

**VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**DUE TO COVID-19 BOARD MEETINGS HELD ONLINE- ZOOM**  
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**JANUARY ZOOM MINUTES**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 6, 2022 9:00 A.M. ZOOM**

**Members Online:** Art Troutner, John Lillehaug, Paul Kleint, Bill Leaf, Colt Brown

**Members Absent and Excused:** None

**Others Online:** Cynda Herrick Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Bill Lillibridge; BOR; Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade; Jordan Messner, IDFG, Pam Pace and Durena Farr, VSWCD District Manager.

**Zoom Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:11 a.m.**

**Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to approve and sign December 2, 2021 minutes. Paul Kleint seconded and the motion carried. Draft minutes were emailed to board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates:
  - a. Cynda Herrick Valley Co. P&Z Art questioned Land Use Planning Statue 67-65,37
  - b. USBR Updates: Rich Jackson, was unable to attend
  - c. ISWCC Bill Lillibridge reported that he was down for most of December with IT issues. He is working on a couple 404 permits.
  - d. Ron Brooks, NRCS, was unable to attend.
  - e. Jordan Messner reported on West Mtn. Fence at the 100 yrd section H-brace to allow lowering fence for snow removal for ice fishing area. Also, working on concept proposal for Gold Fork Projecton January 25<sup>th</sup> at VSWCD office, 1:00 p.m- 3:00 p.m. with Ken Roberts, Randy Phelan, Lenard Long, Durena Farr and Art Troutner to review maps and work on project scope., IDFG Pam Pace suggested including Neil Shippey, Watermaster District 65.
  - f. Pam Pace, Water Supply updates, Idaho Power cloud seeding discussion on Feb. 3 agenda
  - g. Gary Brown – Trout Unlimited update
  - h. Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade had no new sampling updates due to unsafe ice. Cascade Reservoir is appears to be taking longer to freeze over with warmer than usual November reservoir temperatures.
2. United Payette Webinar Tuesday, January 11, 6-7 p.m. Registration [Unitedpayette.org/news](http://Unitedpayette.org/news). This meeting is basically to provide a information public update for whats going on with the State Endowment lands. Lenard Long and Pamela Pace plan to attend United Payette meeting. Art Troutner plans to join the Little Salmon Collaborative meeting on the same date. Each will provide an update from the meetings at the February Board meeting. Lenard will forward the UP publishing comprehensive plan for VSWCD Board review. . Valley County put together an MOU and a letter of support. Pam Pace added that a portion of the plan addresses Little Payette Lake which affects Lake Irrigation District. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to support United Payette group as a member. Paul Kleint seconded, a vote was called with a majority approving with John Lillehaug voicing some concern and would like to review the plan further.
3. **Action Item:** Valley Co Pathways Sustainer Membership \$100. Action by the board was tabled to the February agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Source Water Protection Grant – Septic Pump-out Pilot Program, no funding notification to date. Durena advised we have a new IDEQ Non-point Source contact, Curtis Cooper. Lenard Long advised that SLRWSW John Harry will be back in the area after January 24<sup>th</sup> and we will finalize program documents then.
2. Watershed Advisory Coalition formation for WaterSMART CWMP Phase I Grant
  - a. VSWCD, IDFG, TU, Idaho Power, BPLWQC, FoLC, Cities,
3. WaterSMART CWMP Phase I grant release update – Durena emailed Melissa Jayo, USBR, she expects release anytime in January.
4. IASCD District Display Day for legislators at the State Capitol, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Supervisor John Lillehaug will be down for Tree Farm program on Wednesday and would be willing to pick up display from Durena and set up at the Capitol for District Display Day. There is also the IASCD Legislative Social January 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Valley County P & Z:** Hearing January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. John will be attending due to CUP 21-43 and CUP 21-44, applications require a fire mitigation plan which John has been working on. Durena asked on the

wetlands issues. Paul Kleint added that the two new P & Z members will Bill Lillibridge offered to set up a meeting with USACD and the District to address our wetland concerns as well as reach out to IDWR. John Lillehaug added that the District might set up a work session with Valley P & Z to discuss wetland concerns. Art informed that the final say does rest with the USACE. Historically, the District received input from NRCS on soils for CUP applications. Cynda reviewed the following new business with the Board at the beginning of the board meeting.

1. CUP 21-42 Dame Multiple Residence, NLRSD, 2147 Lydia Drive
2. CUP 21-43 Huckleberry Ridge Subdivision Preliminary Plat 9 lot on 40 acres, West Mtn Rd not in irrigation district.
3. CUP 21-44 Hidden Valley Subdivision– Preliminary Plat 9 lots Norwood, involves Lake irrigation District irrigation water, aim is to preserve ground water by using surface water for subdivisions through Land Use Individual wells and septic. Pam Pace suggested talking to Nick Miller at IDWR.
4. CUP 21-45 Red Ridge Preserve 135 lots West side of West Mtn Road Individual wells and septic – Preliminary Plat. Lenard added that any septic within 1000' of water are a great concern. He advocated for better education system for septic maintenance. Cynda suggested adding CCR's some sort of provision to require septic pumping "every so often". Lenard referred to the IDEQ/EPA Septic Smart flyers which Horizons group distributed to Cascade Realtors. Cynda suggested having the Septic Smart document available to hand out with building permits.
5. Title 10 Subdivision Regulations, Ordinance amendment Hearing January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. VC Courthouse
6. PUD 98-1 Tamarack Resort CUP 21-36 Blue Mountain amended Preliminary Plat Hearing January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 2:00 p.m. VC Courthouse

**FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for December 31, 2021 General account and 319 account. 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. Durena noted the deposit was the final payment for West Mtn. Fence project S648.
2. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to approve Idaho Envirothon Donation of \$100. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried.

**GENERAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Paul Kleint moved to convene Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. for an Employee Review of Durena Farr. John Lillehaug seconded and motion carried. VSWCD Board exited Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. with the following conclusions:
  - a. VSWCD Board increased hourly rate for District Manager to \$21.00/hr and 32 hours/week to commence July 1, 2022, the District's new fiscal year for FY23 Budget.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** No additional items were presented for discussion

**Date Reminders Recap:**

*January 11, 6-7 pm United Payette Webinar Registration [Unitedpayette.org/news](https://www.unitedpayette.org/news)*

*January 13, 6:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning New CUP applications*

*January 17-18 IASCD Legislative social and District Display Day*

*January 18, 1:00 p.m. Ordinance Amendment, Revision to Title 10 Subdivision Regulations*

*January 24, 2:00 p.m. Tamarack Resort CUP 21-36 Blue Mountain Amended Preliminary Plat*

*February 3, 2022 VSWCD Board Meeting Zoom*

*Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.*

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** *February 3, 2022*

**Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager**