committee Minutes

Friday, July 17, 2026 10:00 AM

Commissioners Conference Room – 3rd Floor

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

Members Present: Matt Zoeller, Win Taylor, Mark Knapp, Jennifer Arn

Members Absent: Doug McGeachy

Others Present: Kerry DeLair, Craig Ross

Matt opened the meeting at 10:01 AM

NO QUORUM at start of meeting

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval of WWAC Minutes January 9, 2026

Public Comment - None

Parks & Waterways Updates/Reports

- a) ORFAC Grant is nearing completion
 - Granite Creek dock has been fixed
 - Priest Lake Navigation lights wrap up
- b) WIF Grant 2025
 - New Waterways Tow Vehicle
 - Working great, crew is very thankful. Has been extremely valuable.
- c) ORMV Grants 2026
 - UTV/Pilot Utility Truck grants awarded
 - Focusing on Snow Programs this year-high need-lack of equipment
- d) Garfield Bay Dock
 - in need of updates, planning to redeck/replace in kind when water levels allow
- e) Life Jacket Loaner stations
 - stocked and received, thanks WWAC Member Mark Knapp
- f) Lake Maps
 - Lakes Commission support, thanks WWAC Member Molly McCahon
- g) Bonner Park West
 - Food vendor/Host, working great, repainted bathroom floors and benches
- h) Jim Low Road
 - working on rehabilitation with minimal cost

Jennifer Arn arrived after the meeting began creating a Quorum at 10:11 a.m. Due to having a quorum at this time it was decided to approve the prior meeting's minutes.

Win motioned to approve the minutes from January. Jennifer seconded. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

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Marine Division Sheriff Department- open floor for updates

- Discussed two WIF grants on next week's business agenda and the activity/accidents on the water so far this summer
- The nav light improvements at Priest Lake are great

New Business

Action Items / Discussion / Decision / Recommendation

Discussion: Impacts by City Parking fees

- Discussed how this would affect feed launch sites and if there is an uptick at non-fee ramps this year. BPW, Riley Creek, Fisherman's Landing, and Springy Point are busier this year; GFB is always busy
- There was a discussion regarding charging non-residents versus residents for boat launches and how that would look, including how fees would be collected and enforcement.
- There was also discussion on boat registration fees for non-residents who register their boats in Idaho as the program receives a portion of those fees and a discussion regarding an impact study and the revenue BPA gets from using the waterways as well as the length of the season.
- There was further discussion on revenue and cost offsets.
- There was more discussion regarding registration fees when citizens purchase boats in Kootenai County and for non-resident registration fees.

Win asked about a no-wake buoy near Gypsy Bay that has not been moved. A brief discussion followed.

Adjournment 10:37 a.m.

Next meeting: Friday, October 16, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Deputy Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*

Matth Zoeller

Approved By

10/16/26

Date

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