

## Oct 30, 2023 Valley County Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- Present: Recreation Director Larry Laxson, Valley County Recreation Planner Dave Bingaman, Cameron Sena, Jeff Mousseau, Emily Bettin, April Whitney, Eric Weiseth, Drew Kirsch, Shane Hinson and Mackenzie Kraemer.
- We have quorum.
- April moves to approve Sept minutes, Cameron seconds, motion passes.
- Mackenzie Kraemer gave us an introduction as to what she can do to help with communicating what the county is doing when it comes to recreation. She discussed options on how to get the word out and helped explain the website and function ability or lack thereof. With the website we could do a monthly update on what we are doing. The website can be used as a tool as far as helping get the word out. It is fairly limited as to what you can do with it. We discussed the possibility of making a website separate from county or city. She suggested we breakaway from our social presence for social media. We discussed having Mackenzie meeting the commissioners and promoting a separate website. Jeff proposed we come to the commissioners as to why and what we see it looking like in the future. Much discussion ensued. Pricing seems reasonable. It could take 4 – 6 months. We formed a task force consisting of Eric, April, Shane, Mackenzie to come up with a general idea of what the website would look like. Mackenzie does post something recreational oriented every Thursday. Much discussion on what that looks like.
- Discussion on the letter of support for completing the trail around Big Payette Lake. (CIMBA's request) Larry updated us that IDL is putting together a broad lease to Valley County that would transfer all IDL land to Valley County. This will give us more control as to what's going on. Larry suggest that once we get the land use permit at that point ask for the trail permit. Dave and Larry suggest we go ahead with the letter. Emily suggested a small change. Shane motions to send the letter, Eric seconds, motion passes.
- Update from Dave on Boulder Trailhead. We had three representatives meet with the Governor's task force on recreation to get the funding for the project. Working on the grant this week to ask for funding. If we get it, around June 2024 we could see the funding. But the timeline is unclear. Dave asked for a letter of support to turn in with the grant. Dave to send a proposal of what the letter will look like. After some discussion, it was suggested to add the cost of a small front-end loader and blower to either the grant or a separate grant. April motions to write a letter of support for the Boulder Trailhead and maintenance equipment. Cameron seconds, motion passes.

- Larry brought up that the City of McCall took away 14K in money because the funding is down this year (from LOT funds). He has brought this up to a city council member that this will impact snowmobiling because it was used to plow open winter parking areas. Now the county grooming program will have a short fall. Dave suggest we consider being more involved with LOT funds next year.
- Jeff, April and Dave went to the Doing Democracy meeting, it gave our committee more recognition. Dave heard discussion about lack of signage and interpretive signage in recreational areas.
- Next meeting Nov. 27. Skip December meeting, January 29, 2024
- Meeting adjourned 7:11