

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
JUNE MINUTES
THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2019, 1:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent and Excused: Justin Florence Secretary

Others Present: Scott Henderson, District Conservationist; Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade; Durena Farr, District Manager; Kris Meyer, District Admin.

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 1:10 p.m.

Ralph Thier moved to approve May 2, 2019 meeting minutes as emailed to Board Supervisors for review. Paul Kleint seconded, and motion carried. Art Troutner, Chairman to sign minutes as presented at the June board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scott Henderson presented the NRCS staff report. There were three EQIP applications for 2019, one is currently pre-approved and the other two are in line for later this summer.
2. Lenard Long presented the Friends of Lake Cascade update and report on the June 3rd DEQ Cyanobacteria Monitoring and Communications Workshop. The Citizens' Group has been testing for a month and so far, Lake Cascade is in good shape overall. They will test every 2 weeks until a bloom occurs, and then weekly. There were some indications on the EPA CyAN app. of deteriorated water quality in the Lake Fork drainage where Mud Creek comes in next to the 4-H camp. This area will be added to their water sampling plan. Discussion followed whether this could be connected to the biosolids applied to that area late last fall, those areas are visible on satellite photos. Information was presented at the workshop that ag crops using cyanobacteria irrigation water had a decrease in plant growth causing farmers to apply increased fertilizer, and further worsening crops; that there still is not good information on cyanobacteria effects to invertebrates, fish and humans; and there is consensus on the need for more public awareness. Ralph Thier congratulated Lenard for his efforts and progress that he has helped to initiate. Lenard shared credit with Horizons', the UI Extension and others.
3. Horizon's What's Up?! Meeting June 6th from 11:30 a.m. was attended by Durena and Ralph. Durena presented an overview of the District's purpose, focus and the potential stewardship opportunities in Cascade.
4. Two Source Water Protection Grants were submitted May 17th by the District to support SRWSD efforts on addressing inadequate septic systems on West Mountain. One grant was for information and education, and the companion grant requested resources for a cost-share pump-out program as an interim measure to reduce the septic-related loading of phosphorus and bacteria to the reservoir. Lenard stated that sampling for caffeine and artificial sweeteners from septic leakage would help to document the problem and provide facts to enlist broader support and responsibility for addressing this issue. Discussion followed regarding the need to find a combined solution to SRWSD, Cascade and new development wastewater needs. Durena encouraged SRWSD to take the lead in future funding requests; while Lenard offered that they still do not have a full board and may not be ready to do that right now. There was further discussion about how the District could affect the Central District Health permitting process, keep the commissioners apprised of the septic issue, and support finding a new board member. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved the District prepare a 2-page briefing summary for legislators and commissioners on the cyanobacteria issue with emphasis on septic systems situation. Paul Kleint seconded, and the motion carried.
5. ISWCC 2019 District Survey due July 31 was completed by the Board.
6. SRWSD Board update. Durena reported that Denise Harry accepted one position; Larry Laxson declined; so SRWSD is still looking for another individual that owns property but does not have to reside within their district. (John Harry, Chris Cooper, Kevin Sylvester currently on board.) The next SRWSD board meeting is June 21 (3rd Friday each month) at 7 p.m., VC Courthouse, downstairs conference room. Lenard and Kris plan to attend.
7. The Board discussed the BOR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grant to assist with WAG development, planning and administrative costs. Anticipated posting in July. The District will look into applying for this grant. Available resources: Leah Meeks, BOR Rich Jackson, SWID RC & D.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. John Lillehaug reported over 40 people attended the May 15 Forestry Tour and was well received. Durena reported \$430 was collected from registration fees. Discussion followed on the use of those fees that had been determined to go to the District. There were no additional expenses. **Action Item:** John moved to use Tour funds towards a \$500 senior scholarship, paying the balance with general funds. Paul Kleint seconded, and the motion carried. Next year the forestry Tour will be hosted by Squaw Creek.
2. Durena provided results for 2019 Envirothon for Cascade High School and teacher Cheyenne Jedry. The team placed 1st in wildlife and 6th overall. Cheyenne will be moving to McCall-Donnelly School district next fall.
3. Lenard reported that the June 22 Water Sampling Workshop with Jim Elkins and UI Extension has wide interest.
4. Supervisor Meeting Reports: 1) Ralph Thier reported that he represented the District and the County at the 5/21 SWID RC&D monthly meeting in Boise. 2) Ralph and Paul Kleint attended the May 8 Lake Cascade Informational Open House and reported that they had opportunities for networking about some current issues.
5. The Board discussed potential WAG participants to be provided with the letter of interest form to be submitted to Chase Cusack, DEQ
6. Durena reported on meeting with Jennifer Blake, USFS Recreation to promote shared maintenance of Boulder Meadows Trailhead Vault by the County and USFS. Jennifer did not have funding to start this year but she would discuss with her Forest Supervisor and consider for the future.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to accept and file the Treasurer's Reports for May 31, 2019. (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement). John Lillehaug seconded, and motion carried.
2. Valley County Commissioners approved \$2000 cash contribution increase for FY19. District must re-ask for FY20. Discussion followed for ensuring FY20 funding and that it should be high on the agenda to get before the Commissioners with a District activity briefing sheet to support the request. Durena will schedule with Doug for a time on Commissioner's agenda.
3. **Action Item:** Planning and Zoning application hearing copies and equipment disposal. No action was taken. Originals of old Planning and Zoning applications reside at the County and were taken to be recycled. Other equipment and materials were determined in a Board discussion to not be of any value, not needed and could be disposed of.

319 Project Updates: Durena provided the following updates:

1. There will be a final Strand spring work day for fencing, interpretive sign installations. Path specs have been provided from Bill Lillibridge and contractors contacted. Parma P&P delivered final supplies on 5/30/19.
2. Strand Weed Ecology Tour Report is being prepared for distribution
3. American Legion sand & grease tank has been installed. District has photos of installation.

Valley County P & Z:

The District and Scott Henderson had no resource concerns for the June Hearing applications:

1. P.U.D. 04-02 Gold Fork Bay Village- Extension & Final Plat Approval
2. CUP 19-14 Aldrich Private RV Campsite
3. CUP 19-15 Lake Fork Fence Supply

Valley County Public Hearings: The District and Scott Henderson had no resource concerns for the following:

1. Appeal of P&Z Commission decision that Gold Fork Ready Mix is not a grandfathered use, condition use permit required for a concrete plant at 9 Plant Lane. Knife River appealing
2. Appeal of CUP 19-11 Tamarack Storage Plus. Diana Bryant appealing. Safety maneuvers at Coho and Hwy 55 - 1:45 p.m. Comment on original application by VSWCD.
3. VAC 19-01 Vacation of road easement in Timbered Acres - 2:45 p.m.
4. Ordinance 19-06 County Roads and Property: This would amend Title 5, chapter 5 Snowmobiles and Chapter 7 Rights of way- 3:00 p.m.

DATE REMINDERS RECAP:

- *July 4 VSWCD Board meeting, 1 p.m. VSWCD office 209 N Idaho, Cascade – RESCHEDULE* Action Item: Ralph Thier moved to reschedule the July 4 meeting to July 11. John seconded, and motion carried.
- *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. Funds on report must be received by June 30, 2019.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date** _____

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Administrator