

**City of Fernan Lake Village
Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 13, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Cda Public Library

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Watkins.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:

- Quinn
- Dircksen
- Goodsen

Also Present:

- City Attorney (via Zoom)
- Guests

Bill Krueger	204 N. Lakeview Dr.
EILEEN DOOTHAN	207 N. Lakeview Dr.
PAULA MARANO	215 N. LAUREL DR
Jeff Curry	202 N. Lakeview Dr.
HEIDI ACHUFF	112 S. HAZELWOOD DR
MONICA NOCE	107 S. Hazelwood Dr.

- Representatives from Kootenai County Fire and Rescue: Pete Holley, Kevin Lawler

3. Presentations

Kootenai County Fire and Rescue addressed the Council. Chief Holley presented information requesting community support for the May 19 election regarding a proposed two-year levy override.

4. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Quinn and seconded by Goodsen. **Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Approval of Minutes

- **February Council Meeting Minutes:**
Motion to approve by Goodsen, seconded by Quinn. **Motion approved.**
- **March Council Meeting Minutes:**
Motion to approve by Quinn, seconded by Goodsen. **Motion approved.**

6. Financial Report - Financials were reviewed. Motion to approve by Dircksen, seconded by Quinn. **Motion approved.**

7. Public Comment / Guest Input

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Guests were recognized and provided the opportunity to speak.
Heidi Acuff requested and was granted three minutes during the FLAC agenda item.

8. Old Business / New Business

8.1 Sewer Fee Waiver Request – 101 Theis Ln

Mayor Watkins presented a request from property owners to waive monthly sewer charges due to the residence being unoccupied following tree damage.

Action: Council will review and decide at the next meeting.

8.2 Short-Term Rental Ordinance (Ordinance 190) & House Bill 583

- Mayor Watkins reported that House Bill 583 has been approved and becomes effective July 1, 2026.
- The City Attorney provided additional legal input.
- Council agreed to hold a special meeting to review the ordinance and implications of HB 583.
- The City Attorney will draft a revised ordinance incorporating HB 583 for Council review in May.
- A special meeting will be scheduled during the first week of May to review and approve revisions prior to the City Attorney's planned absence.
- Mayor Watkins will direct the City Clerk to notify the property owners at 201 S. Theis Ln that installation of a new lift station is no longer required under the new law.

8.3 Ordinances 137 & 155 – Senate Bills 1352 and 1354

Council agreed to schedule a special meeting (mid-summer) to discuss the impact of these bills on the City of Fernan Lake Village.

8.4 Idaho Foundation Funds Resolution

Council agreed to formalize Idaho Foundation Funds via resolution.

Motion to approve by Quinn, seconded by Dircksen.

Motion approved. A public meeting with foundation representatives will be scheduled for around April 27, 2026 pending Library availability.

8.5 111 Hazelwood

Status of the property at 111 Hazelwood was discussed. *(No formal action taken.)*

8.6 Road Sealing Project

Council approved proceeding with sealing the remaining streets, as budgeted.

Motion by Dircksen, seconded by Quinn. **Motion approved.**

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8.7 Public Comment – Heidi Acuff

Heidi Acuff provided input on the following:

- Recommended reducing FLAC committee membership from seven to five members.
- Requested enforcement action regarding a nuisance violation at 101 Theis Ln.
- Opposed the request to waive sewer fees for the same property.

9. FLAC (Fernan Lake Advisory Committee)

- Monica provided a committee update.
- Council heard testimony from Carl regarding reinstatement to the committee.
- Discussion held regarding filling the vacant committee position.
Action: Mayor to recommend appointment of a new member.

Approvals:

- **RFP:** Motion by Goodsen, seconded by Dircksen. Approved.
Action: City Clerk to publish.
- **Press Release:** Motion by Quinn, seconded by Dircksen. Approved.
Action: Mayor to provide materials to the press.
- **FLAC Letter to Fernan Lake Neighbors:** Motion by Quinn, seconded by Dircksen. Approved.
- **Residential Survey:** Motion by Quinn, seconded by Goodsen. Approved.
- **Letter to Watershed Landowners:** Motion by Quinn, seconded by Dircksen. Approved.

10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Action Items Summary

- Council to decide on sewer fee waiver (101 Theis Ln) at next meeting~~X~~
- City Attorney to draft revised Ordinance 190 (April)
- Schedule for special meeting (early May) for STR ordinance review
- Notify 201 S. Theis Ln property owners regarding lift station requirement removal
- Schedule for special meeting on SB 1352 & 1354 impacts
- Mayor to finalize Idaho Foundation Funds and File Resolution
- Schedule for April 27 public meeting with foundation representatives
- Mayor to recommend FLAC committee appointment/reinstatement
- City Clerk to publish FLAC RFP
- Mayor to distribute FLAC press materials

THE TWO-YEAR PLAN: TRANSPARENCY IN ACTION



MAINTAIN RESPONSE TIMES:

Seconds count. This levy ensures 24/7 staffing at every station to keep response times low as call volumes rise.

A TEMPORARY COMMITMENT:

This is a two-year override, not a permanent tax. It is a short-term bridge to manage growth while we optimize every taxpayer dollar.

FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE:

We are seeking a simple majority for a specific, time-limited need. The measure is limited to two years. After that, any additional funding would require voter approval.

EQUIPMENT & SAFETY:

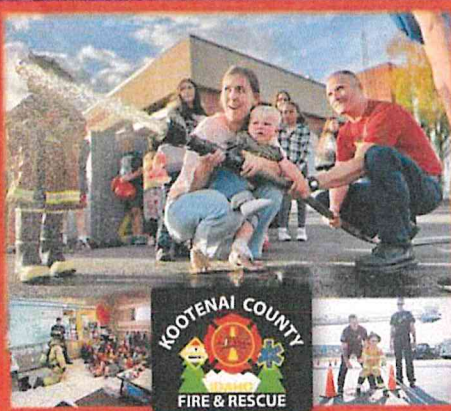
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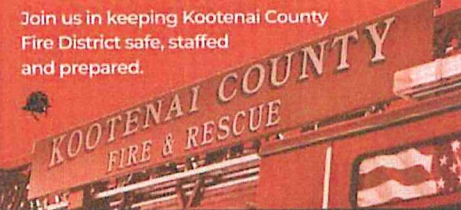


STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY

Kootenai County's growth is outpacing our emergency resources. We heard your feedback in November and are responding with a transparent, time-bounded solution.

This May, we are proposing a Two-Year Temporary Levy to maintain the rapid response times you deserve. This is a defined plan with a fixed end date, maintaining our boots on the ground without a permanent tax increase.

Join us in keeping Kootenai County Fire District safe, staffed and prepared.



Accountable. Temporary. Mission-Critical.