

Draft Meeting Notes
Hayden Lake Watershed Association Board Meeting
11:30 AM to 1:05 PM PST, Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Meeting Held via Zoom

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

The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkins at 11:31 AM

Public Input: None

Regular Business:

Treasurer's Report: (Given later in meeting due to treasure engaged elsewhere) Bob Humiston reported on the financial situation of the Association. Except for a few memberships fees the financial situation has not changed. The newly created CAHLME legal defense fund added additional funds, but these funds are strictly reserved for the Hayden Lake Marina expansion issue.

Bob discussed the RAC funding. The RAC administrator needs a budget. Geoff is working on that and only lack the tree seedling costs. He will send to Bob once he has it. The earthwork and log placement is planned for April (mid- to late). Plan is to do the upper junction site getting it ready to plant on May 9th and to start placing logs and digging up the lower junction site with plans to finish it and plant next spring. This should consume over two-thirds of the budget this year. We believe we can carry over the remainder by pointing out we do not have all the logs to finish. Jan asked for pictures of the site we did last year, before and after and pictures of the other two sites. Geoff will send.

Recorder: No Report

Technology/Communication: The Venmo account for Hayden Lake Marina expansion legal defense fund is set up and functioning. The new HLWA e-mail address www.HLWAIdaho.com has been activated, but unfortunately Godaddy the carrier has gone down for the next day or two. An e-mail will be sent out the Association members making them aware of the problem.

The Hayden Lake Watershed Association's position letter on the marina expansion was distributed to the Board. There were no comments, but Jan wanted to add the traffic/parking issue. Shawn and Alicia will craft language to be included to cover this issue. Once completed Greg will post the position letter on the website.

Old Business:

Marina Expansion Opposition:

Two questions concerning marina expansion from Kris Bartz: Has the canopy height on boat slips been considered for its effect on view of neighboring properties?

Has the percentage in marina size by the 32 additional slips been calculated? On this point the marina currently has 215 slips if the Tobler's slips are counted. The expansion seeks an additional 32. The percentage depends on the base number, if that is taken to be 247; it is a nearly 13% expansion. The new configuration and expansion adds an area to the marina about the size of a football field out in Cooper Bay.

Norman Semanko a Boise attorney has agreed to take the case. He estimates cost at \$5,000.

There was some discussion of legal strategy purposely not recorded. CAHLME is still seeking expert witnesses in bank erosion and water quality. The date that all legal testimony must be submitted to IDL is April 1, 2026. The hearing date is April 15, 2026. The Evidentiary Hearing will be from 12 until 5 PM at the Best Western Motel. During this session only the marina's spokes-people, attorney (s) and witnesses can be heard and only the objecting party, their lawyer and witnesses can be heard. The public hearing will be from 7 to 9 PM at the same location. Point was made that this will be a public meeting subject to Idaho Open Meetings Law so an agenda will be published 72 hours in advance and IDL's hearing officer must follow that agenda. After all testimony and public testimony the hearing officer will make a recommendation to IDL's director who has the final decision. The next meeting of the CAHLME will be March 28, 2026

Mailing and Education Activities

Mailings:

Wake Education: Jan and Alicia will be working on this year's handouts after the Marina issue calms down

Dalton Gardens: Gil will be working on this post cards message with the next meeting of the Dalton Irrigation District's Board meeting as his deadline. Message generally, we are all experiencing drought conditions, the water the use comes from Hayden Lake, we all need to work together to conserve water, here common sense practices you can use to save water and cut your own costs.

Brochures: All the outlets seem to be stocked for now. Jan will get more out of storage when she is here in early April.

Wake Reporting Mailing: This will be worked as soon as time permits. Jan asked Greg if the website wake reporting system will work. It will even though a little different system is used to collect and process this information.

Wake Flyers: An effort to add the mussels issue was discussed. This is difficult to do because it is wake boats ballasts coming from other areas that is the potential problem. It is quite difficult to sterilize these ballasts. IDA is setting up a new inspection station but its location was not given. IDA suspects that some boat owners purposely evade the stations.

The BOD explored the idea of hiring a college student for the summer to work at the Honeysuckle Boat Ramp This person would, hand out flyers, record information on boats, record if launch tolls were paid and even if need be direct traffic on the ramp. The position could be cost shared with the WID, HLWA and City of Hayden.

Community Awareness:

RAC funding: The budget and implementation strategy and dates were discussed as part of the treasurer's report. However Geoff suggested that we pursue additional RAC funding to create an improved parking area at the upper junction. Geoff can create a budget in part based on English Point Parking Area, while Todd creates some graphics to sell the project to the RAC Committee. There was support for the project to go forward. Todd and Geoff will report budget and design at the next Board meeting.

Code Violation Enforcement:

Current Parking at the Marina: This code is clearly being violated; have 75 need 98. Alicia cautioned against pursuing this issue because it is not expansion. Todd stated the county code enforcement will not investigate without a complaint. Todd will explore with Craig Davidson again.

The issue of the lack of parking fosters parking on the road. Shawn discussed that the sheriffs' Office will not enforce because parking is off the road and on private property so not the public issue. Shawn has an appointment to discuss marina traffic issue with Eric Shanley of the Lakes Highway District.

It was stated that HARSB refused to take or treat effluent from a boat pump out station. They could pump to a holding tank and have this effluent treated at a vendor known to exist in Bonner County. Panhandle Health District would likely regulate this. Todd will check with Cory at the Health District.

Lake Level: Up about six inches from recent storm.

First meeting of the small lakes collaborative group is April 10th.

English Point Trails: Todd and Geoff seeded open soil created during trail improvement last fall except drain areas still holding water. Geoff now has more seed to spread. Plan to set up to solicit match funds on Saturday April 11th at the trailhead. Hope to have pictures on damaged bridge and work completed.

No New Business:

Next meeting set for April 28, 2026 10 AM to Noon via a Zoom Format.

With no additional business the Board adjourned at 1:05 PM