

# **VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD**

## **AUGUST 11, 2022 7:00 pm**

### **LAKE FORD ROAD & REC DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at the Lake Fork Road/Rec Department. Present were Ron Platt, Larry Laxson, Terri Klanderud, Vic Greenfield, and Mark Wood.

Also present were Jay Jacques, McCall Snowmobile Club; Danny Amen, Valley County Parks and Rec.

Larry Laxson corrected the statement from the June minutes to state "*that Fish & Wildlife is redoing their NEPA; it is the goal of the Idaho Conservation League to declare the Wolverine an endangered species*"

Vic Greenfield made the motion that the minutes be approved as above noted; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion passed.

## **USFS**

Payette Forest - Michael Beach was not in attendance.  
Boise Forest – No one was in attendance.

## **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No one was in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Annual Operating Agreement*** – The Annual Operating Agreement that was presented by the Payette Forest was reviewed. There are numerous items in the agreement that are not appropriate, correct, or even possible.

Larry Laxson has made corrections and will resubmit. Several corrections were made. We do not have the authority to do law enforcement as the annual agreement suggested.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

***Update on trail maintenance*** – Danny Amen removed all the old plastic snow poles off of Warren Wagon Road that were broken. Ron Platt discussed the By-pass and the need to do more work.

***Warming Hut*** – Mark Wood mentioned that they have an agreement to proceed with the permit regarding placing of the racing shack as a Warming Hut on the Payette Forest. It will be placed at the old Hard Creek Ranger Station. Some of the criteria for the permit will be to

have in place, a minimum of \$300,000 insurance policy, and they will be responsible for pumping the septic tank. Discussion ensued regarding the pumping of the septic and the portion of responsibility.

Ron Platt discussed grooming above Titus; if you get the air spots out of the trail early in the winter, and if they can get the equipment up there early and get trail work done, it should hold up a lot better. Larry Laxson informed everyone that the new machine we will get for area 4A, will have more horsepower.

Larry Laxson stated that we are running an ad in the Star News the first of September to try to get more groomers this year. We finally have the money and the equipment, but are struggling with man power.

***Perk test and Update on Francis Wallace Expansion*** – Mark Wood reported the engineer had a meeting scheduled with the Army Core of Engineers, but the Core of Engineers cancelled, so they are in holding right now.

## **COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

The Boise Forest has started a new recreation group. The new recreation committee reports to the Boise Forest Recreation Committee that reports to the Boise Forest Coalition, that reports to the Boise Forest.

Larry reported that Valley County is applying for a grant for a vaulted toilet at Brush Creek. We are short about \$6,000 for the match. Larry has asked SIMBA and the United Payette for a financial commitment. He is trying to raise it through other means. Smith’s Ferry roof package is being delivered on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark Wood asked if a sign could be placed thanking those that put funding and man hours into the project. Larry answered, “because it is not on forest service land, it can be done”.

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Mark Wood	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	2 hours
Mark Wood		Meetings for WH	12 hours
Mark Wood		Culvert/trail Mtn	16 hours
Mark Wood		Perk test	22 hours
John Hicks		Financials	7 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Ron Platt		Meetings	20 hours
Vic Greenfield		Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith’s Ferry	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Terri Klanderud		Meetings	4 hours
Terri Klanderud		Minutes/Emails	2 hours