

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
APRIL MINUTES
THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2019, 1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Troutner, Paul Kleint, Ralph Thier

Members Absent and Excused: John Lillehaug, Justin Florence

Others Present: Scott Henderson NRCS; Chase Cusack DEQ, Alan Monek USBR, Rich Jackson USBR; Kristina Lawcynell USBR; Jim Zokan, USBR; Jon and Janet Mabbutt, SLRWSD; Lenard and Jacque Long, Friends of Lake Cascade; Durena Farr, District Admin; Kris Meyer District Admin.

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner, Chairman, at 1:00 p.m.

Ralph Thier moved to approve March 7, 2019 meeting minutes as emailed to Board Supervisors for review. Paul Kleint seconded, and motion carried. Art Troutner signed the March 7, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lenard Long began the discussion with an introduction of the Septic Pumping program. Alan Monek BOR, Kristina Lawcynell Water Quality Lab Manager, Rich Jackson to discussed funding sources for the potential Septic Pumping Program. Alan Monek contacted DEQ Julia Archibal about the feasibility of using 319 grants for such a program. There was a question since the water quality benefits for septic improvements are difficult to quantify as required by the grant and may require water quality monitoring via test wells and/or open water monitoring around the houses in SLRWSD. Jon Mabbutt contributed that the South Lake Recreation Water & Sewer District would offer some funding from Thier pool of funds.
2. Jim Zokan, BOR, Cascade Field Station, discussed the South Lake fencing project update and requested assistance in identifying grazing contacts around Lake Cascade which is different than land owners. Jim suggested a grazer's meeting to provide information. Jim will also contact Paul to further discuss fencing specifications.
3. The board agreed that the Friends of Lake Cascade/Lake Cascade Cyanobacteria Monitoring Collaborative will be featured in the spring newsletter and highlight program options for off-sight waterers for producers.
4. Ralph Thier initiated discussion about the need for a District presence at other Board Meetings – Ralph agreed to attend Horizon's Environmental Issues 4/4; Cascade Chamber on 4/9; ISWCC 4/11, Boise; 2/26 IASCD (Div III meeting) was a travel/snow advisory, so none from District attended. Paul indicated he thought he could be available for Midas Gold April 11th 10:00 a.m. in Donnelly, 6 p.m. to be attended by Ralph Thier; Valley County Commissioners; Art would attend the McCall venue for the Proposed Waterways Ordinance Hearings; no commitments for Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council; Friends of Lake Cascade, Chambers of Commerce McCall, Donnelly, Cascade.
5. Scott Henderson provided his NRCS staff report. His group will be moving on April 22. Scott provided information about the Local Work Group work session. Ralph Thier moved that the District be represented at the Local Work Group meeting on April 19th in Caldwell. Paul seconded, and the motion carried.
6. Valley County STEM Day: Every STEM in our community. Presented by 4-H Aerospace Club of Valley Co. Rich Stowell. Request for VSWCD participation/display. No charge. 10-2 p.m. May 18, 2019

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Forestry Tour Wednesday, May 15 Agenda attached, Registration forms (County Forestry Cat. 6-7) to be mailed April 15, Star News article due April 15 for April 18 publication and May 6 for May 9th publication. Forestry Tour ad in Star News?
2. Spring District Newsletter, late May to include Envirothon results, Strand work day, Forestry tour report, Watershed Water Quality activities, Lake Cascade BOR fencing update, water sampling workshop, septic pumping program and cost share program details available for riparian fencing and off-site stock waterers.
3. **Action Item:** Regarding WAG input request from DEQ, Chase Cusack, options include: re-create a WAG (include someone from SWCD), merge the SWCD with additional people to create a WAG, or SWCD continue to act as the WAG Ralph Thier moved that the WAG merge the District with additional individuals (option 2). Paul seconded, and the motion carried. Ralph voiced that the District should remain at the core to provide long-term continuity. Further discussion agreed that WAGs should consist of individuals, Conservation District, Fed Agency to represent a broad range of interests- ranching, farming, recreation, and development, trails and open space. Some suggestions included Midas Gold, Idaho Power, Forest Service, Fish & Game, Cities of McCall, Donnelly and Cascade, ITD, Payette Land Trust, Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, Friends of Lake Cascade. Rich Jackson added that WAGs guide DEQ. BOR has a Watershed Management Grant program to help get such a group operational.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT.):

4. The Board was reminded of the upcoming Weed Ecology Tour with UI Tim Prather, rescheduled for Thursday, May 23, 11:00 am, to assist in identifying invasive weed project priorities on the Cascade Strand.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to accept and file Treasurer's Reports for March 31, 2019. (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement). Paul Kleint seconded, and the motion carried. John Lillehaug will review and sign upon his return.
2. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to pay for Durena Farr to attend the April 10th Grant Writing workshop with Tom Bicak, Ada SWCD at UI Extension Ada for \$42.39 plus mileage to Boise. Paul seconded, and the motion carried. Cascade Horizon's covered registration cost for Kris Meyer to attend. Fee includes lunch. Ralph Thier moved to cover Durena Farr's travel and time to SWID RC&D April 16th. Paul seconded, and the motion carried.
3. **Action Item:** On the subject of office records retention and disposal, the Board requested that batches of records for disposal have a written record to review and dispose of as documented batches.

319 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **Action Item:** Durena informed the Board that Riverfront Park 319 invoice had been submitted and approved by DEQ and could now be sent to City of McCall for cost share payment. Durena advised that the Request for Technical Assistance was being reviewed by Bill Lillibridge and Loretta Strickland and the Certification Page would require signature, and Durena would get from Art Troutner.
2. Board reminded of May 16th Strand spring work day for fencing, interpretive sign installation and grass seeding.
3. Durena advised that the American Legion Storm water drain project would be started by the City of Cascade and Valley County Road Department mid-May.

Valley County P & Z: Hearing April 11, 2019 6:00 p.m. The District and NRCS Scott Henderson had no resource concerns for the April P & Z hearing for the following applications

1. CUP 09-01 Blackhawk
2. V-1-19 Odle Front Setback Variance
3. CUP 19-07 Brutsman RV Campsite
4. CUP 19-08 Housley Campsite
5. CUP 19-09 The Retreat McCall
6. Appeal of Approval of CUP 18-15 Clear Creek Crossing Hearing April 22, 2:00 p.m.
7. **Action Item:** Proposed Valley County Waterways Ordinance 19-05 Hearings
Ralph moved, send a letter to Valley Co. Commission in support of Waterways ordinance 19-05. Paul seconded, motion carried.
 - a. American Legion Hall Cascade April 22, 2019 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Idaho First Bank, McCall April 23, 2019 6:00 p.m.

DATE REMINDERS RECAP:

- VSWCD Board meeting May 2, 2019 1 p.m. VSWCD office 209 N Idaho, Cascade
- Forestry Tour May 15, 2019
- McCall Chamber May 16, 2019 District presentation at Spring 2019 Membership breakfast.
- Strand Work Day May 16, 2019 Cascade High School, Bill Lillibridge ISWCC, Michael Young IFG
- STEM Day Donnelly Elementary, May 18th 10-2p.m.
- Strand Weed Ecology Tour May 23rd with UI Tim Prather, to identify invasive weed and soil project priorities.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date** _____

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Administrator