

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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APRIL ZOOM MINUTES

THURSDAY APRIL 7, 2022 9:00 A.M. ZOOM

Members Online: John Lillehaug, Bill Leaf, Colt Brown

Members Absent and Excused: Art Troutner

Others Online: Ed Allen, Valley Co Commissioner; Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; USBR Rich Jackson; Lenard Long, FoLC; Ron Brooks, NRCS; Pam Pace and Durena Farr, VSWCD District Manager.

VSWCD Business meeting called to order by John Lillehaug at 9:02 a.m.

A.M. Call to Order

Action Item: Motion to approve and sign March 3, 2022 minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates:

a. Cynda Herrick Valley Co. reviewed the new business applications listed on P&Z Agenda below.

b. Agency Updates:

USBR Updates: Rich Jackson reported that Lake Cascade is unlikely to fill for 2022 with a bleak water supply outlook; ISWCC Bill Lillibridge;

Ron Brooks NRCS update, currently working on completing 2022 EQIP contracts ranked 75 applications in the six county Team 5 area, preapproved for funding of 21 EQIP projects. 5 of the 21 preapproved projects are in Valley County, predominately forestry treatments. Ron reported they have added a new NRCS employee in the Emmett office, Rachel Hammer, Soil Conservationist, she has been receiving on the job training; Durena asked about possible technical assistance for off-site water development for landowner on the east side of Lake Cascade. Erin Morra from NRCS will be participating in the forestry tour

Pam Pace provided a Water Supply Outlook update reported that Valley County remains classified as severe drought with above normal chances of being warm and dry in May, June and July. Inflows are slightly higher than last year, but she agrees that Lake Cascade will likely not fill for 2022 which will impact flow augmentation and rafting downstream, also means less water in the rental pool of Payette River for irrigation. Junior water right users will have to be prepared. '87 and '88 are examples of two back-to-back years similar to current conditions. Colt reported he is seeing valley agriculture returned onion seed and have switched over to wheat for shorter growing season crops.

Lenard Long, FoLC, reported they have not been out monitoring yet because of Lake Cascade persisting ice cover, but it is beginning to breakup, expects to be ice-free by April 10-15th with fishing and boating on open water, which is earlier this year than last. Lenard raised concerns for the Roseberry Park development, PUD 22-01 and CUP 22-10, a 39 acre, modular RV park, which had tentative prior approval for approx. 100 units, now developer is expecting to double and is requesting a variance, Lenard referenced the IDEQ 2000 Implementation Plan which indicates about 11% of phosphorus that creates the Algal blooms comes from urban drainage. A development of this size will increase that figure. The urban run-off will drain into potential wetlands, Lake Fork and ultimately Lake Cascade. The possibility of a ground water study was discussed and how best to initiate the process. Rich Jackson added that WaterSMART grants would be an appropriate resource to fund a study. Pam recommended contacting IDWR. Durena and Pam will attend Monday's commissioner meeting to obtain a letter of support. Pam will provide commissioners with information on Idaho Power Cloud Seeding and potential need for ground water study.

2. William Schrader, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetlands Discussion will join the board for the VSWCD May Board Meeting.
3. Brian Horsburgh has scheduled Cascade Reservoir Water Operations Study report and public meeting for August 30, 2022 9-3 a.m. Valley Co EOC., to discuss nuts and bolts of water delivery for the Water Operations Workgroup.
4. John Lillehaug provided a Forestry Tour update. Tour hosted by Squaw Creek District with Valley and Adams SWCD, IDL partners June 8th High Valley Tour. Still working on agenda and field visitations. IDL forest entomologist will give presentation on bugs and crud, Erin Morra on board to discuss EQIP, and Randy Brooks from UI Extension Forestry. \$10 Registration fee. A Star News ad was recommended.

5. Alzar NFPR Bank Stabilization student workday is scheduled for April 25-26th with VSWCD, IDFG and ISWCC for willow planting and classroom education.
6. City of McCall has a scheduled stormwater training on May 13th. This is a program City of McCall has every 3 years and requires all contractors performing work near Payette Lake or NFP River to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to approve application for IDEQ State NPS Ag BMP Grant for three flood irrigation conversions. The application is due April 15th. Colt Brown seconded and the motion carried.
2. Lenard Long provided update on the Source Water Protection Grant Septic Pump-out Pilot updates and schedule, document updates.
3. John Lillehaug provided Ponderosa Seedling Sales update, they will have bundles of \$10 for \$8.
Action Item: Colt Brown moved to purchase seedling starts from Lucky peak Nursery and also to do an ad in The Star News for the seedling sales. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried.
4. Workplan updates for 319 Grant S696 Heinrich (BLM Recreation area), YWAM projects
5. Board wished to pursue P&Z work session

Valley County P & Z: Cynda Herrick or Lori Hunter

Hearing April 14th 6:00 p.m. (Comments by April 7th)

Old Business: CUP 22-05 Gold Fork Reserve; CUP 22-06 Schafer Subdivision

New Business:

1. VAC 22-01 Thomson Vacation of Utility Easement Wagon Wheel Ranch #4
2. CUP 22-07 Wilson RV Rental Site
3. CUP 22-08 Bear's Den Subdivision -Preliminary and Final Plat 80 acres split to 4 lots
4. CUP 22-09 Tamarack Resort PUD Osprey Meadows Estates- Preliminary Plat 17 lot single family subd.

Hearing May 5th, 6:00 p.m. PUD 22-01 Roseberry Park PUD A Manufactured Home Park and CUP 22-10

Preliminary Plat 201 manufactured homes, owner occupied, no short-term rentals.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved Motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for March 31, 2022 General account and 319 account including Board approved recurring payments include Zply Fiber, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA) Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried.
2. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to pay IDEA Annual Dues of \$60 Colt Brown seconded and the motion carried.
3. **Action Item:** Colt moved to pay new check order, deposit book and stamp for new general account for \$154.12, paid with VSWCD Debit. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried.
4. Durena advised that Commissioner Maupin emailed to inquire if VSWCD would benefit from Valley County contribution from ARPA funds to the District.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: No additional items were discussed through Good of the Order.

Date Reminders Recap:

April 14th P & Z

May 5, 2022 VSWCD Board Meeting 9 a.m.; PUD Hearing 6 p.m.

June 8th Forestry Tour

August 30th BOR Cascade operations study report and public meeting

April Zoom Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman: _____

Date Approved: May 5, 2022

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager