

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
JULY MINUTES
THURSDAY JULY 11, 2019, 1:00 P.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; Durena Farr District Admin; Kris Meyer, SCSEP Participant (Experience Works)

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 1:05 p.m. Scott Henderson, NRCS, was not in attendance nor Loretta Strickland, ISWCC.

John Lillehaug moved to approve June 6, 2019 meeting minutes as emailed to Board Supervisors for review. Ralph Thier seconded, and motion carried. Art Troutner signed minutes as presented for the June 6th board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade provided Friends of Lake Cascade updates from 1:05 -1:45. He commended newsletter featuring the challenges of the Lake Cascade cyanobacteria blooms and a call to area ranchers to explore off-site waterers. Lenard reported current lake monitoring numbers of around “7”, explaining that IFG becomes concerned below 4 and above 8 indicates an HAB bloom. Lenard informed that Friends of Lake Cascade received a City of Donnelly lot grant of \$500 for dog stations around at the boat launch area and other lake sites.
2. To assist in information management, Supervisor Board Meeting folders were provided to each board member containing District Annual plan to be reviewed periodically at board meetings, monthly agenda, financial reports, list of meeting schedules, records disposal list, grant opportunities from SWID RC&D Folders are to remain in the office, inserts are to be taken monthly by board members. Paul noted that he is still unable to open district attachments, pdf nor word docs.
3. Ralph Thier did not attend 6/18 RC&D but will attend 7/16. Ralph would like to work on district outreach through our Facebook posts and website updates. He will meet with Durena on 7/18 at 10:00 a.m. Ralph will be out of town for the August Board meeting.
4. Durena presented Leslie Freeman’s 319 application request for two Letters of Support for City of Cascade, Storm Drain Improvements, one from VSWCD, signed by Art Troutner and one from NFPR WAG signed by Ralph Thier. The letters were signed, scanned and emailed to Leslie Freeman at the close of board meeting.
5. SLRWSD Board update was provided by Lenard. The board continues to have an open board member position. Durena added that Tina Elayer had been sent WAG info and had two potential members. Also, Tom Byrne had been provided DEQ letter template and also would contact potential members.
6. Septic Briefing paper prepared by Kris Meyer was presented to the board along with Lenard Long’s 3-page addition to the document. The board would like a bulleted summary of the information to present to the Commissioners on July 22 at 2 p.m. Ralph will create a summary from the briefing paper for the Valley Co. Commissioners.
7. Records disposal resolution was tabled pending historical map review by Paul Kleint. Paul took maps to review from the office to determine if the District wishes to move ahead with map disposal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Durena advised that 1000+ newsletters had been printed and mailed to agriculture and forestry landowners through the county. There has been no response to date for interest in off-site waterers. Comments for future changes included newsletter frequency (biannually) and the possibility of email and newsletters posted on District website.
2. Durena reported that no responses had been received from the newsletter for WAG referrals for Chase Cusack, DEQ. Durena is to follow-up with Chase and determine where we are in the process and what the next steps for the District should be.
3. BOR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grant to assist with WAG development, planning and administrative costs has an anticipated posting in July. Available resources to complete the grant include Leah Meeks, Rich Jackson, SWID RC & D.
4. Durena discussed the trio of grants presented by Tina Elayer, RERC, V2A and NPS RTCA. The District had been asked by Tina to apply, but board questioned the fit, so conversation regarding the grant was initiated

with City of Cascade, Judy Nissula who was very interested but later felt unable to rally the resources or support to be the lead for the grant at this time. Patty Wold with SVC Recreation District was contacted and met with Durena and Kris. It appeared to be a good fit for the Rec District to take the lead as the applicant. However, Durena then learned that West Central Mountains Economic Development Council, Andrew Mentzer also intended to apply. Patty Wold is also a board member for WCMEDC and could therefore advocate for the Cascade Bridge-to-Bridge concept. Included with the application were the Bridge-to-Bridge maps, Next Generation Conservationist concept and Bridge-to-Bridge stewardship concept submitted by Andrew Mentzer on June 30th, with anticipated response from NPS by November 11th, 2019.

5. John Lillehaug reported that USBR Jim Zokan had finally received the fencing materials for the West Mtn 7.5 mile project, but not in time to schedule for the available labor assistance from IFG, Michael Young. Jim was asking for input from the board on any possible labor alternatives to IFG. The Board discussed potential volunteer labor sources and did not have any to provide at this time other than Fish & Game.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** John moved to accept and file Treasurer's Reports for June 30, 2019. (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement). Paul seconded, and the motion carried. Fiscal year-end review reports were also provided to the board. FY20 Budget review was tabled until the August meeting.
2. The District is on the Valley County Commissioners Agenda July 22, 2:00 p.m. Ralph Thier, John Lillehaug will attend and provide the Annual District Activity Report and proposed FY20 Budget Request
3. Financial & Match report – Certification page signed. Due August 16th

319 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Action Item: Ralph moved to approve the John Kwader (Nokes) 319 S602 application for livestock exclusion fencing. Paul seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Durena is working on 319 S554 close-out with Loretta and a project tour with Julia Achabal, DEQ is scheduled for September 10, 2019, 9 a.m. starting at the office.
3. Durena advised the Board of the Strand planting and fencing with Michael Young and volunteer crew that happened the morning of July 11th. The final tasks for the project are to complete the river access ramp and installation of the interpretive signs by September 10th.

Valley County P & Z: Hearing July 11, 2019 6:00 p.m. VSWCD Board had no resource concerns for comment.

1. CUP 18-10 Garcia/Fredriks Multiple Residence - Extension
2. CUP 19-16 Colson Multiple Residence
3. CUP 19-17 Bitton Multiple Residence

Valley County P & Z: Hearing August 8, 2019 6:00 p.m., comments prior to July 31, 2019

The VSWCD board had no resource concerns for the following applications:

1. CUP 19-18 Nickels Multiple Residence
2. CUP 19-19 Powell Mechanic Shop
3. CUP 19-20 Asphalt Plant
4. CUP 19-21 Grace Bible Church Camp

Administrative

Durena requested summer vacation days of July 12, 15 and 16 for family in town. Board approved.

Board was informed of Experience Works new weekly hours maximum of twenty-one (21) for participant Kris Meyer. Kris informed Durena that she would be available to be in the office Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays, 7 hours each day. No additional hours will be accrued above the three 7-hour days within the office.

DATE REMINDERS RECAP:

- *July 18, Horizon's Environmental issues meeting 6 p.m. CCAC*
- *July 22, Valley Co. Commissioners District Activity Report and Budget Request*
- *August 1, VSWCD Board meeting, 1 p.m. VSWCD office 209 N Idaho, Cascade*
- *Valley County Fair August 5-10 Commercial Booth, Friends of Lake Cascade, SRWSD?*
- *August 16th Financial & Match report due to Commission*
- *September 6th – UI Fruit Field Day*

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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