

Meeting Notes Hayden Lake Watershed Association Inc.
April 28, 2020 Hayden Lake City Hall 9393 Strahorn Road, Hayden Lake ID

Board members present: Geoff Harvey, President; Jan Wilkins, Vice President; Barb Neal Treasurer; Will Neal Digital Communications Officer; Gil Rossner and Todd Walker. Absent: Gloria Lund and Chris Meyer. Attending: Mary Ann Stoll.

In response to the current COVID-19 health emergency and an abundance of caution, the meeting was conducted as a teleconference using the Zoom Platform arranged by Will Neal the Association's communications officer.

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

No additions or deletions from agenda

No public attended to present issues.

Report on the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District:

- Navigational No Wake Buoys
 - The District has chosen a contractor is awaiting IDL's push to remove illegal buoys
 - Legal permitted buoys cannot be installed until illegal buoys removed; IDL letter requiring removal have been sent out
 - District will consider some type of petition system to add or move buoys, but not this year; this year required to see how the system works.
- County Site Disturbance and Lakeshore Buffer ordinance enforcement
 - Conflicting stories from commissioners and staff: Discussion with District leadership continuing
 - Idea discussed that District would take over Storm Water Review of Subdivisions the Sewer District once required.

Regular Business

- Treasurer's Report
 - Income and checks issued reported along with current balance
 - Allegra Grant Discussed
 - Ask for \$1,000
 - Require Form 990 from Pat Lund
 - Grant money uses: 1)Boating Safety and Wake Flyers; 2) Homeowners Guides; 3) Flyers on watershed management education.
- Recorder's Report: None
- Technology & Communications
 - Sheriff candidates forum doing well on viewings 150 to date
 - Views on website up as a result of two e-mails sent out
 - Discussion of using pay systems: PayPal, Zella & Venmo
 - Comparison provided
 - Board decided to use PayPal due to its brand name and reliability

Old Business:

- Sheriff's Forum follow up
 - Feedback generally good from viewers
 - Some people have had difficulty finding on website; if you came in by one manner a warning of dangerous site ahead was encountered, will be checked out.
 - Noted that Gil's timecards kept candidates largely on time periods asked.
 - Noted Jan, Barb and Will organized so well that implementation was easy.
- Associations Bylaw Review and Logo Development
 - Bylaws Revision
 - A clean copy of the revised bylaws was provided each Board member.
 - Jan Wilkins moved the bylaws be accepted as revised, the motion was seconded by Barb Neal. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The Board thanked Will Neal for his work on the bylaws revision project
 - Logo
 - Logo completed at bargain price.
 - Barb will send out; we should try to attach it to all e-mails
 - Discussion of tee shirts and possibly polo shirts with logo to distinguish Board members at meetings
 - Discussion of banner possibly for Hayden Days: Possibly with mission statement in background.
- Boat Wake Issues & Updates
 - Proposed Kootenai County wake Ordinance to be heard by Commission- May 19th.
 - The background of the proposed Kootenai County Boat Wake Ordinance was described; draft ordinance likely hammered out by Waterways and Sheriff's staff with legal review and changes.
 - Ordinance quite similar to the proposal the Association made in the December Waterways Advisory Committee meeting and the subsequent January Workshop, except Association's proposal was at 500 feet rather than 300 feet
 - Discussion centered on given political realities this is best we can do now and it can be improved if 300 feet is too close for wake boats.
 - Motion to support the ordinance, Jan Wilkins, second Barb Neal; Vote unanimously in favor.
 - Geoff will write letter of support and talking points for hearing May 19th. Two or three Board members will testify at hearing with talking points and pictures (damaged docks, kids playing on shore); we will try to get out additional members to support.
 - Honeysuckle Bay No Wake Zone Proposal
 - To be heard May 19th as well as far as we know.
 - Have already supported in a letter to the county commission.
 - Will testify in support: Get pictures of non-motorized boats using the bay
 - Geoff will contact President of Coeur d'Alene Canoe & Kayak Club.
 - Boat Wake Postcards Update

- Two cards: One on buoy removal; second card completed on boat wakes
- District will allow grant money use to support cost of both.
- Purpose of first card is to have illegal buoy owners remove these.
 - Draft language for post card developed by Jan Watkins.
 - Board members edit and return to Jan.
 - Verbiage needs to be shortened to fit on postcard.
 - Language should make it clear IDL permits buoys and requires removal of illegal buoys, neither Association nor District bad guys here.
 - Target post cards out by June.
- Purpose of second card is wake education
 - Card nearly complete and ready to go.
 - Will follow buoy removal post card (July?)
- Kootenai County Site Disturbance and Lakeshore Buffer Ordinance Enforcement
 - Barb Neal having good luck going through the Highway District and then code enforcement officer Craig Davidson.
 - Similar experience by going to Commissioner Filios who put Craig Davidson on the lower road problem last winter.
 - On these types of complaints, we should involve the Highway District if at all relevant to them and steer complaints to code enforcement personnel.
- Forest Service's Honey-Badger Planning Unit – Comment on Proposed Actions
 - Letter of comment prepared from talking points developed from projects analysis
 - Letter reviewed by Board; minor change on replacement road for FSR 437
 - Letter to be sent out 4/29/20
- Association leadership/membership development
 - Discussion of the use of social media platforms to get out message; exploring because some interest groups are exploiting to their advantage.
 - Problems outlined by Mary Ann Stoll and Barb Neal
 - Require almost daily content input to keep fresh
 - Association does not usually develop content that quickly.
 - Tendency to create a bubble only your interest group lives in
 - Idea of using Next Door to get out message
 - No resolution so Board will consider and discuss at next meeting.
- Projects: On hold as Forest Service working from home and not very responsive.
- Paving Mokins Bay Road.
 - Letter sent to Highway District through Diane Fountain
 - Highway District putting project on its 2021 budget cycle to be heard August 24th.
 - Letter from Eric Shanley District Engineer supportive of this improvement.

New Business

- Hayden Days Participation
 - Association has paid for a booth, but given COVID-19 restrictions will the event be held?
 - So far, the event has not been cancelled by Hayden
 - Barb will send out a "to do" list to prepare our effort.
- North Arm Meetings

- These were put off from last fall
- Suggest we do these with Zoom format with target June 1st
- Message on North Arm invasive weed situation and unique water chemistry distilled down and fashioned to support why the Association's leadership belief a no wake designation with a navigation corridor is the most viable remedy
- Gil, aquatic weeds, Geoff Water Chemistry will present followed by questions (received written), then Todd would present the proposed solution.
- Gil has obtained list of owners. Post card invitations would go to in United States addresses that have living structure on the property.
- Geoff and Gil will work to distill message on weeds and water chemistry down to two to three slides each.

No Current/ Emerging Issues identified.

Board went into a short executive session to be briefed on some sensitive information.

Motion to Adjourn, Jan Wilkins, second Barb Neal, and Motion passed

Meeting adjourned, 9:05 PM