

**WORLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH POST FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT
VALIDATION OF KOTH ROAD # 514
MARCH 24, 2026
6:00 P.M.
17783 N POPE RD. RATHDRUM, ID 83858**

MINUTES

All present WHD:

Commissioner Phil Cooper, Commissioner George Miller, Commissioner Corinne Johnson, Director Kevin Howard, Deputy Director Dustin Howe and Deputy Clerk Jennifer Weeks.

All present PFHD: Commissioner Jeff Tyler, Commissioner David Russell, Commissioner Glen Heape, Director Michael Lenz, Clerk Elaine Fox.

Guests in Attendance: Darius Ruen, PE, Ruen, Yeager & Associates (RYA), Rich Waltrip, RYA, Jeremy Russell, J-U-B Engineers (JUB), Susan Weeks, Attorney, James Vernon & Weeks (JVW), Joe Huston, Attorney, Malek & Malek Attorneys, Douglas Dick, Attorney, WHC Attorneys (WHC), Annika Bair, Attorney, WHC

Audience in Attendance: Pam Koth Hodaka, Jery L Arher, Dan Landry, Susan Bolin, Terry Bartels, Walt Dale, Bill Pittman, Tyler Nimke, Susan Schuler, Ruedi Schuler, Jody Kamp, Kevin Frederick and Mark Koth.

Audience online: Christine Day, Kyle Seabeck and Leanne Dahlen.

Chairman Jeff Tyler opened the special board meeting at 6:00 pm for the Post Falls Highway District.

Chairman Phil Cooper opened the special board meeting for Worley Highway District at 6:00 pm.

At the request of Chairman Tyler, Chairman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Tyler started by opening up the Public Hearing for validation of Koth Road No. 514 for the Post Falls Highway District and appointed Joe Huston, Attorney, as hearing officer.

Chairman Phil Cooper opened the petition for validation of Koth Road No. 514 for the Worley Highway District and appointed Joe Huston, Attorney, as hearing officer.

Hearing officer Attorney Joe Huston reviewed the validation hearing process and provided public comment instructions for on-line guests and persons in the audience and specifically indicated that if anyone would like to testify later in the hearing, they are required to submit a public comment form at this time. After testimony begins, no additional comment sheets can be accepted. Testimony should be directed to the Boards, not persons in the audience. The Boards are unable to answer questions due to the quasi-judicial nature of this proceeding. There will be no deliberations at this hearing. Deliberations will take place at the respective Highway Districts scheduled board meetings.

Darius Ruen (RYA) presented a supplemental staff report and survey findings on behalf of the Post Falls Highway. Joe Huston asked that the Supplemental Staff Report be placed in the record as Exhibit 1 and the PowerPoint presentation be placed in the record as Exhibit 2. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Kevin Howard presented the staff report on behalf of the Worley Highway District. Joe Huston asked that the Staff Report be placed in the record as Exhibit 3. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Jeremy Russell (JUB) discussed the survey findings regarding the Worley Highway District validation request. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions. Joe Huston asked that the first slide presented be placed in the record as Exhibit 4 and the second slide as Exhibit 5.

Joe Huston called for Petitioner Steve Copp to present his testimony. Audience guest Daniel Landry said that Steve Copp will not be attending the validation hearing. Mr. Copp had a personal matter and that his written presentation would suffice.

Petitioner Attorney Douglas Dick with WHC Attorneys was called to speak regarding this matter for a portion lying within the Worley Highway District and instructed by Joe Huston that he has a total of 30 minutes for comments and rebuttal. Joe Huston asked that the two pictures provided by Mr. Dick and passed to the Board be placed in the record as Exhibits 6 and 7. Mr. Huston indicated to Mr. Dick that he has 19:55 minutes remaining for rebuttal.

Public comments were presented in person in the order requested by Mr. Huston. Presenters included Bill Pittman, Tyler Nimke, Pam Hodaka, Rudie Schuler, Mark & Eillen Koth, Kevin Frederick representing property owner Steve Moore. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions of each presenter. Mr. Huston asked that the public comment requests be placed in the record as Exhibit 8.

Attorney Susan Weeks (JVW) presented three written public comments received by the Boards: Pickens Law PA letter dated March 23, 2026; Leanne Dahlin letter dated March 23, 2026; and Christine Day letter dated March 23, 2026. The Board asked a question requiring Ms. Weeks to obtain permission from Chairman Cooper. Ms. Weeks asked if the Worley Highway District authorized Ms. Weeks to talk about the location. Mr. Cooper denied the request on behalf of the Worley Highway District. Mr. Huston asked that the three letters and attachments be placed in the records as Exhibits 9, 10, and 11, respectively.

Joe Huston called for rebuttal responses from the Petitioners and reminded Attorney Dick that he has 19:55 minutes remaining.

Attorney Dick (WHC) provided Petitioner rebuttal in conclusion of the validation request.

Mr. Huston gave the Board members the opportunity to ask additional questions of staff regarding the testimonies.

Hearing officer Joe Huston then closed the Joint Validation Hearing at 8:21 pm. This matter now goes before the Boards for their separate deliberations.

Chairman Tyler specified that the deliberations on this matter for the Post Falls Highway District will be placed on its regular April 15, 2026 meeting agenda at 6:00 pm at the District's office.

Chairman Cooper specified that the deliberations on this matter for the Worley Highway District will be placed on its regular meeting agenda for April 22, 2026 at 9:00 am at the District's office.

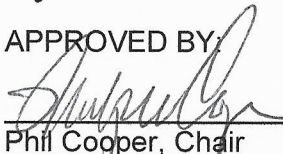
Chairman Tyler adjourned the Post Falls Highway District meeting at 8:25 pm.

Chairman Cooper adjourned the Worley Highway District meeting at 8:25 pm.

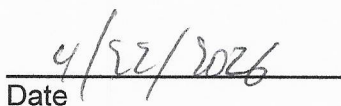
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Jennifer Weeks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED BY:


Phil Cooper, Chair



Date