

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
DECEMBER MINUTES
THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2019 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: Art Troutner, Paul Kleint, Justin Florence

Members Absent and Excused: John Lillehaug, Ralph Thier

Others Present: Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade, Andrew Mentzer, West Central Mountain Economic Development Council (WCMEDC) via telephone; Scott Henderson, NRCS; Durena Farr District Manager

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:10 a.m.

Action Item: Paul moved to approve, and sign November 7, 2019 minutes as presented. Draft minutes were emailed to the Board and Ralph Thier submitted a correction to the minutes and an addition to the agenda. The revised version was presented to board members at the meeting. Justin seconded and motion carried. Art Troutner signed the November 7, 2019 corrected minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lenard Long presented the Friends of Lake Cascade, November report to the board.
2. Andrew Mentzer, West Central Mountains Economic Development Council (WCMEDC), introduced himself to the board via telephone and introduced our joint application with the National Parks Service for planning resources (which includes Cascade Bridge-to-Bridge concept) and the Valley County Pathways Master Plan. Durena distributed copies of the VC Pathways Master Plan map. Discussion included a partnership with VSWCD for an upcoming 319 Agricultural Producers Grant opportunity to address resource concerns along east side of Lake Cascade for riparian fencing and off-site water systems. The goal being to remove livestock from lake shores and create a riparian border to improve water quality and as a secondary benefit, a potential Valley Co. pathway corridor.
3. **Action Item:** Durena reported that she checked in with Chase Cusack on his availability and thoughts on the Summit. He reported that he would be ready by mid-January with a summarization of summer monitoring. Chase suggested that interested parties meet for WAG and TAC groups at close of meeting. Lenard expressed that he felt more time was needed and it was agreed that the planning committee will set a date and organize outreach. Durena suggested the possible need for a Summit facilitator with a large and diverse stakeholder group, Scott Henderson concurred, saying it was helpful at the LWG meeting. Durena will reach out to Curtis Elke for contact info for individual who recently facilitated the NRCS Local Work Group Meeting.
4. Paul moved to table discussion of Ralph Thier's Supervisor Reports for the IASCD Annual Convention 11/12-14 (written report electronically submitted to supervisors) and NRCS Local Work Group meeting 11/21 (written report electronically submitted to supervisors) to the January Board meeting. Justin Florence seconded, and the motion carried.
5. No Agencies were present to provide updates – ISWCC; BOR; DEQ; SLRWSD; MOSS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Durena advised of the outreach picture and caption in the Star News Nov 21st edition of the Poster Contest winners at the Donnelly Public Library
2. National Park Service Grant with West Central Mountains Pathway Alliance, Crown Point to Pine Lakes. How can current Lake Cascade 319 water quality efforts complement pathways work? This discussion was included with Andrew Mentzer's introduction. **See New Business #2.**
3. The WaterSMART Grant Application submission was discussed and although the unsuccessful transmission is hugely disappointing for the district, the efforts were not wasted and the extra time until the FY20 FOA is funded, allows time to complete more accurately and in more detail the many sections that were not addressed by the board on the first attempt. The eight letters of support in hand (SLRWSD was not included in the submission) are a good start but additional time could also yield more significant letters of support. Scott Henderson commended the effort and complimented the final proposal product.
4. Durena was asked to assemble contact info for the individuals designated to participate in the Summit planning committee for Watershed Summit meeting
5. Ralph Thier's email on unfinished business or questions for the past calendar year were reviewed by the board one by one. The board determined that no motion was necessary to address any of the items noted and that the minutes adequately addressed the items listed.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** Paul Kleint moved to accept & file Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2019 (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement) and review FY20 budget at January board meeting when Treasurer John Lillehaug would be present. Justin Florence seconded, and the motion carried.
2. **Action Item:** Justin Florence moved to pay Supervisor Ralph Thier mileage reimbursement request for attending NRCS Nov 21 LWG meeting, 222 miles @ .58= \$128.76. Paul seconded and motion carried. Supervisor John Lillehaug also attended meeting, but was able to ride with Scott Sievers with IDL, so no reimbursement was requested by John.
3. **Action Item:** Justin moved to approve for payment as incurred remaining FY20 mileage events: Supervisor December checks for annual board meeting mileage reimbursements, Division III spring meeting hosted by Weiser SCD for one supervisor and district employee, Legislators Social and District Display Day for one supervisor and district employee. Paul seconded, and motion carried.
4. **Action Item:** The board is taking no action at this time on Windows 10 upgrade (support ending for Windows 7 January 14, 2020), Microsoft Office, Quickbooks upgrade \$199.99 and IDEA Excel Training \$149 Monday Dec 9th.

NRCS Update: Scott Henderson provided information and results from the LWG Meeting. Water Quality projects will be given the highest ranking on EQIP applications and be funded 40% of total EQIP funding, 30% to Degraded Plant Condition (forestry); Soil Erosion 20% and 10% to Soil Health. Scott also presented the board with the NACD Urban Agriculture grant program with January 10th, 2020 deadline. Art has been involved with ongoing discussions for the McCall Community garden and took information on Urban Ag grant to distribute to interested community garden individuals.

319 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Loretta was unable to attend so the Subgrant S554 Final Report Review will be covered at the January Board meeting.
2. Durena reported that during the 319 inspection tour, Julie discussed an upcoming 319 Grant Release update for Agricultural producers only. This grant would be appropriate to help producers around Lake Cascade with riparian fencing and bank restoration. However, this money has consistently been available for these types of producer projects, we are still needing the landowner interest.

Valley County P & Z: Justin moved the Board issue two letters with resource concerns for Hearing December 12, 2019 6:00 p.m. CUP19-32 Knife River Asphalt & Concrete Plant and CUP 19-35 Lake Fork Landing. Paul seconded and the motion carried. The District's written comments were composed for applications CUP 19-31 and CUP 19-35 and delivered to Lori Hunter, Valley Co. P & Z, after the board meeting adjourned. The letters were included in review packets for P & Z commissioners.

1. CUP 19-32 Knife River Asphalt & Concrete Plant – Written comments submitted 12/5/19.
2. CUP 19-33 Gebhards Subdivision – Preliminary /Final Plat
3. CUP 19-34 No Business Lodge
4. CUP 19-35 Lake Fork Landing Preliminary Plat – Written comments submitted 12/5/19.
5. Ordinance Amendment – Single-track Sidewalk Pathways

Administrative:

1. John picked up annual employee review forms from the office and will complete by December 31, 2019.
2. Durena requested refund from IASCD Benjamin Kelly, via email, for Paul Kleint's conference registration fees of \$394. Benjamin did say there may be a small service fee withheld.

Date Reminders Recap:

- *December 5th Horizon's Bi-Annual What's Up? Community meeting 11:30-1 Cascade Cultural Arts Center. Unable to attend due to district board meeting. Durena will email Shauna*
- *December 6th Mike Raymond NRCS District Conservationist, Retirement Dinner and Party Ontario, 5:30 pm*
- *December 9th IDEA Excel Training*
- *December 20th Performance Report Due to ISWCC*
- *January 2, 2020 9 a.m. VSWCD Board Meeting*
- *TBD NFPR Watershed Summit date, summer monitoring results presented by DEQ Chase Cusack*

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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