

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
FEBRUARY MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2019, 1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Troutner, John Lillehaug, Justin Florence, Ralph Thier

Members Absent and Excused: Paul Kleint

Others Present: Steve Anderson, VC Weed Dept, Shauna Arnold, Horizons, Kris Meyer, Horizons, Scott Henderson, District Conservationist; Durena Farr, District Admin

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

John Lillehaug moved to approve January 3, 2019 meeting minutes as emailed to Board Supervisors for review.

Ralph Thier seconded, and motion carried. Art Troutner signed the January 3, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Horizon's Cascade Bridge to Bridge Stewardship and Integrated Weed Management Initiative, was presented by Kristen Meyer, Shauna Arnold, and Steve Anderson. Kristen and Durena proposed presenting the project to the SWID RC&D at their meeting on Feb 19th with Valley SWCD as the project sponsor. The Board proposed a Letter of agreement for the Team Structure plan, rather than a MOU.
2. Scott Henderson reported on the proposed NRCS reorganization/consolidation. After discussion the Board agreed to respond to Curtis Elke stating that further reduction would impact quality of service by servicing an even larger area with less resources and staff. Durena agreed to contact Sheryl Stelling-Gem and Squaw and Vicki Lukehart-Weiser to add their support of maintaining our service area since we have already undergone a consolidation of staff and services and to undergo further consolidation would affect customer service and program implementation.
3. Art Troutner reported on the January 28th 2019 Commissioner's Waterways Ordinance workshop regarding ballast wake/surf boats. He provided oral input to the commissioners on the thousands of 319 dollars spent by the District on water quality projects to protect banks and shoreline.
4. Durena shared with the Board the Idaho Regional Wildfire Planning Workshops email received from Benjamin Kelly. The SW Idaho Workshop was held on February 4th.
5. Kati Carberry requested via email input from the board on Lake Cascade DEQ monitoring locations: Boulder Creek Area, Gold Fork Area, High wave action sites, No wave action control sites. Payette Lake DEQ Monitoring locations: IDL spots, High wave action sites, No wave action control sites. Input was not yet provided, but Durena would follow-up with Kati.
6. New NRCS materials were shown to the Board on sagebrush and sagebrush bird identification pocket guides and benefits of the sagebrush sea and healthy sagebrush community posters available to the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Since Midas Gold withdrew the Community Agreement from Valley County, no letter of support for Valley County signing onto the agreement will be issued from the District at this time.
2. 501(c)3 "Friends of the Valley County Conservation District" update was provided by Ralph Their.
3. Ralph Thier reported on the Legislative Social, Display Day and SWID RC&D meeting he attended January 14 and 15. He met with legislators at the social addressing the State reaching its full 2:1 match for Districts, as well as networking with other supervisors. He felt the event was worthwhile and productive. He further expressed the value of networking with the SWID RC&D as a partner resource.
4. Durena Farr requested that supervisors review the 5-Year and Annual Plan task assignment and provide any updates or changes to projects. The plan is due to the Commission March 2019. Durena has requested time off for Spring Break beginning March 22 so the plans must be submitted prior to her leaving.

5. The Board reviewed the Horizon's Environmental Issues Committee, Cyanobacteria Agenda and Meeting Minutes (WAG), email to Lenard from Chase Cusack DEQ regarding WAG member selection process and support for the WAG efforts voluntarily taken on by Valley SWCD.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** *John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's Reports for January 31, 2019. (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement). Ralph seconded and the motion carried. New signature cards signed for Umpqua Bank*
2. **Action Item:** *John Lillehaug moved to pay the Division III Annual Membership Dues, \$35, Registration fee \$46 (\$23 each for Ralph and Durena to attend) plus \$20 Door prize. Ralph seconded and the motion carried.*
3. **Action Item:** *John Lillehaug moved to pay Idaho State Envirothon Competition Donation of \$50. Justin Florence seconded and the motion carried. Durena advised that there would be an upcoming Envirothon team sponsorship for \$200 for Cascade High School, Cheyenne Jedry, coach.*
4. The Board declined the donation request for the Idaho Forestry Contest donation requested by Bonner SWCD.

GRANT 319 UPDATES:

1. **Action Item:** *Durena Farr presented that the Riverfront Park Project first phase had been completed and was ready for invoicing 319 grant. Durena advised that the final invoice was higher than the original agreement, resulting in an additional \$3,099.60 in cost-share payment. The Board asked Durena to consult with engineer Bill Lillibridge on the additional costs since he was overseeing the project.*
2. *Durena Farr displayed the new interpretive signs for the Boards review. She indicated that the signs would now be taken to Cascade High School where the shop class would construct the frames to install on the strand.*
3. *Durena shared copies of the ISWCC January Newsletter feature on Donnelly Boat Launch Project and Lake Cascade algal bloom.*

VALLEY COUNTY P & Z: The Board had no resource concerns for the following:

March 14 Hearing 6 PM. Comments by March 6:

- CUP 19-01 Valley County Quarry – Yellow Pine
- CUP 19-02 Herrick Hills Subdivision 1.1 Preliminary & Final Plat
- CUP 19-03 Cabarton Shuttle Service
- CUP 19-04 Sands RV Campsite
- CUP 19-05 Cornerstone Construction
- CUP 19-06 Blackhawk on the River Event Venue-Amendment to CUP 17-04

CITY OF CASCADE P & Z: CASCADE RIVER RANCH APPLICATION INCLUDING ANNEXATION.

Scott Henderson had resource concerns and would submit his comments.

DATE REMINDERS:

- **Soil Symposium, February 14**
- *Horizon's Environmental Issues Feb. 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cascade Cultural Arts Center.*
- *Division III Meeting, Feb. 26th Canyon SWCD. Ralph Thier and Durena Farr to attend.*
- *Next Board meeting March 7, 2019 1 p.m. VSWCD office 209 N Idaho, Cascade. Chase Cusack, DEQ and Alan Monek, to discuss monitoring plans. Lenard Long also to attend.*
- *McCall Chamber May 16, 2019 District presentation at Spring 2019 Membership breakfast.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date** _____

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Administrator