

Draft Meeting Notes  
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting  
6:04 to 9:20 PM, Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
Meeting Held by Conference Call

**Participants:** Jan, Wilkins, President, Bob Humiston, Treasurer, Gil Rossner, Vice President, Shawn Hathaway, Alicia Humiston, Todd Walker and Geoff Harvey. Mary Ann Stoll, member and Watershed Improvement District Contractor, and Barbara Neal, member.

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 6:04 PM.

Jan asked for additions or deletion from the agenda. An executive session at the end of the meeting was requested.

The input from the two attending members was moved to appropriate places in the agenda; Barb Neal on the Kiosk at Honeysuckle Beach and Mary Ann Stoll's update on the Watershed improvement District to the Brochure development discussion.

### **Regular Business**

The Treasurers Report : The treasurer reported that a portion of the cash in the bank account was transferred to a 3 month short-term certificate of deposit on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The checking account balance is more than sufficient to fund the kiosk and tree planting projects.

A legal fund containing a small balance exists. The Board decided to leave this fund in place until Jan checks with the individuals who contributed to this fund. There may be other legal consultations needed in the future.

**The recorder** had nothing to report.

**Technology & Communications:** Greg Hill could not attend. Jan Wilkins read his report. List sharing has started between the Association and the District after the District completed its privacy policy. The Association has shared its list but Mary Ann reported the Watershed Improvement District has not yet. Info @hlwa.com has been created and there are potential e-mail accounts for the officers that can be created. Officers were asked if they used the old e-mail accounts. Generally, they did not. Such accounts create connectivity for the membership. A new constituent management system is in development, but the platform is not clear. There can be up to three users.

The report to the Idaho Secretary of State has been delayed. There is new form charge of up to \$50. Alicia Humiston moved that up to \$50 be allocated to make the payment to the Idaho Secretary of State not to exceed \$50. Gil Rossner seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Pay-pal account is being renewed. Once completed the membership drive should be underway by mid-April. It will start with e-mail with follow up by letter to those who do not respond.

Membership efforts are complicated with a lack of parity between electronic files provided by the former communication officer and records provided by the former treasurer. The paper files require reloading into electronic format. A motion was made by Alicia Humiston to allocated up to \$1,000 to hire a firm to recreate the files; Bob Humiston seconded the motion. Discussion included a suggestion of another vendor by Mary Ann Stoll. The point was made that some falloff of membership has occurred and these data will allow us to mine those who have dropped out for additional memberships. After some additional discussion the motion was tabled.

Bob Humiston pointed out it was typical organizational practice for two officers of an organization to hold the books; the treasurer throughout and the chief executive at least twice per year. A motion was made by Bob Humiston that the President of the Association receives an updated copy of the Quick Books Database two times per year. Shawn Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### *Honeysuckle Beach Kiosk*

Gil Rossner reported the Hayden City Council approved the planned Kiosk to replace the kiosk currently in place at their Honeysuckle Beach facility. The Memorandum of Agreement provisions have been worked out, the design approved by the City and only signatures are necessary. Gil plans to get the required signatures this week. Estimated cost of materials is \$4,380 and because of injury to the volunteer who would have built it the labor will cost \$3500. The labor will cover demolition of old kiosk, site preparation, fabrication off-site, placement of foundation and on-site construction. The City of Hayden has waived the permit fee placing under city action permitting. Gil Rossner moved that \$7880.00 for the materials and construction. Shawn Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. The target date for fabrication and construction is the next two weeks. Bob and Alicia Humiston offered a currently empty storage unit at Garwood for the fabrication site. Gil gratefully accepted. Gil will send out an e-mail laying out volunteer opportunities during construction.

Discussion turned to the content of the three panels of the kiosk. The center will contain the lake bathymetric map. Gil will supply Mary Ann the panel dimension to size the map. Suggestion was made to put a QR code on the map to direct where the data ("see maps") can be found and also a suggestion users take a picture of the map and place it on their phone. Eventually the QR code can be placed that will direct users to the brochure currently under development by the Watershed Improvement District and Association.

Second section will honor those who have contributed over many years to the protection and preservation of Hayden Lake. The initial three will be the late Gerry House, the late Gloria Lund and Todd Walker the lake manager. Short tributes will be developed for each. Gerry's can be condensed from the tribute to him in the Hayden Lake Book, Gloria's from a piece developed for the newsletter after her passing and Todd's can be easily developed by the recorder. The other two starting pieces will be sent to Mary Ann Stoll as will Todd's once drafted. Todd's will point out his continuing role as the Lake Manager and include his contact information.

Ideas of a list of major donors was suggested. This idea received some support but some cautions as well. Inclusion of the QR leading to Hayden Lake, A Brief Primer was suggested.

The third panel will include basic boat safety rules, rules peculiar to Hayden Lake (wave restriction and wake buoy explanation). Much of this can be developed from the informational campaign post cards the Association has used over the past several years. Mary Ann and Jan will work on organizing this panel. Letter font and size will be coordinated to give the entire presentation uniformity.

A hand out box on the side of the kiosk was discussed. The pros of information distribution were discussed as were the downside of potential litter generation. The point was made that many such users now photograph information to hold it on their phone, so panels windows should be quite clear to accommodate this type of use. The idea of a box was nixed based on litter concerns.

There was a discussion of the City of Hayden's idea of having the county deed to the city its easement on the south side of Honeysuckle Street between the outer (dike) parking area and the corner of East Hayden Lake Road and Honeysuckle. At least, one city councilmen indicated this would allow the city to better regulate parking and is requesting the Association's support. There was considerable discussion of the results for both Idaho and out of state users. The Board agreed that a more fully developed proposal would be required before it could consider support.

#### *Healthy Hayden Creek Project*

Jan Wilkins thanked the Borad for comments on the press release developed for this event. The release makes clear the project is a joint effort of the Hayden Lake Watershed Association, Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Forest Service. The release will be held until mid-month. Geoff will work with Jan to improve the map to be attached

Geoff Harvey explained progress on the project. The Forest Service is permitting the work with a roads permit. This is the same type of permit issued by the Ranger District to build the dike at the shooting pit. The authorization is at the District Ranger level. The current agency wide confusion is thus avoided. The permit has been applied for and the Forest Service is processing it. Todd and Goeff met with Chris Robinson the district's hydrologist, Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> to lay out the areas to be treated. The Forest Service is excluding the barren area north of the kiosk at the upper junction. This will become a parking lot for ATV and motorcycle users to offload and park. Chris working with their road personnel will stake out and blue paint the areas where logs are to be placed. Chris wants logs placed to protect the entire length of Hayden Creek at the north junction.

Todd is managing all the log placement work. This will involve deep ripping compacted areas to create a seed bed, filling by a little dirt movement where necessary in low mud bogging areas and placing the logs. The logs at the exterior of each area will be drilled and pinned in with rebar. All this work will be completed before the end of April.

This first Saturday of May will be the tree planting day (May 3<sup>rd</sup>). The planting locations will be pre-marked with flagged stakes. Two hundred fifty larch seedlings have been ordered to plant. Cylindrical seedling protectors have been purchased as have the stakes to hold them in place. We are looking into finding tree planting tools. If participants have them we are asking they bring spades. Chris Robertson suggested we also broadcast alder seeds at the edges of the log barriers. Mary Ann recognized this would be a good activity for kids. The Forest Service nursery is looking for location appropriate alder seed.

Mary Ann is planning the educational booth. The lake bathymetry model and erosion posters are two that would be in the booth. The Honey Badger Poster was also suggested. We will put together a poster showing the Healthy Hayden Creek work from the untreated barren areas through to the projected end result. Todd will gather the before pictures. Between the group we have enough tables and one canopy. Jan was authorized to get another for the Association's use at various events. At the April meeting work assignments for the event will be worked out.

#### *Hayden Lake Brochure Status*

Avista has committed to fund \$700 in printing costs. One side of the brochure will have the lake bathymetric map. Several informational panels will cover the other side. Source materials for various panels have been provided by Idaho Department of Fish & Game and Idaho Department of Agriculture. Geoff supplied Mary Ann with an overview statement, historical piece on the naming of the lake, a piece on the geology of the lake.

The Association will participate in the Hayden Lake Marina open house on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will try to have the brochure ready to distribute at that time. The plan is to expedite reviews of the panels by both the District and Association Boards.

Watershed Improvement District Update: Mary Ann Stoll reported that the North Arm Committee working on behalf of the District has negotiated an easement a hundred feet on either side of Hayden Creek through the Norris Property. A similar easement already exists on the Hancock Timber Land upstream of the Norris property. The easement opens up the possibility of created sediment and nutrient catchment wetlands in the reach of Hayden Lake just upstream of the lake. An engineering intern has been hired for the summer to assess engineered solutions. The University of Idaho limnologists are starting their work on the plant growth nutrient flux in the North Arm.

#### **Code Violation Enforcement:**

Zimmerman Boat Dock: Jan was advised by Mike Aymer of IDL that the litigation concerning the boat storage dock is ongoing.

Wildcat Project: The wildcat dock is permitted a single-family dock, but designed to house several boats while maintaining the proper square footage. The dock is currently misplaced on a Highways District easement frontage. IDL is working to get it moved to a proper location on Wildcat property. Although cumbersome, IDL cannot address the use of a dock as a community dock until such time as it is so used.

Once this occurs and a complaint is made, then IDL can react to the use of a single-family dock as a community dock.

Sediment laden water is again flowing into the lake from an intermittent creek. The problems is illustrated in a video of the area. Stormwater collection along a Wildcat Development Road and culvert relief onto a neighbor's property is causing the problem. Apparently, some of the water Wildcat is discharging is not sediment laden, but the concentration of additional water on the neighbor's property is causing the erosion leading to sedimentation of the lake. Although Wildcat appears to be meeting the letter of the Site Disturbance Ordinance, the desired result is not occurring, because sediment is entering the lake. There is also clear photo evidence that some of Wildcat's BMPs have failed.

There was considerable discussion of the situation. Jan will get the video to Jim Coleman and seek any recommendation he can make. Todd will look into the problem. It was suggested the private owner; Mr. Fisher needs assistance with the water being loaded on his property during rain events. It was suggested the one entity specifically designed to assist land owners with these situations is the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil Conservation District. Mary Ann will check with HMM.

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss some two sensitive issues and make recommendations.

Following the executive session, it was determined that Jan Wilkins take a leave of absence as president for the months of May and June for personal reasons. It was moved by Geoff Harvey that Gil Rossner take over temporarily as acting president; motion second by Bob Humiston. The motioned passed unanimously.

The next regular Board meeting was set for Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM