

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DUE TO COVID-19 AND STATE PUBLIC GATHERING RESTRICTIONS, APRIL MEETING ONLINE- ZOOM
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APRIL MINUTES
THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2020 9:00 A.M. ONLINE- ZOOM

Members Online: Art Troutner, Paul Kleint, John Lillehaug, Ralph Thier

Members Absent and Excused: Justin Florence

Others Online: Sherry Maupin, Valley County Commissioner, Loretta Strickland, ISWCC and Durena Farr, District Manager

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:05 a.m.

Action Item: Ralph moved to approve and sign February 20, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Paul seconded and motion carried.

Action Item: Ralph moved to approve and sign March 5, 2020 minutes. Paul seconded and motion carried. Draft minutes were emailed to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lenard communicated prior to the meeting that Friends of Lake Cascade had no updates this month and would not be joining the online ZOOM meeting.
2. FY21 ISWCC H535 passed with two nays from legislators in LD32 representing Franklin District.
3. Board discussed response to 2020 ISWCC Customer Survey. Durena requested Board comments to add to ISWCC customer survey.
4. Durena Farr spoke with Shirley Florence regarding VSWCD participating in UI Extension and Farm Bureau Valley County Farm Tour. However, the tour has been postponed or canceled depending on COVID-19 developments.
5. NFPR Watershed Summit is postponed until Fall 2020 or as COVID-19 federal travel restrictions allow.
6. John Lillehaug reported that the Forestry Tour has been postponed or canceled depending on COVID-19 developments.
7. Board discussed funding for State 319 funds 319 application Conservation Implementation Crew. Sherry Maupin advised that there is inmate labor available through Skip Clapp and to contact Andrew Mentzer regarding funds through economic development council grants. Loretta Strickland will be available to assist with questions on application completion. Load calculations would be required and calculated by Amanda Laib.

Action Item: Ralph moved that the District pursue the State 319 Grant, funding the 7.5 mile West Mtn fencing project labor with fencing materials supplied by BOR. John seconded and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Loretta Strickland is sending John sample letters to complete a VSWCD Letter in support of 2:1 match while maintaining ISWCC for Legislators, Governor, and agencies. (March Agenda, New Business #5). John will draft letter from the District.
2. Watershed Summit COVID-19 postponement has been posted on District website and District FB page. Email list was produced by District and provided to McKenzie. The intent was to do a mass postponement email however due to rapidly developing circumstances and McKenzie's increasing workload, it was determined that Durena would contact Tom Grote to put postponement notice in the Star News regarding Watershed Summit and that no future date would be put out to the public until we have more of an understanding of what is unfolding with COVID-19 guidance and future stay-at-home or social distancing orders issued from the Governor's office.
3. **Action Item:** Paul moved to release ISWCC, Bill Lillibridge' unused FY20 technical assistance hours so that Bill may use the remaining hours as needed for projects outside VSWCD. John seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's report for *March 31, 2020* (Bank reconciliations for General account and 319 account; LGIP statement) and approve the monthly A/P (NPERS, Frontier). Paul seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL Action Items (cont.):

2. Board reviewed FY20 Third Quarter Budget updated with actual YTD expenditures through end of Q3 and projections through Q4. Ralph noted that the District is overspent on supervisor registrations, mileage and outreach for FY20. Durena added that the budget does not reflect the additional \$5000 reimbursement to the District from the 319 S554 final invoice. With 4th quarter projections of actuals, the District will finish the year 4% over original budget without the additional 319 reimbursement funds reflected. Sherry Maupin asked what the county provides the District and was informed of the \$8500 currently received by the District annually. Sherry Maupin asked to receive a copy of the District's FY20 budget discussed.
3. It was discussed that Summit sponsors should be notified and advised of Summit postponement, allowing for either refunds or District holding funds until summit can be rescheduled when circumstances allow.

AGENCY UPDATES:

1. NRCS, Scott Henderson advised via email that he had no new activity to report and would not be joining Zoom meeting.
2. ISWCC, Loretta Strickland provided updates on the NRCS office changes with COVID-19. The 319 S554 final invoice has been submitted and approved. Durena reported that the funds had not been received as of the time of the April 2nd meeting. Ralph asked about an additional budget cuts announced by the governor and how that will affect the District. Loretta will look into any budget changes and advise the Board. Loretta then exited the Zoom meeting. Ralph asked about distribution of the 319 S554 final report discussed at the March board meeting. Durena reported that she had been working with Loretta on corrections and some language changes for the report and on the final invoice approval and S554 final report distribution had not yet occurred. Sherry Maupin added that the final report should be presented to the commissioners and will be important to advise the commissioners of the District's work in Valley County and will inform the County's budget decisions.
3. Sherry Maupin advised that Valley County will be passing a Waterways Ordinance by Memorial Day 2020. The Board will review the proposed ordinance and comment.
4. Ralph Thier inquired about Valley County absentee ballot distribution. Sherry Maupin was going to look into Ralph's question and get back to the Board.

Valley County P & Z: The board discussed previous concerns regarding Clear Creek Crossing and Tamarack Storage Plus. Durena was to resend the application notice for further review. Sherry Maupin advised that the board would have time to review and comment because of the P & Z hearing postponements due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Stay at home order. P&Z Public Hearing postponed until May 14, 2020 from original date of April 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Valley County Courthouse, Cascade. Sherry advised that the public would not be allowed to physically attend but the meetings would be streamed with live access online.

1. CUP 19-31 Daugherty Excavation
1. CUP 18-15 Clear Creek Crossing Extension
2. CUP 20-04 McCall Community School
CUP 20-05 Treetop Terrace- Preliminary and Final Plat
3. Facts and Conclusions- Action Items:
 - a. CUP 20-01 No Business Lodge
 - b. CUP 20-02 Blackhawk Phase V
 - c. CUP 20-02 Tamarack Storage Plus Amendment

Date Reminders Recap:

- *April 22nd Recreation, Pathways and Conservation Workshop with National Park Service ONLINE TBD*
- *April 28th NFPR Confluence Summit POSTPONED. Tamarack willing to reschedule for fall date.*
- *April 30th SBA Zoom workshop Free*
- *May 7th VSWCD Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. TBD ZOOM/Online For information to join online meetings contact Durena.Farr@id.nacdnet.net for meeting ID.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date** _____
Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager