

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DUE TO COVID-19 AND PUBLIC GATHERING RESTRICTIONS, MEETING ONLINE- ZOOM
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DECEMBER ZOOM MINUTES

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 2020 9:00 A.M. ZOOM

Members Online: Art Troutner, Paul Kleint, John Lillehaug and Justin Florence

Members Absent and Excused: none

Others Online: Teri Murrison, ISWCC; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Loretta Strickland, ISWCC; Sherry Maupin, Valley Co. Commissioner; Ron Brooks, NRCS Area West Team 5 Leader; Gary Brown, Trout Unlimited; Scott Harris BPLWQC; Lenard Long, FoLC; Laura Bettis, Monica Gokey; and Durena Farr, District Manager.

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:03 a.m. Meeting recorded.

Action Item: Paul Kleint moved to approve and sign October 1, 2020 minutes as presented. John seconded and the motion carried. Paul moved to approve and sign November 5, 2020 minutes as presented. John seconded and the motion carried. Draft minutes emailed to board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization updates:
 - a. Bill Leaf is considering joining the board but was unable to join December board meeting.
 - b. Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade provided Lake Cascade Update. CDH Advisory for Lake Cascade issued October 5, 2020 was lifted November 25, 2020. Stan Burt and Lenard Long attended Valley Co Waterways meeting where Warm lake buoys and signage funding was approved for Spring 2021 installation.
2. Watershed Summit Planning Committee next meeting is scheduled for December 8th, 10 a.m. Initial email invites and flyers are scheduled to go out before Christmas holiday, with Star News coverage as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 319 BRO2100099 NFPR Watershed Implementations Activities Application (5 projects) presented online to the BAG on Oct 26th. BAG ranked VSWCD NFPR Watershed Implementation Activities application #1. Prior to the meeting, Kati Carberry reported on the December 1st State SuperBAG review of the Districts 319 application. Applications ranked #1 and #2 were presented from each of the five Idaho BAGs: Southwest, Clearwater, Bear, Panhandle, and Upper Snake.
2. Scott Harris provided the North Fork Payette River Watershed Water Quality Commission status update
3. NRCS LWG meeting update reported on by John Lillehaug and Ron Brooks. NRCS State funding was discussed for sediment, erosion, forestry management, terrestrial habitat and water use efficiency. Changes were noted for NRCS project funding allocation process were 40% irrigated cropland, 15% for irrigated pasture, 15% rangeland, 20% forestry, 5% wildlife, 5% streambank.
4. Art Troutner attended Zoom IASCD meeting regarding proposed changes to ISWCC. Art Troutner provided meeting notes, which were emailed to the board and attached to December minutes. Loretta Strickland added that some of the changes being initiated by ISWCC for the next three years, are that ISWCC monthly newsletters will feature District activities and projects. This month ISWCC features Gem and Squaw Creek districts. If supervisors have additional suggested changes or comments they are to send to Durena to put together for submission to ISWCC. ISWCC is also looking to convert some funds from RCRDP program to Districts for BMP projects, basically refunding WQPA program which also includes admin funds to pass along to districts. Teri Murrison spoke to the changes occurring at the commission and the ISWCC loan program with \$7M cash sitting to go out to districts for conservation on the ground. Goal of reactivating WQPA is to assist Districts to get conservation projects on the ground by loaning funds for cost share portion. Sherry Maupin then inquired about funding sources for consultant on waterways management plan and funding for conservation easements for the IDL land exchange. Teri responded that loans are not available for easements. Maximum loan \$600K at 2.5% an increase from previous amounts available. Paul asked if the loan money can be used on the landowners portion of EQIP projects.
5. District FY20 Performance Report due to Delwyne Trefz by December 21st, 2020. Certifications now require board approval recorded in the district minutes.

NRCS Updates: Ron Brooks provided NRCS update. EQIP program has two high tunnel projects with installations underway in the District with completion when snow allows. It is the final week to accept applications for 2021 EQIP

funding cycle. Evaluation and ranking of applications will take place through the winter. COVID restrictions continue to affect NRCS office function. John Lillehaug asked Ron about any developments on the NRCS Shared Stewardship program. Ron reported that they met the previous day with Lynn Oliver and process of developing a proposal for a joint chiefs' project (an application or program for a multiple agency project) identifying parameters and specifics for each agency. Ron reported that it would be a couple of years before an actual program project will actually take place.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's Reports: for October 31, 2020 and November 30, 2020 General account and 319 account QB register reports and bank reconciliations. Paul Kleint seconded, and the motion carried. Durena Farr noted that the registers reflect ISWCC match allocation received, Valley County annual cash contribution received and 319 payments for South Fork Salmon Long Gulch project and administrative advance for S648 State NPS grant.
2. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to award 2020 Poster Contest Honorable Mention to Michelle Thibodeaux, Cascade High School Senior Division, \$20. Paul seconded and the motion carried.
3. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to approve quarterly recurring payments via bank transfer to Central Mountain CPA for quarterly Payroll processing of \$125 per quarter (\$500 annually). Paul Kleint seconded, and motion carried.
4. **Action Item:** Paul Kleint moved to deposit Franklin payment of \$1,217.52 from ISWCC Franklin District settlement agreement. John Lillehaug seconded, and motion carried.
5. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to approve IASCD Division III Invoice for 2021 Dues of \$35.00. Justin Florence seconded, and motion carried.

Valley County P & Z: December 10th Hearing at 6 p.m. Board reviewed the following applications. Discussion followed on VAC 20-01 Vacation of Utility and Drainage Easements review. No comments will be filed.

1. CUP 20-10 Clear Creek Estates-Final Plat
2. CUP 20-26 Hayes Short Term Rental
3. CUP 20-31 Tall Timber Machining & Lumber- Will Smith
4. CUP 20-33 Valley County Pickleball
5. VAC 20-01 Vacation of Utility and Drainage Easements

P & Z Facts and Conclusions – Dec 10th Action items:

1. V-3-20 RMC Flagpole Variance
2. VAC 20-01 Vacation of Portion of Cheyenne Road
3. CUP 20-27 Ed Staub Drivers' Office
4. CUP 20-28 Eis RV Site
5. CUP 20-29 Kemp Private Airstrip
6. CUP 20-30 Willow Creek Vista Multiple Residence

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Reminders Recap:

December 8th 10 a.m. Watershed Summit Planning Committee

December 15th FY20 Performance Report due to ISWCC

January 7th, 2021 VSWCD Board meeting 9 a.m. ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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