

May 6, 2026
Fernan Lake Advisory Committee Meeting
CDA Library, 702 Front Avenue, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order -

2. Determination of Quorum - *Monica, Audrey, Heidi, Bob*

3. Are there any new agenda items? *Recap of 4Cs meeting 5/6/26, overview of the mining cleanup and superfund sites, BEIPC summer 2026 update, outreach ideas are regular newspaper column (the dirt), living art project (the living lake project), water quality updates (our gem)*

4. Recognize guests and public comments - *N/A*

5. Topics for Discussion

- Update on Fernan Lake History Presentation and Paper by Audrey - *See below regarding DEQ meeting on 4/21/26, pending the below response from DEQ and the City*
- Summary of meeting with Dan McCracken IDEQ with Heidi, Audrey and Mayor Ray Watkins - *Heidi set up a meeting with Dan McCracken which took place on 4/21/26, Audrey reviewed the Fernan Lake History presentation with Dan. The outcome of the meeting was positive and the plan was for him to review the history presentation, the DU report, and the Leading Idaho Initiative grant project. He will respond to Mayor Ray Watkins, Audrey and Heidi with feedback and suggestions to the history presentation prior to the planned presentation at the 4Cs on 6/3/26, which will then be shared with FLAC. Dan will also reach out and discuss with Frank Wilhelm, PhD*
- Story / potential art project (5 min) - *Pending the above info from the DEQ and the City*

6. Updates

- North Idaho Small Waterways workshop 4/10/26 - *Recap given*
- Feasibility Study submitted - *Idea from Jim Goodson (from time when Heidi was mayor), pumping water from Lake CDA into Fernan Lake for dilution, especially when water level is low, Heidi mentioned to Meg Wolfe (IWRRI) and Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe) at the Small Waterways workshop, who both seemed interested/supportive of the idea in conversation, Mayor Ray Watkins submitted the feasibility study to the University of Idaho*
- IDEQ - emailed Jade Clinkenbeard (Watershed Analyst) and Matt Colling (Water Quality Analyst) to ask for follow-up meeting to share parcel owner maps/contacts - *Monica to set up*
- Meeting with Maureen Pepper - Source Water Protection contact for Idaho- *Recap given, plan to contact local water district to discuss options, discuss with DEQ regarding*

watershed analysis and TMDL of Fernan Creek at east end of lake as starting points for application, contact info for DEQ employee info who worked on recent application for the Snake River project

- IWRRI - Neil emailed Meg Wolfe to inquire about “water monitoring plan 2026-27” and to request follow up meeting, Monica emailed Mayor Watkins re: same on 3/20/26 - *Neil volunteered (by email) to contact Meg and set up meeting to discuss further*
- Data Compilation - Consider asking Dr. Frank Wilhelm or Meg Wolfe if there is any interest in a student project to compile all data on Fernan Lake and Fernan Watershed to aid, provide to DEQ - *Monica recommends a short list is made and this is added to it for topics to discuss with Meg*
- Kootenai County Parcel Owner map - Monica emailed City Clerk 3/20/26 and requested for map of all parcel owners in the Fernan Watershed and on Fernan Lake - *Plan to provide this info to DEQ*

7. Update from City Council

- Next City Council meeting is 5/11/26
 - Post Falls water testing: no new info, emailed Mayor Watkins on 3/22/26 for update
 - ICF 501(c)(3): recap information session 4/29/26 - *Update is that fund documents are not signed yet so no QR available yet*
 - Press Release: City Council approved both versions 4/13/26
 - Official Letter to Villagers: City Council approved 4/13/26
 - Residential Survey: City Council approved 4/13/26

8. Future Meeting Topics

- Marisa Burghdoff (emailed 3/18/26) - awaiting response, asked for google meet visit
- Fernan Lake Watershed 5 year review 8-25-22
 - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d77eb1c21bfc421cb40f11aa1b53c69b>
- RDG, HMH engineering, Ducks Unlimited (none of these have been contacted yet)

9. Next Meeting Calendar Date

- *Wednesday 6/17/26 @ 5pm*
- *Request library room - Monica sent email to Cindy 5/11/26*

10. Adjournment