April 8, 2026

Fernan Lake Advisory Committee Meeting

CDA Library, 702 Front Avenue, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86213645043?pwd=AHbH4prsqmM2W5aSobUlWn21buQ8VO.1

1. Call meeting to order -

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

3. Are there any new agenda items?

4. Recognize guests and public comments - *Karl Burke, Tim Quinn*

5. Topics for Discussion

- North Idaho Small Waterways workshop - *assign break out session leads - Sediment (Neil/Audrey), Nutrient (Heidi), Social/Political/Economic Landscape (Monica)*
- Review of Fernan Lake Advisory Committee 2025 Summary by Audrey (10 min) - *Audrey*
    - Committee was to review summary and bring comments/edits to meeting
    - *Action Item regarding submission to City Council*
        - *Agree to edit and add to this throughout year, as RFP responses are reviewed, use as 2026 summary report outline*
- Review of Fernan Lake History Presentation and Paper by Audrey (10 min) - *Audrey*
    - Committee emailed both presentation and paper to review and bring comments/edits to meeting
    - *Action Item regarding approving presentation (to City Council, 4Cs, and public on behalf of FLAC)*
        - *Agree to have a working session to review and shorten presentation, Audrey will email the presentation to the committee, committee is to review the final draft presentation, plan for working session on 4/22/26 at 10am*
- Story / potential art project (5 min) - *Heidi*
    - Committee was to review story and bring comments/edits to meeting
    - *Action Item regarding submission to City Council / Arts & Culture*
        - *Agree to edit, Heidi to review Neil's suggestions, Monica will email final draft to committee once edits are complete, committee is to review the final draft prior to the working session on 4/22/26 at 10am*
- One-page handout (to accompany watershed landowner outreach letter) (5 min)- *Audrey*
    - Audrey was to email to committee to review and bring comments/edits to meeting
    - *Action Item regarding submission to City Council*
        - *Monica will email Audrey an update on 2026 for the back of the sheet,*

circulate via email and submit to council if no objection

- Emailed list of "Homework" from USB stick now on Google drive (2 min) - *Monica recommends each committee member make their way through the list of documents that were provided on the USB stick by the Mayor/City Council when they were appointed to the committee Mar 2025, all documents on the USB stick are now located in the Google drive in the Compendium, "File #4 - USB stick from Mayor / City Council"*
    - 3 - DEQ DU Study
    - 3B - 1842_001 DEQ Letter no longer eligible letter
    - 8 Fernan Lake Watershed 5 year review 8-25-22
    - 13 - Fernan Lake CDA Lake Nutrient Reduction Through Wetland Restoration
    - 15 - Fernan Lake a Brief History of the Water Quality - Roads - Dam and Other Issues Rev 5 (History of Fernan Lake by Audrey)
    - 17 - Fernan LMP_Final draft_appendix

6. Updates

- IDEQ - emailed Jade Clinkenbeard (Watershed Analyst) and Matt Colling (Water Quality Analyst) on 4/6/26 to ask for follow-up meeting *- Monica will follow up and attempt to set up meeting for May*
- Maureen Pepper - Source Water Protection contact for Idaho
    - Committee emailed a draft letter on 3/23/26, bring comments/edits to meeting *- Reviewed draft letter, committee had no objections, Monica sent email 4/13/26*
- IWRRI - Neil emailed Meg Wolfe [DATE?] 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 received no response, he will follow up*
- Fisheries - *Bob* to reach out to Fish and Game *Bob had meeting with Tyler Zumwalt, fishery biologist for Fernan Lake, Bob shared that during the conversation this was shared: he had no concern about poisoning fish with herbicide treatment of water lilies overall, he did had concern about herbicide use late in the year, shared that earlier in the year use is better*
- 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 *- committee supports this idea or something similar*
- 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 *Monica will share with Matt Colling (IDEQ)*

7. Update from City Council

- Next City Council meeting is 4/13/26
    - Post Falls water testing: emailed Mayor Watkins on 3/22/26 for update
    - ICF 501(c)(3): emailed City Clerk and Mayor Watkins on 3/19/26 and 3/22/26 for update on status of fund
    - Press Release: pending ICF to include QR code or specific directions on how to donate to fund, emailed to Cindy Espe 3/18/26
    - Official Letter to Villagers: pending City Council approval, emailed to Cindy Espe 3/18/26

    - Residential Survey: pending City Council approval, emailed to Cindy Espe 3/18/26

8. Future Meeting Topics

- Marisa Burghdoff (emailed 3/18/26) - asked her for meeting Thursday April 9th or 30th @ 10am, awaiting response
- Fernan Lake Watershed 5 year review 8-25-22
    - https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d77eb1c21bfc421cb40f11aa1b53c69b
- RDG, HMH engineering, Ducks Unlimited, Dan McCracken IDEQ (none of these have been contacted yet)
- Recap from North Idaho Small Waterways workshop 4/10/26

9. Next Meeting Calendar Date

- *Wednesday 5/6/26*
- Request library room - *Monica emailed Cindy Espe on 4/8/26 requesting room on 4/22/26 at 10am and 5/6/26 at 5pm*

10. Adjournment