

**Minutes Approved 02/20/2023**  
**Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 19, 2023**  
**Community Room – Uncorked With Friends, Hayden**

**To-Do:**

- KB – standardize job costing codes with GL code first.
- KB, TY, SM – review Hayden Creek Monitoring Plan document by Jan 12.
- TW – provide Tom Norris’ email to Steve
- TY – draft USFS priorities and circulate for review

**Call to order:** 1:11p

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:** Steve Meyer, Tom Yount, Kristine Bartz

**Contracted Staff:** Todd Walker

**Guests:** Shawn Hathaway of HLWA

**Conflicts of interest:** None

**Public Input:** None

**Review/Approve Meeting Minutes:** Tom Yount motioned to approve the minutes from October and November of 2023. Kristine Bartz seconded. All approved.

**HLWA Update:** Shawn Hathaway gave a report of the priorities and concerns of the HLWA. Of concern is the level of USFS commitment and action to address FSR 437, including the berm that our organizations constructed last year. The HLWID Board prefers to keep a collaborative relationship with USFS and feels involvement by our agency in any type of litigation would be counterproductive, at this time.

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Kristine presented job costing spreadsheets for Mary Ann’s time for all of the previous fiscal year, as well as YTD in the current fiscal year. The board agreed that the job code should start with the GL code.
- Accounts Payable: Tom Yount motioned to approve the accounts payable list (\$3982.34) as well as the financial statements for December 2023. Kristine Bartz seconded. All approved.

Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District			
Invoice Approval List			
December 18, 2023			
Payee	Invoice	Function	Amount
Practical Accounting Solutions	HLWID.11.23	Accounting	\$ 1,050.00
Watershed Management	November Services	Lake Management	\$ 689.64
Mary Ann Stoll	November Services	Communication Outreach	\$ 2,166.75
<b>TOTAL INVOICES FOR APPROVAL:</b>			<b>\$ 3,906.39</b>

- There were some additions to the invoice from Watershed Management due to the timeliness of shipping receipts for the lab samples. The total invoices were adjusted and approximately \$100 remains outstanding and will not be paid until receipts for those expenses are submitted. Tom Yount motioned to approve the accounts payable list (\$3982.34) as well as the financial statements for December 2023. Kristine Bartz seconded. All approved.

### Lake Manager's Report

- Todd Walker discussed an issue with a captured buoy that was installed last summer at Evernade Point. Upper chain was present, but the bottom chain is absent and was required in the specifications. Todd was not on the boat with Tommy's crew, so does not know if this is a one-off or if his crew misread the specs and installed the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> batch out of spec. Todd is asked to determine the best method of evaluating the extent of this potential issue, and will work with vendors to determine if there is a cost to evaluate as well as correct the problem.
- Continue to look at best way to build, install and repair buoys, especially if we work with additional vendors.
- Order parts by April 2024.
- **Construction updates:** Snowfall has drastically reduced activity around the lake, but some projects continue. There are houses being built on North Hayden Lake Road and Powell drive. Residence at 37440 E Hayden lake Road has been moved back from driveway. Noticed dirt work and it appears the residence has installed a new drain field.
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: **Rain on snow event.** Todd monitored runoff from creeks/drainages and observed sediment at Hayden Creek.

## HLWID Projects and Initiatives:

- Tom Yount reported that the **NAIC** is forming 3 subcommittees, each with a specific focus:
  - Documentation and Analysis (Jan and Mary Ann) for full picture
  - Hayden Creek Wetlands (Gil and Jan),
  - Nutrients/Loading, in sediments or in plants (Dan Lucas, Vince Coleman, Frank Wilhelm)
- Tom tabled the follow up discussion of **Frank Wilhelm presentation** and has asked for hourly rate if we do not sponsor an intern.
- **Hayden Creek Monitoring Plan** – comments due Friday Jan 12 at end of day. Outstanding job by Mary Ann recognized.
- **Minimum Lake Level** – set timeframe for focus meeting/discussion defer to future
- **Hayden Lake/Creek testing and wetlands**. Tabled till January. Review Geoff's email Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (mentions beaver). Need analysis? Do we ask for recommendations? Steve has Tom Norris' phone number but requested that Todd provide email address for further contact.

## Old Business:

**HLWID Admin:** we will move to FTF meetings and chose 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 at Community Room in Uncorked with Friends. Tuesdays 4p. Gather ideas for locations for second quarter meetings.

**HLWID Admin Support:** The board tabled hiring administrative staff pending review of organizational needs. We may need a grant writer. We likely will need a formal communication plan.

## Old Business:

**Forest Service Priorities:** Discussed berm, especially since we invested 50% of our annual budget last year to contain surface flow across the road from Hayden Creek. Want it repaired to the state it was in pre-fires where gravity can allow metal-laden sediments to settle prior to water crossing road. Discussed USFS role in controlling sediment entering the lake via surface water runoff in the watershed. Largest landowner and potential contributor of sediment and contaminants to date. Priority is Hayden Creek, largest tributary and area of current concern. Discussed 437 in general, and HLWID does not necessarily demand it be closed, but certainly that it be brought up to USFS standards. Tom took the Action to draft first cut at priorities and circulate for review.

**New Business:**

Developing Cost Sharing Strategies: Tom currently working with Kootenai Shoshone Water and Soil Conservation district and Ducks Unlimited. Is also trying to identify other avenues, grants, etc. Want to identify what we should test for since we have Todd in the field and water samples already going. Do we add calcium for quagga? Do we test for specific chemistry for swans?

**Next meeting:** Tuesday January 16, 2024, 4:00 p.m., Community Room, Uncorked With Friends in Hayden

Meeting Adjourned 3:45