

Draft Meeting Notes

Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting

10:00 to 12:00 PM, Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Meeting Held via Zoom

Participants: Board Members: Jan Wilkins, President presiding, Gil Rossner, Vice President, Robert Humiston, Treasurer, Greg Hill, Shawn Hathaway, Alacia Humiston, Todd Walker and Geoff Harvey. Attending: Kristen Bartz (HLWID) and Mary Ann Stoll

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 10:01 AM

Agenda Item Additions: Hayden Days, Hayden Lake Marina (expansion permit), English PointTrails wind damage

Regular Business

Treasurers Report: Bob Humiston discussed the treasurer's reports made to the Board by e-mail. Bob discussed the net account balances, comparison in standing between 2024 and 2025 and account reconciliation. The comparison demonstrated that we are well down in those paying membership dues. The reasons were discussed but the most likely were that the e-mail approach is less effective than a letter and with the shift of the time of year dues are initiated (Jan 1st now versus August before) many members may be confused. It was resolved to send out a letter and e-mail on dues. The letter and/or e-mail could address other issues like the Hayden Lake Marina Expansion and change on website domain name change. Greg and Alicia will develop the e-mail and letter to be sent out on dues and other issues.

A question was asked about the status of the RAC funding for the two additional Healthy Hayden Creek sites. Geoff responded that we have heard nothing and have not inquired since last fall. Geoff will inquire with the Forest Service and report back.

Recorder: Nothing to report.

Technology & Communications: Greg Hill reported that based on no disagreement concerning the direction for website content, he will proceed along the lines determined in creating web site materials. The first piece will likely be a history of the Association and its accomplishments. He reported that both website domains are up. Greg and Alicia will decide the best time to make the domain shift and then he will start adding content. The change in domain name to HLWAIdaho will be put out in an e-mail to the membership. Greg reports that the website is well in hand.

New Business:

Hayden Lake Marina Expansion: Hayden Lake Marina made application to IDL to improve the marina by replacing, rearranging and expanding of boat slips by 40 (32) It would also move gasoline dispensing out onto the west dock on the lake and the gas shack installed with two gas pumps. A pump station for sewage

waste would be installed as well. Additional parking would be available in Hayden with a shuttle service bringing boaters out to the marina.

The application was made October 16, 2025 but was only recently advertised in the paper. Jan made a PRR to obtain the application and spoke about it with Mike Aymer of IDL. IDL has not posted the application and supporting materials on its website but will shortly.

The proposal raises many questions. We have some answers but have even more questions. The Association would have standing to appeal any IDL decision, but even more so would be neighboring property owners affected. Geoff will explore the gas dispensing over the water with DEQ's tanks and petroleum dispensing specialist. The question of how much additional area of Cooper Bay will be assessed. The Country Club was limited in boat slips, it will be explored with the Club Manager why this was the case to assess whether this applies to the Hayden Lake Marina. Parking issues would come under the county's review. Jan will check. Jan has a friend in the Cooper Bay Condominiums. She will assess their view of this issue. February 24th is the last date an objection can be filed.

It was noted that if this project does come to fruition in any manner that involves dock replacement, the Association could use salvaged float logs for the Healthy Hayden Lake work.

Hayden Days: Shawn was contacted about this year's Hayden Days, July 25th and 26th. The Board agreed to participate. Shawn will fill out the application and pay the \$35 fee. This will assure we have the same spot as last year. Shawn asked the Board to think about the displays used last year. What worked and what did not and to suggest possible new materials.

HLWID Report: The District's North Arm Working Group is just finalizing a \$3-4 million dollar EPA safe drinking water grant application to EPA. The grant seeks funds to abate the threat to drinking water posed by blue-green algae blooms focusing on their removal with bed sediments. The funding would focus on dredging in the channel and routes to an island bed sediment depository. The idea is to accomplish the dredging required by a succession of grants.

It was asked if the HLWID would have a dock and debris cleanup this year. It has yet to be discussed, but will likely occur. It was noted the Association can use the float logs for the Healthy Hayden Creek work.

Old Business

Dalton Irrigation Water Use: Working on reviewing documentation. May seek a HLWID mini-grant to complete Dalton Irrigation outreach. Still plan a Spring-Summer post card emphasizing water conservation especially in light of the dismal water quantity outlook. Gil will develop the post card language. A discussion of lake level and potential watershed yield followed. Level is normal after the December rain on snow event, but snow levels in the watershed are poor at this time. It was noted there is still time in February, March and early April to catch up.

Mailings and Education:

Brochures: Gil has assured Toblers Marina, Marks Marina and Fish & Game have well stocked brochures. Super 1 has adequate supplies. Gil will track down a “missing” box of brochures that either Bob and Alicia or Jan has in their garage.

Wake and Mussel Mailings: Jan and Alacia will develop the text and graphics for a post card to be sent out in the spring on boat wakes, excessive wake reporting and the threat of invasive mussels.

Community Awareness Projects:

RAC Grant to Complete Healthy Hayden Creek Work: Geoff will check with Forest Service and report back. Need to know soon for planning purposes.

Small Lakes and Waterways Impact Study Group: Formation of this group is growing out of the Four Counties Natural Resource Group meeting program that Mary Ann and Gil gave in December on our effort concerning boat wake education on Hayden Lake. The group is coalescing around the idea of coming together to use our strength in numbers to address common problems. Common problems like excessive boat wakes, the lack of marine law enforcement and invasive species. Work to date is primarily organizing, however, Mary Ann has been organizing a meeting of the group, on April 10, 2026. The University of Idaho will be hosting the meeting either at its Riverview facility or at a facility in Post Falls. KEA will be assisting. Mary Ann will send out invitations. As many as possible from Board should participate.

Code Violations Enforcement:

Shore Protection Issue. Berven Bay: The meeting was attended and the Association testified against granting the variance in the City of Hayden’s shoreline protection rule. The variance appeal was denied. Concerned citizens thanked the Association for its support.

City of Hayden of Impact Hearing: After prevailing before the County Planning Committee, the Commissioners threw out all their recommendations at its first hearing on the issue. At a second hearing in January, the Association testified to have the Richards and Dalton Irrigation properties removed from the Hayden Area of Impact map. Hayden gave no valid reason for their inclusion. The Commissioners appear to have included these two properties in the Hayden AOI map. The setback has little real consequence, because the city cannot involuntarily annex properties outside its boundary. As far as we know the Richards have no reason to seek annexation and the City cannot leapfrog the Richards property to the Dalton Irrigation property.

Wildcat Subdivision: A permit was granted for a “private” pool, which now appears to under construction. It will remain to be seen what Wildcat’s definition of “private” is.

English Point: Most of the trail drainage and improvement work was completed by a FONIT contractor in October. Signing will occur this spring. Unfortunately the December wind storms brought down additional trees on the trails, but these were cut out by a Forest Service crew. However some damage was done to bridges by tree falls, Due to a matching funds mistake about \$3,700 is still available in the grant, but we

need to develop the 20% match. These funds can be used for bridge repair. It was proposed we seek match donations at the trailhead this spring. The weekend of April 11-12 was suggested. We will attempt to get a Forest Service permit to do so, but failing that we'll set up on the county road easement just outside the gate. The Board agreed on this plan of action. We will use the posters used earlier but mark that work done. We'll also get pictures of the damaged bridges and create a poster on this work needed.

Next Meeting: Set for Tuesday, 11 AM to 1 PM on February 24. 2026 in a Zoom like format.

With no other business the Board adjourned at 1155 AM.