

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

IAC District 1 Meeting

July 16, 2021

Kootenai County Administrative Building
1st Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B
451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Attendees:

Benewah County

Bob Short, Commissioner
Mark Reynolds, Commissioner

Bonner County

Mike Rosedale, Clerk
Jeff Connolly, Commissioner
Donna Gow, Assessor

Shoshone County

N/A

Boundary County

Wally Cossairt, Commissioner
Sue Larson, Treasurer
Dave Kramer, Sheriff
Glenda Poston, Clerk

Kootenai County

Chris Fillios, Commissioner
Leslie Duncan, Commissioner
Jim Brannon, Clerk
Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk
Steve Matheson, Treasurer
Barry McHugh, Prosecutor
Bob Norris, Sheriff
Dan Mattos, Undersheriff

Other Attendees

Seth Grigg, IAC Director
Terri Seymour, Rep. Fulcher's Office
Representative Jim Addis
Dena Darrow, Kootenai County Finance Director
Nick Snyder, Kootenai County Parks & Waterways Director
Doug Eastwood

A. Call to Order – Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

B. Introductions – Ms. Duncan initiated introductions.

C. Changes to the Agenda - No changes to the Agenda were made.

D. Business

1. Approval of minutes: No changes were made to the April 16, 2021 minutes. Glenda Poston moved to approve the minutes. Barry McHugh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Waterways Improvement Fund Grant Cap: Doug Eastwood, a representative from Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Board, was the first speaker. He explained that a rule change had been implemented roughly 30 years ago, which was to institute a 30% cap on the Waterways Improvement Fund Grant. He used the Harrison Breakwater Project as an example of the problems with the cap, as it took multiple years to complete the project because Kootenai County had to repeatedly ask year after year for additional funds for completion. He said that there would be a public hearing at the Wallace Inn on August 11 for those interested; however, there was not a set time or agenda published yet.

3. Pending Interim Committee Meeting Discussion Subjects: Representative Jim Addis explained that the Interim Committee was in the beginning stages and that their first meeting would be August 27th. He said that there had been very hearty discussion on impact fees, fund balances and County Assistance programs.

Representative Addis also said that the meeting would be available on Zoom for those that wished to tune in, but there was not a set agenda yet, as it would be published two weeks before the meeting.

4. America's Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Discussion: IAC Director Seth Grigg said that IAC had been working through some FAQs related to the ARPA Funds, but it was related to the interim final rule, which meant that it could change at any time. He said as soon as the rule was finalized, there would be direction on how the ARPA Funds could be spent. Mr. Grigg also pointed out that if the ARPA Funds were used for Capital Projects, they had until 2026 to spend the monies and to take their time obligating the funds. He also pointed out that they could be used as replacement revenues.

5. Elections: Alternate IAC Representative: Ms. Duncan explained that Phil Lambert was currently serving on a few different boards and was agreeable to finding someone else to serve as the Alternate IAC Representative. Mike Rosedale volunteered to be the backup; Ms. Duncan moved to appoint Mr. Rosedale to the Alternate IAC position. Jim Brannon seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor with none against.

6. Bylaws Change for Elections of District 1 Officers/Change Officer Elections from November to January: Ms. Duncan said that it had been suggested to change the bylaws to reflect IAC Officer Elections from November to January, as it was unknown who would be re-elected (or elected) to their positions by November. There was a motion to change the bylaws and several seconds to the motion, with everyone voting in favor.

7. 2022 Meeting Schedule – January 14, April 15, July 15, and October 14: Glenda Poston moved to accept the dates for the 2022 Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none against.

8. Reports:

a. Legislative Report: Mr. Grigg said the Legislative Committee would be meeting soon and that there would be several Resolutions presented at the Annual IAC Meeting in September. There was ample discussion on mandated vaccines and the legislative recess.

b. IAC Report: Mr. Grigg said that they were planning on having a full Annual IAC Conference, with the Keynote Speaker being Doug Griffiths and that they would focus most of the time on ARPA Funds. He also said that they had a new communications staff member that would be starting later in the month.

c. GEM: Ms. Poston said that they are continuing to grow and anticipated a 0% increase.

d. Secretary/Treasurer Report: Chris Fillios gave the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$19,146.82 as of the end of June with no new transactions for the period.

9. Updates:

a. IAC – No further updates were provided.

b. PDC – No updates were provided.

c. Senator Crapo's Office – No updates were provided.

d. Senator Risch's Office – No updates were provided.

e. Representative Fulcher's Office – Terri Seymour said that Representative Fulcher had cosponsored a bipartisan bill that he worked on with Senators Crapo and Risch, the House had passed a Surface Transportation Bill along party lines and he also recognized the importance of focusing on infrastructure. Representative Fulcher was currently at home, preparing to begin his second round of chemotherapy

F. County Updates

Benewah: Mark Reynolds reported that they were replacing bridges and roads, and that they were dealing with the state of property valuations. Bob Short said their biggest issue was property valuations and the fact that the price of rock had greatly increased.

Bonner: Mike Rosedale said that they were preparing to send the L2s out, while Jeff Connolly said that they were finishing up BOE and were experiencing large growth numbers, which was impacting Planning & Zoning.

Boundary: Glenda Poston said that they had a library district that had been closed in excess of 90 days and the process had started to recall all five of the trustees in that zone. She said that their November election could be quite busy if the school district ran a bond, the five recalls and an ambulance override all made it to the ballot.

Kootenai: Jim Brannon said that they were working on the L2s for their 60 taxing districts and was proving difficult. He mentioned that there was a recall for one of the County Commissioners that would need 22,159 signatures. Jennifer Locke said that she and Leslie Duncan had spoken to a representative at the Idaho State Liquor Division who had provided a projection of revenues for the upcoming Fiscal Year. She encouraged all attendees to really focus on their revenue projections. Chris Fillios said that there was a commission that was currently looking at optional forms of county government for Kootenai County and that they had deemed an area of the Spokane River as a No Excessive Wake Zone, after many meetings and public comments.

Shoshone: No update was provided.

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Adjourn: Chris Fillios motioned to adjourn. There were multiple seconds. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned.