

September 25, 2023 Valley County Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Valley County Recreation Planner Dave Bingaman, Jeff Mousseau, Cameron Sena, April Whitney, Shane Hinson, Guest Speaker Wayne Ruummele, Emily Bettin, Mike Heyer, Recreation Director Larry Laxson

- Jeff Mousseau calls meeting to order 5:35. We have quorum.
- April Whitney moves to approve minutes from July, Cameron Sena seconds. Motion passes
- Wayne Ruummele presents CIMBA project to complete single track trail around Big Payette Lake. Payette National Forest okayed a section of trail on the east side, approximately 3.6 miles. IDL is making their portion a little more difficult to get approval to make a trail. CIMBA asking for us to write a letter of support to build a non motorized trail to complete the vision of a non motorized trail around the lake. Larry made the point that IDL wants to turn over some land for a recreational lease and it may be best to wait for a year when this could happen. After discussion Wayne suggested just do a letter of support for endorsing construction of the trail without addressing the motorized issue. Asked us to endorse a land use permit. CITRA endorsed it to be non motorized. Jeff volunteered to write letter and we will review it next meeting and possibly vote on the issue.
- Jeff priorities are access and protecting land use. Protect State Land. County wide review of recreational use and map and have a county wide plan. 1. Security of key lands. 2 County campground system. 3. Complete trail system around Payette Lake.
- Shane Hinson would like to see access preserved and improved, State Land staying state land, and developing a more developed recreational system, such as trail maps and trail heads.
- Cameron here representing hunting, fishing, community. Keeping some spaces undeveloped. He sees some opportunities to use old Guard Stations to convert to some sort of use. Would like to see some activities such as facilities for kids doing team oriented sports.
- Larry asked to brainstorm long term goals, such as 5, 10, 20 years down the road. A Valley County long term plan for recreation. Tight on time this meeting so maybe pick it up next

meeting. We need to get a list together of top priorities for the future. Dave came up with a saying you build it for the locals and share it with the visitors. QR code came up that we need to have those at the parking lots.

- Next meeting Oct 30.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12