

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022

Present: Douglas Roe, Jally Zeydel, Aaron Cook, Dave Parrish, Alex Ray, Jared Montague, Kevin Turner.– Ed Allen (Commissioner), Douglas Miller(Clerk), Matt Linde (Ponderosa Park), Blake Packer (Cascade Parks). Doug Rogan (Cascade Parks), Kurt Wolf (City of McCall), David Claycomb(IDPR Rec Bureau Chief), Phoebe Wallace(IDPR Boating Program), Sheriff Patty Bolan.

Minutes for June 7, 2022: Aaron moved to approve minutes, Jared second; Minutes were approved.

Budget: Doug Miller joined us to briefly go over the proposed budget numbers for the 2022/2023 year. All line items were discussed and a preliminary Dollar amount was proposed for each. Some line items saw a significant increase due to economic issues The Capital items need to be finalized. We need to have final numbers by our Aug. 2nd meeting. A brief discussion followed on manpower and salaries for Marine Deputies. Doug emphasized that all money expended must be for the boating improvement program.

IDPR were represented by David Claycomb, Recreation Bureau Chief, and Phoebe Wallace, Boating Program Supervisor. Dave informed us that the IDAPA Rules have been converted into a Statute with no changes to the language. A discussion followed about the Responsibilities described in the statute, which reflects the what we discussed during our last meeting: The basic emphasis is on providing a Boating Improvement program in the county which covers a recognized boating Law enforcement program and develop and improve Boating facilities like Docks, Ramps and Parking facilities for boats. The county has to maintain an active boating program in order to receive funds from the registration fees as well as grants awarded by IDPR. Money can only be used for maintaining a Boating improvement Program. Record must be kept as well as presented to the yearly audit performed by IDPR to validate our compliance. – According to US Coast Guard rules, fees collected for an invasive species sticker must be separate from registration fees. This is still under further investigation.

Matt: July 4th weekend did not cause many problems. Some minor misbehavior encountered, but overall, it was not busy. Matt wants to discuss the possible lifting of the Alcohol ban for next year in future meetings. - Kokanee Cove: Discussed sewer hookups with the Water & Sewer district. They were told that that number would be small, so some plans need to be scaled back here. – All docks are out and used. – The Dock removal program will hopefully start in two weeks. – Will be discussing with the Sheriff about making the Boat exclusion buoys at North Beach permanent

Kurt: Received the WIF grant for Boat Ramp improvements. Will start the Engineering phase and sub-surface work. The plan is to start actual construction next year.- Milfoil people requested dock space for their boat. – 4th of July was peaceful, probably due to cool weather. The city is still thinking about making the Alcohol Ban Ordinance for July 4th permanent.

Blake: DEQ will have an open house about the Algy bloom in Cascade Lake at the American Legions Hall from noon to seven this Thursday. – The restroom replacement at Blue Heron has been completed – Van Wyck ramp and Sugar Loaf ramp are in desperate need of repair. Will let us know if any financial participation is required. – Blue Heron, the replacement of docks will occur this fall. – Crown Point, The effort of improving the dock and ADA access at the sheriffs dock is in progress. They are still experiencing difficulties with the implementation of some items. Will present plans & drawings at next meeting.

Kevin: Deputies performed 25 inspections in May, 200 in June and around 300+ in July. 2 minor accidents were reported over the 4th of July weekend, but besides that it was rather quite and no real issues. - He is expecting 2 more deputies to start work this month, which should fill his requirements for the summer. – Will get a estimate of the cost for the planned new boat at our next meeting. – No troubles experienced with any of the boats.

Next meeting is on Aug. 2nd, 2022

Respectfully submitted by
Jally Zeydel