

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD

March 9, 2023

Vic Greenfield called the meeting to order at the Lake Fork Road & Rec Department. Present were Vic, Mark Sabin, Rick Dolphus, Terri Klanderud, Larry Meredith, and Larry Laxson. Also present were John McClain, McCall Area Club President; Todd Haley, Cougar Mountain Club; and Jay Jacques, McCall Area Club; Ben Esplin, Mountain Meadows Rentals; Jason Wright, Donnelly Club President; and Danny Amen, Valley County grooming program.

Terri Klanderud motioned that the minutes from the February meeting be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Sabin. Motion carried.

USFS (No one was in attendance)

Payette Forest - Larry Laxson discussed the Granite Goose/Bear Basin proposal. The County has decided to support the proposal as long as they remove the verbiage that they will be closing snowmobiling areas. Discussion took place regarding geographics, access, and closures.

Boise Forest – Larry Laxson reported that they are going to have a district ranger here starting on March 15th.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Larry Laxson reported for Kevin Turner. They worked out of Francine Wallace and went to dog avalanche training and were involved. They will have four officers at the Disabled Veterans Ride- Eddy Donica & Kevin Turner.

NEW BUSINESS

Granite Goose/Bear Basin Proposal - Larry Laxson reported that they will come out with the final plan in September.

ISSA Spring Board Meeting – Terri Klanderud informed everyone that the Idaho State Snowmobile Association is holding their Spring Board Meeting on April 29, 2023, at the Best Western in Orofino, Idaho.

OLD BUSINESS

Equipment Update – Larry Laxson reported that we've gotten caught up on all our repairs. They have probably spent over \$20,000 on repairs this year. Everything is

running right now. Front end loader is running good right now. Larry is looking for grants for a small front end loader and a transport trailer.

Budget Updates – Larry Laxson reported that 43a only has 37% of their labor left in the budget. Larry stated that the spring maintenance runs approximately \$5,000 a machine (the front loader and the challenger are generally less). Jay Jacques and Jason Wright requested to receive the area budgets.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Larry Laxson reported that they are still grooming hard, and will continue as long as they can.

AREA REPORTS

Smith's Ferry – The Club voted to fix the stove pipe in the Warming Hut, as the County is paying for the part.

West Mountain – Larry Meredith didn't have anything to report.

Warm Lake – they were not able to attend due to weather.

Donnelly Club – Jason Wright reported that they will be having a Club Ride on March 18th.

McCall Club - John McClain discussed the plan for the Disabled Veterans Ride.

Ben Esplin asked to be on April's agenda for a discussion/solution for grooming Red Ridge.

Larry Meredith motion that we adjourn the meeting; seconded by Terri Klanderud. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.