



Board of Directors Meeting Notes November 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Wilkins at 6:35 p.m. via zoom. Present: Barb Neal, Will Neal, Gil Rossner, Shawn Hathaway and Todd Walker. Attending public: Mary Ann Stoll.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. The liability insurance quote was also reviewed, and there were questions about the exceptions, which Barb Neal will check on. Barb also mentioned that if board members have an umbrella policy that their activities on behalf of the HLWA Board of Directors would probably be covered. We will each check with our umbrella coverage.

Will Neal said that he is still making some minor changes to our privacy policy, which is in place now. He will also be adding an index to the annual meeting report that is a spreadsheet of data on excessive wake reporting. He will also be sending the report to the County Commissioners, the Sheriff and the WID.

OLD BUSINESS:

437 updates: The WID board approved the expenses (\$38,000.00) of building the berm across the front of the shooting pit site, pending the Forest Service issuing a road use permit and temporary road closure for the time during construction. There will be a 20-foot parking space allowance for the length of the berm.

The HLWA Board unanimously approved a motion to assist the WID in the berm building effort by contributing \$4,000.00. Barb Neal asked that our check go directly to the contractor. Jan Wilkins will let the WID board know of the decision and the payment details we will need.

HLWA Position on FS abandoning Temporary Closure Plans: Geoff Harvey is concerned that the Forest Service is backing away from earlier commitments to have a temporary road closure in place by December which could last up to 5 years before becoming permanent. He is concerned that they will back away from the permanent closure as well. There is a new supervisor at the local office, Scott Bodle, and his commitment to either type of closure is not confirmed, although he was present at the last field trip.

There was discussion about the pros and cons of both types of closures. We plan to discuss our concerns at the next meeting with the Forest Service scheduled for 11/15 at 1 pm. Geoff and Mary Ann have discussed a campaign for public education. Jan will work with Mary Ann about the public info that will introduce the berm. Anything released would have to have forest service review prior to release. Jan will also write something for our members once the berm details have been approved by the forest service and construction is imminent. There is some urgency as winter weather is closing in and it may be difficult for the contractor to work.

County building code violations: The WID has submitted a Public Records Request to the DEQ and the county regarding the huge sediment plume that occurred last spring in violation of state and county regulations. They will share the information with us after they receive it. Craig Davidson of the county said that citations were issued and both builders have complied. Both cases are now closed.

Jan reported that the county withdrew its lawsuit against Ela construction after they corrected their violations. This is a pattern that is repeated often, especially with this contractor that has caused a lot of erosion from building sites getting into the lake.

Todd Walker reported that he spoke with Mr. Meyers, owner of property on Upper E. Hayden Lake Rd, who has suffered damage because of a retaining wall excavation and construction built too close his property line. He was extremely disappointed that the county approved the plan when there is no way that it could be completed without it violating county ordinances. (The county did issue a site disturbance permit.) This is another Ela project.

He is waiting on his expert's geotechnical report. He is still not sure that the stairs that collapsed because of the excavation were put back properly. He and his family were sleeping at the other side of the house for fear that the house would slide into the hole. He was grateful for the offer of support from the HLWA and will be in contact with Todd.

Wave Monitoring: Geoff now has the data set from the cameras. He has not started the analysis, which will require looking at hundreds of photos.

Flora Guide: Barb was able to buy 20 copies of the Idaho flora guide, which she will use as thank-you gifts for our larger donors. Barb and Will volunteered to put highlighting stickers on the 95 plants that occur in our watershed.

Barb has been in contact with the forest service tree nursery supervisor about a community service project re-planting tree seedlings in the area that will be disturbed for fill material when the berm at the shooting pit is constructed. We need to check with Geoff about what species we need to use. We hope to plant in early spring, and it will depend on what they have available.

County Waterways Advisory Committee: There are two vacancies on the committee now. Gil and Will plan to apply.

Gloria Lund and Jerry House bench: Gil spoke with his contact Ron Reno who is the parks maintenance supervisor for the city of Hayden about putting the bench at Honeysuckle Beach. Ron feels that a wood bench would be vandalized and possibly destroyed and suggested another location or material. Metal benches are prohibitively expensive.

After discussion it was decided that we ask the city of Hayden Lake if we could put a bench in the hallway outside the hearing room, or a plaque on the wall which would honor citizens that have made extraordinary contributions to the city and the lake. Barb and Gil will broach the subject with the city administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Initiative to preserve Open Space: The County has approved an idea to secure \$50 million in bond issue funds to buy open space in the county for a park system. There is concern that the Rathdrum Prairie is disappearing as rampant growth occurs, though the plan would buy properties county wide. To be approved it will need 66% of the popular vote. Jan is on the planning committee as she has experience with this type of initiative.

NEXT MEETING: November 22, 2022. It was decided that we would not have a December meeting.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.