

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
FEBRUARY MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2020 9:00 A.M.

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

Members Absent and Excused: Justin Florence

Others Present: Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade; Craig Utter, Payette Land Trust left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.; ISWCC Loretta Strickland joined at 10:14 a.m. via phone; and Durena Farr, District Manager

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:20 a.m.

Action Item: Ralph moved to approve, sign and file January 2, 2020 minutes as presented. Paul seconded and the motion carried. Draft minutes were emailed to Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Craig Utter, Executive Director of Payette Land Trust, provided the Board with presentation of the PLT on a current NFPR project. The board discussed PLT as a possible SUMMIT presenter. Very informative and directly relevant to current watershed challenges.
2. **Action Item:** Ralph moved for VSWCD to procure and administer a State funded 319 grant for BOR's proposal for a CIC to install 7.5 miles of livestock exclusion fencing and/or other conservation projects as needed along Lake Cascade west shoreline. John seconded and the motion carried. Possible 319 State funds through Lance Holloway were discussed. Durena will submit proposal to Lance Holloway.
3. Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade, presented a video documenting Lake Cascade Cyanobacteria – Fall 2019 and Winter 2020. Internal recycling is a major concern, as is wave enhancing technology (WET).
4. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to authorize Lenard Long to draft a letter opposing HB 397 regarding no wake zones and the potential limits to local government to set site-specific ordinances for no-wake zones to be sent to Legislative District 8. Paul seconded and the motion carried. Supervisors requested District letters be emailed to Tom Grote, The Star News.
5. DEQ NFPR Final report has been emailed to supervisors for review.
6. Durena Farr asked supervisors to review and update their tasks listed on the 5 yr and annual plans in order to have ready for March 18th submission. Durena informed that the 5-yr plan would be updated this year with the 2017 census information. Previous plans utilized 2012 census information. The board will be able to review at the March board meeting to make any final changes.
7. Ralph initiated conversation on the potential of Firewise Grant published in The Star News for the district. (Ralph Thier email) John Lillehaug added that they are looking for projects that are ready to implement and didn't think the District was a good fit for the intent of the grant. John is attending the Feb. 18th Firewise workshop.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Durena advised that the Conservation Districts sign-on letter executed by Ralph Thier for District 8 Legislators. Concern was expressed by the commission about potential misinterpretation on the allocation of funds from ISWCC to the Districts. Loretta advised that the allocations are mandated by Statute. (see ISWCC emails-2, Delwyne Trefz and Loretta Strickland, correction and ISWCC budget)
2. Durena advised that the letter crafted by Ralph Thier from our district to our congressional delegation (Senator Mike Crapo, Senator James Risch and Representative Russ Fulcher) regarding VSWCD opposition to the NRCS consolidation/staffing plan.
3. Ralph updated board on Summit Planning details. Durena requested that she be formally included on the Summit Planning committee. **Action Item:** Ralph moved to include Durena Farr as a named member of the NFPR Watershed Summit Planning Committee. John seconded, and the motion carried. McKenzie is assembling committee's contact lists onto a spreadsheet. Sponsors are being contacted to defray meeting costs. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 26th 2-4 p.m.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** due to temporary loss of printing capabilities prior to January's board meeting, John Lillehaug moved review, accept and file **December 31, 2019** Treasurer's Report, Bank reconciliations, monthly registers, LGIP Statement and FY20 QTR 2 budget report. Ralph seconded and after document review, the motion carried.
2. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's Report for **January 31, 2020** (Bank reconciliations for General and 319 account; LGIP statement.) Paul seconded, and motion carried.
3. Durena Farr advised board that the refund from IASCD of \$369 was received and deposited for Paul Kleint State Conference Registration less \$25 processing fee.
4. **Action Item:** John moved for the District to pay for one supervisor registration for Art Troutner, one District employee registration, mileage, and \$25 door prize to attend Division III meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2020 (\$15 ea. RSVP by Feb. 14th). Ralph Thier seconded, and the motion carried.
5. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to allow VSWCD to receive sponsor checks and/or donations and issue approved checks for the Summit planning committee, for the purpose of the Summit meeting and other committee approved activities.
6. **Action Item:** Paul moved to pay SWID RC&D \$50 dues, NPERS \$16 insurance invoice, and IASCD \$30 speech contestant parent meal invoice. Ralph seconded and the motion carried.

AGENCY UPDATES:

1. NRCS, Scott Henderson provided a written update of EQIP activities and open application deadlines. The District supplied a producer contact interested in an EQIP High Tunnel project. Scott was contacting the Ag producer today.

319 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Subgrant S554 Final Report update – March Board meeting with Loretta Strickland

Valley County P & Z: The Board had no resource concerns for the following Ordinance hearing. Public Hearing February 18, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Valley County Courthouse Building

1. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Amendment
2. Recreational Vehicle campground Ordinance
3. Short Term Rental Ordinance

Administrative: John Lillehaug arranging for district employee annual review with Durena Farr

Date Reminders Recap:

- *February 13th, 2020 Soil Health Symposium 8:30 a.m – 4:30 p.m. Ontario*
- *February 18th Valley Co. Commissioners Public Hearing 1 p.m.*
- *February 25th Division III Spring Meeting, Weiser SCD (Fall minutes "Districts Represented" corrected to include Valley SWCD*
- *February 26th Summit Planning Committee meeting #3 2pm VSWCD office*
- *February 28th "Capitol for a Day" event at Cascade Legion 10 am. – 3 p.m.*
- *March 5th VSWCD Board Meeting 9 am*
- *March 15st 5-yr and Annual Plan due; Request for Assistance due*
- *March 23-27 MDSD Spring Break, Durena annual vacation request*
- *April 22nd Recreation, Pathways and Conservation Workshop with National Park Service time/location TBD*
- *April 28th NFPR Confluence Summit 9 am – 4 pm Tamarack Agenda TBD*

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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