

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADDVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 9, 2020

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at the Donnelly Groomer Garage at approximately 7:00 pm. Present were Ron Platt, Rob Workman, Terri Klanderud, Vic Greenfield, John Hicks, Mark Wood, Mark Sabin, and Larry Laxson. Also present were Terry Gestrin, District 8 Representative; Danny Amen, Valley County Parks & Rec; Sandra Mitchell, ISSA Public Lands Director; and Marv Limbaugh, Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club; also Belinda Provancher and Jordan Nielson, from Midas Gold.

Rob Workman motioned that the minutes be approved as presented. Mark Wood clarified that the word "seals" under Ongoing Projects be corrected to "steel". Correction was made; Mark Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IDL LAND SWAP PROPOSAL

Terry Gestrin spoke regarding the proposal of a land swap between the Idaho Department of Lands and a private purchaser. Sandra met with Dustin Miller, the Director of State Lands. They have put together an Advisory Council. Mark Wood, as well as Sawtooth Law Attorney, David Claiborne will be a part of the Committee. We are very early in the process at this point. Discussion took place regarding logistics and procedure and possible outcomes.

MIDAS GOLD

Jordan Nielsen reported regarding the Plan of Restoration and the OSB access. They have only seen Chapters 1, 2, and 3. He talked about replacing Warm Lake Road with Cabin Trout Creek. What they don't have is any language that addresses north to Waipiti Meadows. They wanted to make us aware that there wasn't any language for grooming to Waipiti, so that it can be included and commented on that OSB access will resume from Landmark to Waipiti after the Cabin Trout Creek Road is finished. The first three alternatives look at the burnt log route, fourth is Johnson Creek. They are still looking at mid August for the draft and will be looking to the snowmobile community for comments of support.

USFS

Michael Beach sent an email updating everyone and letting us know that he would not be able to attend tonight.

Sheriff's Report

There was no one in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the Titus parking lot and that it was originally approved to be much larger than it is. Mark Wood and Ron Platt looked at the parking lot and found an area where it could easily be expanded. Sandra Mitchell offered that it was built with an IDPR grant; it was the largest grant issued at that time.

Ron Platt discussed the No Business By-pass. Danny Amen and Ron went up there and walked it with four or five Forest Service employees and several land owners. It is deeded land to the County. The Forest Service said that we could use coverts vs bridges up there. Dave Bunker committed to bring a track hoe up to do the work. Jay Jacques has a lawsuit that he has to appeal on. Ron Platt would prefer to do an MOU, with specific instructions for Mr. Jacques and the ongoing plowing will be supervised.

OLD BUSINESS

We have not received a letter regarding the RTP Grant as of yet. Ron Platt and Mark Wood looked at the drag and it will need at least 60 hours of work on it. We need to verify the grant was approved, as there are people that would like to put a bid on it. It was suggested that when they bid on it, there is someone there that makes sure that all the "extras" are equal on all bids.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

As of next week they will be running a pilot car all day long on Warren Wagon, so Larry will ask Scott to get all the maintenance done up there. They need to go backwards on the Brush Creek trail. Larry and Mark Wood are going to start working on the directional signs soon.

Larry mentioned that we applied for three lot fund grants: one for the portable toilets, one for snowplowing, and a third for signage. The snowplowing and the signage were approved.

Discussion took place regarding the use of containers as Warming Huts.

AREA REPORTS

McCall – Mark Wood mentioned that they have raised the floor of Brush Creek at least two feet. They got permission to go down to Green Gate and fill in all the pot holes.

Terri Klanderud motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Rob Workman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

