

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship"
Idaho Department Headquarters
5657 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise Idaho
Teleconference Board Meeting
Originating at IDPR Headquarters

AGENDA

Wednesday December 19, 2012

3:05 p.m. Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Welcome guests
- Additions or deletions to the printed agenda

3:08 p.m. Public Forum

3:10 p.m. Consideration of Request by the Hidden Bay Float Home Owners for a Letter of Support to DEQ from the Board Members

3:32 p.m. Status Update on Idaho City Yurt Program

3:38 p.m. Adjourn

Chairman Crimmins called the Teleconference Board Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. MST, December 19, 2012. Board members attending:

Tom Crimmins Chairman, Hayden Lake
Susan Buxton, Member, Boise
Randy Doman, Member, Cottonwood
Charles Correll, Member, Jerome
Jean McDevitt, Vice Chair, Pocatello
Robert Hansen, Member, Menan

Also present during all or a portion of the meeting were the following individuals:

Nancy Merrill, Director
Tamara Humiston, Deputy Director
Steve Strack, Attorney General
David White, North Region Manager
Ron Hise, Heyburn State Park Manager
David Claycomb, Recreation Bureau Chief
Dave Kimberling
Harvey Hughett

3:10 p.m. Consideration of Request by the Hidden Bay Float Home Owners for a Letter of Support to DEQ from the Board Members

Mr. Kimberly requested that the Board support the letter from the Hidden Bay float home owners to the DEQ (*See Attachment 1*).

Discussion followed.

3:23 p.m. Robert Hansen moved that the Board draft a letter of support as discussed with final review by the Director Merrill and Steve Strack. Mr. Correll seconded the motion. The Chair asked for further discussion. Hearing none, the Chair asked for a roll call vote. Crimmins-aye, Doman-aye, Buxton-aye, Correll-aye, McDevitt-aye, Hansen-aye. Motion passed.

3:36 p.m. Status Update on Idaho City Yurt Program

Director Merrill updated the Board on the Idaho City Yurts. Discussion followed.

3:38 p.m. Mr. Hansen moved to adjourn the teleconference meeting. Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion. the Chair asked for a roll call vote. Crimmins-aye, Doman-aye, Buxton-aye, Correll-aye, McDevitt-aye, Hansen-aye. Motion passed.

Tom Crimmins, Chair
Idaho Park and Recreation Board

Nancy Merrill, Director
and Ex-Officio Member of the Board

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ATTACHMENT #1

December 12, 2012

Subject: Endorsement of Float Homes Connection to Wastewater Sewer System

Dear DEQ Grants and Loans Program Administrators,

This letter is in support of applications by the Hidden Lake Float Home Association to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for wastewater disposal system planning and construction assistance.

We believe that such a project is consistent with the common goal of northern Idaho's citizens to help prevent potential pollution in the lower St. Joe River and Lake Coeur d'Alene. Although the 23 float homes at Hidden Lake are currently in compliance with Panhandle Health District 1 guidelines for human waste and grey water disposal, it is understood that these were to remain in place until such time that a permanent connection could be made to the new, state-of-the-art sewer system recently constructed at Heyburn State Park. The original intent was for the float homes to make a connection to this centralized treatment facility from a new state park marina at Chatcolet. Unfortunately, funding estimates for the marina came in at about \$13M and the project was canceled, requiring the float homes to pursue a new sewer connection path.

The intent is to obtain assistance in taking a proactive approach to achieve a long-term solution to perceived wastewater disposal system deficiencies. Also, this will help identify appropriate technical designs, cost-estimates, and other construction assistance that will help lead to thorough, positive environmental impacts in the area.

Such a connection would help assure that the float homes would be on the same footing as the land-based cabins in Heyburn State Park and be in compliance with state and federal guidelines for safe and clean water. These steps also would mitigate against potential risks from present and future activities that might degrade water quality in this region.

In view of the above, please register our strong support for the Hidden Lake Float Home Association for DEQ wastewater assistance.

Sincerely,