

# MEETING MINUTES

## WATERWAY COMMITTEE

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Date: 2/11/25

Time: 4:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Eric Pardue

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Pardue, Gerad Poxleitner, Angela Poxleitner, Ryan Turner, Brad Higgins, Roy Schumacher, Jamey Basye, Doug Ulmer, Clint Reiner, Richard White, Dan Potter

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

From 2/15/24.

Eric opened the meeting with introductions. General discussions were made on the contribution of funds to the waterway, boat registrations, grants and now the coast guard. Gave a brief rundown of how funds are acquired and spent for those new in attendance.

### BUDGET

The budget for the current fiscal year was distributed and reviewed. The Pittsburg Landing seal coat project has been completed and monies dispersed. Current fund: \$69,804.44

### DISCUSSION

- Agency updates from Ryan & Richard (BLM):  
Ryan discussed new signs going in at some of the ramps to include wording that discourages the inflating of rafts on the ramps. In previous meetings members suggested striping of one lane to indicate express or a time limit would be beneficial and have agreed to get this contracted out this spring. D-ring installation on ramps for low water usage is not something the engineers are going to approve – may suggest at a future date. Richard distributed plans for the expansion of the Hammer Creek boat ramp, these upgrades would include expanded aprons on either side marked as no trailer launching. A future possibility of 3000 sq ft on the upriver side is not yet included in the plan – Roy made a motion to contribute funds for the planning and engineering of the additional lane with the hopes that it could be completed at the same time (2028). Richard will work with engineers in getting the proposed cost and will discuss it at the

next meeting. Ryan also mentioned that there are plans for recycled pavement to be utilized at one or more of the ramps for parking and access improvements.

- Agency updates from ICSO:  
Doug stated that the Sheriff's Office wants to continue the educational boating programs as well as boat inspection services. They are very grateful to the private community and outfitters with river knowledge and assistance when needed.
- Gerad and Clint both expressed that the American Bar sand launch site could use additional steel ramps (15-20 feet) for low water use. Without these ramps there is very little lower Salmon River access to power boats. Over the years ramps have been stolen and deteriorated and are currently being stored at Dain Rads ranch. A group of private citizens correlate install and removal each year and are happy to continue. As noted in the previous meeting, a motion was made for money to be spent if a member of this group comes across any at a decent buy as the search is still ongoing.
- Discussion was had by all regarding the sand removal from ramps along with gravel deliveries when needed. Ryan at BLM is in handshake agreement with the committee that we can approve and arrange as we see the need, or if not done already by the BLM. All were in agreeance that committee monies could be approved for this service. In previous years Killgores have been the primary go to for these services but do believe they are phasing out. He suggested Tony Williams for future needs and we all agreed.
- Doug had a private citizen request from the Kooskia area regarding the ramp access by the bridge. At this point it is unclear who the party responsible for this ramp is, Brad is going to check into land ownership and approval for improvements while Doug is going to contact Wayne Jackson for a bid on gravel and grading. A motion was made to approve funds up to \$5,000, if over then we will seek public bids.

Next meeting proposed July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm