

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

**THURSDAY JULY 2, 2020 9:00 A.M. ZOOM**

**Members Online:** Art Troutner, Paul Kleint, John Lillehaug, Ralph Thier

**Members Absent and Excused:** Justin Florence

**Others Online:** Sherry Maupin, Valley County Commission; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Gary Brown, Trout Unlimited; Loretta Strickland, ISWCC and Durena Farr, District Manager

**Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:04 a.m. Meeting recorded.**

**Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to approve and sign June 4, 2020 minutes as presented. John Lillehaug seconded and motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Guest Organization updates:
  - a. Friends of Lake Cascade
  - b. Other
2. Durena advised that Katy Carberry requested a 319 S602 Project Tour in September 2020
3. **Action Item:** Paul Kleint moved to not have an August 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Ralph Thier seconded and after discussion with Ralph and John in opposition, the motion failed. Ralph then moved to hold August Zoom Board Meeting on August 13, 2020. John seconded and after discussion the motion carried. Ralph noted that the August meeting notice must clearly indicate meeting change of date.
4. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corps for our Health and our Jobs Act
5. Bill Lillibridge advised that all ISWCC Customer Survey – rec'd and forwarded to VSWCD board members 6/29/20

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Ralph Their reported on the ISWCC June 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting
2. John Lillehaug and Ralph Their reported on the IASCD June 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting report –and Ralph Thier's comment #33 referencing a lack of trust in the commission by Districts regarding budget issues. Ralph suggested in the meeting to set up a subcommittee. Loretta expressed that District Administrators need to be included in this process since they have the direct working relationship between Commission and Districts. John Lillehaug advised that the meeting was a listening meeting, no current plan of action other than Ralph's subcommittee suggestion. Ralph and John advised to wait and give the situation time to work itself out. Ralph has spoken to legislators, in particular Senator Thayn, and our letter regarding the ISWCC and District funding had been received and read. Ralph also spoke with Idaho Attorney General regarding Franklin situation. Ralph felt the response from the ISWCC was reactionary and commission failed to acknowledge anything with respect to things to address or change. Ralph emailed supervisors the Commission response.
3. Durena Farr reported on the IDEQ 319 Application progress with the July 15<sup>th</sup> submission deadline:
  - a. Letters of Support - Ralph asked about SWID RCD LOS that had been approved. Ralph will possibly try for letter of support from his State Representative connections but felt given the timeframe with July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday a letter was not likely. Durena has received six letters to date. In all, thirteen LOS are being pursued by Durena. Ralph reported seeing Star News article about District activities. Star News LOS was suggested. Durena to follow-up with Tom Grote.
  - b. Project tour with Bill Lillibridge resulted in four viable application projects: Airport Culvert/Depot Stilling Basin; Alzar NFPR Bank Stabilization; Kelly's Whitewater Park NFPR; NFPR BLM/Simplot Phase 1 Erosion Project; West Mtn Subwatershed Gibson Creek drainage improvements. Bill Lillibridge offered in the future to provide culvert design and sizing for the West Mtn. drainage projects for the 319 applications. John will

offer that technical assistance to Jeff. Paul reported that he felt that would be very valuable because culvert sizing has been an issue in the county. John reported that Stream Stats data has been used for culvert sizing.

- c. Load reduction calculations for the 319 application are being calculated by Amanda Laib, IDEQ with data provided by Bill Lillibridge.
4. Durena Farr reported that there are 319 S554 final report copies available (20) for supervisors to distribute at will and the S554 Final report is also available on VSWCD website, area libraries in hardcopy and library city websites.
5. Board reviewed State NPS Grant and West Mtn. Fencing Schedule with ICC arriving 8/3 for sawyer training and certification with Fencing project commencing 8/10 ending 9/11. ICC will be working with USBR Jim Zokan and IDFG Michael Young. UI in participating. MOSS students are also planning on part
6. John Lillehaug and Ralph Thier reported on the Shared Stewardship June 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting report (June 10<sup>th</sup> email sent of meeting discussion) – large zoom meeting with 60 individuals. State has divided program into two focal areas on state level. North and South. South includes most of west half of Valley Co, Adams Co, a little of Gem Co, Boise Co. Reducing wildfire risk across, PNF, BNF, IDL, and private landowners. Biggest problem John sees at this point is lack of funding. Private landowners still relying on EQIP funding. There is not yet a “pot of money” for the program.
7. Ralph Thier provided the National Forest Coalition June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting report.

**NRCS Updates:** Scott Henderson was not present for June NRCS activity update. Scott retires from NRCS July 31, 2020. Erin Morra is the primary NRCS contact for the District until the Team Leadership structure is established.

**FINANCIAL Action Items:**

1. **Action Item:** John moved to accept and file June 30, 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Bank reconciliations for General account and 319 account; LGIP and monthly A/P (Ziplay Fiber (formerly Frontier), NPERS) Ralph Thier seconded and the motion carried.
2. Durena provided a FY21 VSWCD Budget draft working template which included only the figures that were known at the time of the meeting. District Budget discussion is to continue at August board meeting.

**Valley County P & Z:- July 9<sup>th</sup>Hearing at 6 p.m.**

1. CUP 20-06 Appel Subdivision – Preliminary and Final Plat
2. CUP 20-08 RMC Equipment Storage
3. CUP 20-10 Clear Creek Crossing – Preliminary Plat
4. CUP 20-11 Matlena Farms Event Venue

**Facts and Conclusions – Action Items**

1. V-1-20 Dellwo Setback Variance Letter of Comment, landowner made adjustments to District’s satisfaction
2. CUP 20-07 Valley County Recycling Site
3. CUP 20-09 BP Property Equipment Storage – Letter of comment, Art appeared representing Lake Irrigation District.

**Valley County P & Z: July 16<sup>th</sup> Hearing at 6 p.m.**

1. CUP20-12 Stibnite Gold Project Logistics Facility

**Date Reminders Recap:**

*July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. P & Z Call Doug Miller (208) 382-7100 or Cynda Herrick (208) 382-7115 for verbal testimony or in-person testimony*

*July 15<sup>th</sup> 319 Application due*

*July 16<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. P & Z*

*August 3-8<sup>th</sup> Valley County Fair*

*August VSWCD Board Meeting TBD 9:00 a.m. TBD ZOOM/Online or VSWCD office. FY21 Budget discussion.*

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Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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