

VALLEY COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 13, 2020

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at the Donnelly Groomer Garage at 7:00 pm. Present were Ron Platt, Larry Meredith, Vic Greenfield, Mark Wood, Terri Klanderud, and Larry Laxson. Also present was Danny Amen, Valley County Parks and Rec employee.

Mark Wood motioned that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Terri Klanderud. Motion carried.

USFS

Aaron Phelps, the New Meadows District Ranger, discussed the logging on Rock Creek and X Flat. Larry Laxson questioned if they were holding to maintaining the 6" of compact snow on the trails/roads during the winter; Aaron's reply was that they would hold to that. Larry also questioned that the Forest Service would not be making any road closings during this operation and she answered that they would adhere to the winter travel plan. Discussion took place regarding an alternative access during logging at X Flat.

Sheriff's Report

There was no one in attendance.

New Business

Larry Laxson reported that the Lost Creek/Boulder Creek project was sued. It stopped the entire project. If there is a catastrophic wild fire, the groups that sued should be held liable. Grant Meadows – if that comes out without the enlargement of the Titus parking lot.

Support letters are needed from each of the Clubs for the grant for the Wellington Roof Repair, and a ¾ ton utility truck. The Commissioners have agreed to fund 50% of the match from Pilt for the utility truck. The third grant is to replace the funds that were turned down by the lot funds for the portable bathrooms at Greengate, Brush Creek, and Francis Wallace. This is imperative now, especially due to the Covid issue.

Larry Laxson would like to get a groomer at Warm Lake; in order to get a groomer, a building is needed to house the groomer. This is a goal he would like to see come to fruition before he retires

Design & Road Building for Clear Creek RV Park – Larry Laxson

Ron Platt reported that the 43A Drag Grant will be moving very slow because of Covid. We should go ahead and get people out there to look at it.

Park & Recreation Director Report

Larry Laxson has been putting together a procedures list for Spring, Summer, and Fall. He has started the Winter procedures and would like help listing the parking lots on the other side of the mountain that we are responsible for signage at. Larry has contacted all of last years groomers and has heard back from all of them with the exception of Shane.

Area Reports

McCall – Mark Wood reported that Francis Wallace has the new drive way. Brush Creek has been raised significantly on the east side. Francis Wallace is done. They will be meeting on Wednesday with the IDL Rep to do the final go-through. They still need to locate some concrete barriers. The junction on the back side of Brundage will be relocated. Harold and Jan Appel have moved and the donated a significant amount of tools to the program. Secesh Stage Stop also had a get together and is donating funds to the program.

West Mountain – Larry Meredith is looking for the long pole

Donnelly – They are installing mesh along the side the groomer garage to prevent snow from sliding back against the building. They are still working with Jay Jacques.

Smith's Ferry - nothing to report.

Larry Meredith motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Terri Klanderud. Meeting adjourned.