Teton Waterways Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 12– 4:00-5:30pm

Commissioners Room – Teton County Courthouse

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**Minutes**

* Welcome (4:00-4:10)
  + - Attendance: Rob Marin, Will Stubblefield, Joe McFarlane, Renee Hiebert, Jeff Klausman, Boots Allen, Kyle Ellison and Charlie Woodward,
  + Update on Grants: JH One Fly Grant application (Will, Boots)
    - This one fly grant is more flexible to fund education/stewardship initiatives.
    - Possibly fund equipment like boats, vehicles, uniforms, educational equipment.
    - Continue exploring this, deadline is Feb 24, 2023.
  + Update on River Management Society (Will)
    - Recommend membership to use the listserv and connect with national members. Rob and Teton County can pursue membership.
* Long Term Grants and Fee collection (4:10-5:20)
  + Idaho Parks and Rec grants update from Rob Marin
    - Grant application has been narrowed down to Buxton river park improvements.
    - Grant application is through Waterways Improvement Fund. Grant application is in good shape and being well received by the review committee at this point.
    - This committee reviewed conceptual drawings from the grant application.
  + Stakeholder/Landowner MOU's for 2024 grant cycle
    - Reneewill connect with Cache access landowners to help facilitate MOU discussion with IDFG to prepare for next grant cycle.
    - Rob is in contact with ITD and IDFG on Harrop's site, and next steps for future improvements.
  + Fee collection discussion (see South Fork Fee Program Business Plan)
    - reports from South Fork Feel Program, indicate much more user numbers and ~ 50K/annual fee revenue.
    - Need for continued work to predict revenue on Teton based on user numbers. Continue car counts
      * Need to add counts on busy weekend, or additional counts to predict revenue of fee system.
    - One benefit of revenue from fee program is a consistent income stream year to year. Could be seed money for grants, infrastructure improvements, etc.
    - Committee identified need for management to keep facilities updated, continue managing increasing use, cost associated with enforcing river ordinance

* + River Ambassador/Ranger scope of work (committee prep for Orion from Snake River Fund on 02/23)
    - Teton County plans to advertise job for two river ambassadors this spring.
    - 2023 scope - purely educational at access points, report on ramp logistics like trash, traffic, etc.
    - Ambassador program,
      * Needs appropriate training. De-escalation, first aid, river etiquette
      * Needs a lifeline - (law enforcement). Agreed upon issues like DUI, violent altercations,
      * College students seeking internships,
    - The committee should come up with a draft job description and associated financial plan for this position to assist the County in the hiring process.
    - Compensation structure –county has 15K for salaries, hoping for $17/hr, possibly ¾ time, need to define weekly schedule
    - Combine camp host @ big eddy with river ambassador to make job more appealing
  + Recommendation to hire an outdoor recreation manager at Teton County should be future meeting topic.
  + Rob would like assistance with Job description.
  + Data collector will be separate position form river ambassadors.
  + What could a volunteer ambassador program look like in the future? County may need to staff up and then would have more capacity for supervising more volunteer ambassadors.
* Public Comment (5:20-5:30)
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