

April 24, 2023 Valley County Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- Call to order at 5:30 pm
- Members present: April Whitney, Drew Kirsch, Jeff Mousseau, Cameron Sena, Emily Sehloff, Erik Weiseth, Shane Hinson - We do have quorum

Commissioner Sherry Maupin, Valley County Recreation Planner Dave Bingaman and Recreation Director Larry Laxson also present.

- Discussion and questions to direct towards Kurt Wolf at next meeting. Kurt unable to attend and present due to illness. Council asked to review McCall PROS plan and comment on it. Also asked to fill out survey from Kurt Wolf.
- Action Item - Approve meeting minutes from 3/28 April motions to approve and Emily seconded - motion passed
- Action Item - Shane accepts secretary position, April motions Cameron seconds - motions passes
- Discussion of bylaws, open meeting law, VC comprehensive plan, VC waterways management, VC recreation facilities and assists
- Dave Bingaman presented current projects.
 - Little Payette Lake Campground. Current situation deals with dispersed camping. It is unregulated and results in burning, waste, permanent camp type of situation. Proposal is to build 10 sites and provide toilet(s). Larry made an argument supporting Valley County maintains facilities. Funding through grants (Parks and Rec) and county matches.
 - Boulder Creek Road trailhead campground. Add bathrooms. Toilets, tables, etc. Possibly make parking year around. Parking an issue in the winter, complaints by neighbors. More funding through grants.
 - Heinrich road / Hait Ranch access to Payette river. Payette Land Trust and Payette River Walk Alliance pursuing a trail system along river. County has reached out to Simplot to get easement or dedicated Right of Way. Potentially put in a boat ramp. There is also BLM land to deal with, but this would be a great access point to the river.
 - County request for West Mountain road and West Roseberry road requesting 100 foot right away and easements on Bureau of Reclamation and Boise National Forest ground. Tamarack partner with Valley County pathways and Parks and Recreation. Tamarack interested on help fund.
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 - Cabarton boat launch ramp and parking improvements.
 - River Crossing property (7 acres)
 - Brief discussion of County fee structure, go over costs. Working on getting on annual pass.
- Larry went over budget numbers and explained how the government budget works. Larry also went over snowmobile registrations number and all areas but McCall up. Could be from language that describe McCall Area when users go online to buy registrations. Overall down nominally. Our area grooms 5 different counties. Other counties trade or help pay.
 - Most expense happens in the summer, winter rec pays for itself. Larry explained the grant process and the county budget.

- Dave briefly went over the various grants that they are working on. Dave to send us via email more details.
- Commissioner Maupin informed us they will be hiring a full time employee to focus on fire prevention on all ground even Forest Service and IDL. This should help make this a cohesive effort among various government entitles.
- There will be some ARPA money that can be used for recreation. Commit by 2024 spend by 2026.
- Talked about getting the council together and visiting our recreation sites. Existing and future. No date set as it would need to be after the snow melts.
- Some future agenda items could be on how to tell the public what we are doing and what is actually approved and planned to build. Basically a way to inform the public on what is existing and what is planned for the future.
- Some robust chat about the website. Sounds like needs some attention. Partner up with local Chamber of Commerce?
- Discussion about maps for the area.

Meeting adjourned 7:47