

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD

April 8, 2021 7:00 pm
DONNELLY GROOMER GARAGE

Call the Meeting to Order: *Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm at the Donnelly Groomer Garage.*

Present were Mark Sabin, Vic Greenfield, Ron Platt, Mark Wood, Larry Meredith, Sharon Bixler, Larry Laxson, Terri Klanderud and Rob Workman. Also present were Carole Lundgren from Warren; Danny Amen, Valley County Parks and Rec; and Marvin Limbaugh, Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club.

Approval of the March Minutes: *Mark Wood motioned the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Sabin. Motion carried.*

Public Comment - N/A

Changes to the Agenda- *Mark Wood motioned that we amend the agenda to add discussion and decision on Gordon Titus Extension; seconded by Larry Meredith. Motion carried.*

USFS

Payette Forest - Michael Beach
NO ONE WAS IN ATTENDANCE

Boise/Payette Forest -
NO ONE WAS IN ATTENDANCE

SHERIFF'S REPORT

NO ONE WAS IN ATTENDANCE

NEW BUSINESS

Grants – *Larry Laxson discussed the availability of grants and that funds are going to fund other areas; we could be applying for grants for the program. Larry is asking for funds to repair Wellington from the Commissioners; otherwise we will lose that building. We need to think about writing grants to be able to capture some of those funds. Larry will be meeting with Mary on Monday to go over the grants.*

Lot Funds – *Larry Laxson informed everyone that we applied for LOT funds*

Groomer for Warm Lake – *Larry Meredith discussed purchasing one of the Cats that are being replaced in the next few years. Discussion took place regarding purchasing a Cat, logistics, and the feasibility.*

Snowmobile Title issues and multiple year sticker- *Larry Meredith discussed the sticker registration legislation, and the passing of H129. Larry also mentioned the cost of out of state fishing, hunting, and golfing costs for out of state, and they are exponentially higher.*

Year End Operations – *Ron Platt talked about getting stuff picked up...signs, snowpoles, etc. Several of the areas have already been picked up. Wellington was picked up today. Titus is picked up, as is Cascade.*

OLD BUSINESS

Gordon Titus Parking Lot – *Mark Wood handed out maps of the Titus parking. The parking lot now is just over 1 ½ acres and it was originally approved for 3 acres. They have met with Adams County and the Forest Service; the Forest Service is going to go back and look over the plans and the possibility of expanding the parking lot under the existing NEPA. Mark reviewed the options and costs, including the use of a second parking lot. Mark Sabin suggested that we try to get the entire amount and move forward as quickly as possible. The general consensus was to make it all on one level and go out as far toward the parameter as possible. A second restroom would be possibly be needed as well.*

Equipment Update – *Larry Laxson mentioned that the Smith's Ferry Cat is being taken care of on Friday; the West Mountain Cat has been worked on for the last several weeks and will be finished next Monday. The Donnelly Cat will then be worked on and the PB in McCall has already had the final drives done and just needs an oil change. The Challenger has been done and the front loader needs a little bit of work.*

MOU for Donnelly Trailhead – *Ron Platt talked about how the By-pass worked. What went right, what went wrong; what could be done better? Part of the MOU stated that part of the road was to be open until the By-pass could be used.*

McCall Drag – *Ron Platt has visited with IDPR and the money has been committed. We do not have to bid it, but it is felt that it would be preferable to get multiple bids. It has to be certified US steel. The grant is about \$36,000.*

COORDINATOR'S REPORT - *Discussion of the aforementioned.*

AREA REPORTS:

Smith's Ferry – *The Warming Hut has been locked up for the summer.*

West Mountain – *Nothing to report*

Warm Lake – *added two new members*

Donnelly – *Nothing to report*

McCall Area – *Mark Wood discussed Trident and the land swap. Mark also scouted out 1 ½ acres on Wallace Lane. Mark questioned who owns the road. Carole Lundgren asked about sites that could possibly be considered to build parking lots to take the stress from the existing parking lots.*

VOLUNTEER HOURS

McCall Area	Mark Wood	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
	Mark Sabin	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
	Mark Sabin	Grooming/Parking Lot	22 hours
	Dan Krahn	Grooming	6 hours
	Mark Wood	Meetings/Forest Serv	18 hours
	John Hicks	Financials/Meetings	17 hours
Donnelly Area	Vic Greenfield	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
	Ron Platt	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
West Mountain	Larry Meredith	Groomer Meeting	3 hours
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Warm Lake	Sharon Bixler	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
	Sharon Bixler	Meetings/Communci	3 hours
Smith's Ferry	Rob Workman	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
	Rob Workman	Warming Hut	7 hours
	Terri Klanderud	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
	Terri Klanderud	Minutes/emails	2 hours