

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTACT

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MARCH ZOOM MINUTES

THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2022 9:00 A.M. ZOOM

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

Members Absent and Excused: Paul Kleint

Others Online: Lori Hunter, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Bill Lillibridge; BOR; Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade; Ron Brooks, NRCS; John Harry, SLRWSD, Denise Harry, SLRWSD, Pam Pace and Durena Farr, VSWCD District Manager.

VSWCD Business meeting called to order by Art Troutner at 9:02 a.m.

Action Item: Bill Leaf moved to approve and sign February 3, 2022 minutes. Colt Brown seconded and the motion carried. Draft minutes were emailed to VSWCD Board for review.

NEW BUSINESS: Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates:

- a. Lori Hunter, Valley Co. P&Z provided review for VSWCD Board on the P&Z applications listed below.
 - b. Agency Updates: ISWCC Bill Lillibridge advised that ISWCC budget passed with District allocations also additional \$5M for WQPA State Ag cost share program; Ron Brooks reported ranking of 80 applications with 70 for final ranking scores and cost estimates for March 4th deadline, 8 applications from Valley County. Next week funding decisions and applicant notifications will be made.
 - c. Pam Pace reported the Northwest River Forecast Center Water Supply Outlook is poor, bottom 20% of water supply years, and that assumes normal precipitation for remainder of season. Watershed remains in severe drought. Water Supply board has recommended cloud seeding for Salmon River Mountains, in Valley County. Valley County was noted for inquiring about cloud seeding, 3-5 year lag from time of request to actual seeding program implemented.
 - d. Denise and John Harry with SLRWSD and Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade
2. IASCD Division III Spring Business Meeting, March 1, update. Agenda and Fall meeting minutes emailed to VSWCD Board, hosted by Squaw Creek District. Colt highlighted the Conservation easement program that was presented as a way to conserve agriculture lands to balance development growth.
 3. John Lillehaug and Scott Sievers have been working on Forestry Tour agenda, hosted by Squaw Creek District with Valley and Adams SWCD, IDL partners. Looking at High Valley for tour.
 4. USBR CWMP grant Little Salmon River Watershed Collaborative lsrwc@redfishbluefishinc.com zoom option available to join. March 8th 7-9 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to sign Board Resolution for the WaterSMART CWMP grant application. Colt seconded and the motion carried. Application is expected to be submitted by March 15th.
2. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to sign Board Certifications for 5-year plan, annual plan with updated Supervisor task reassignments and Request for Technical Assistance. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried. The reports and Board approved certifications are due to ISWCC Loretta Strickland by March 31st.
3. **Action Item:** Lenard Long reviewed the tri-fold pamphlet, 50% up to \$200 cost-share program application form and program informational ad for Star News. Program goal is to get septic maintenance information out to the public. Bill Leaf moved to approve Source Water Protection Grant project documents. John Lillehaug seconded and the motion carried. Documents are now to be sent to IDEQ for final approval. John and Denise Harry from South Lake Recreational Water & Sewer District were on the meeting. Program set to run May 1st through October 31st.
4. John Lillehaug provided update on Tree Seedling project. Lucky Peak Nursery will sell the surplus seedlings for \$.60/seedling, to be held in McCall Tree Cooler. John anticipates high demand.

Valley County P & Z: Hearing March 10th, 6:00 p.m. Schedule P&Z IDEQ/VSWCD work session

- New Business:
1. CUP 17-03 EnergySeal Office, Shop, Employee Housing-Extension Request (4 units)
 2. CUP 22-01 Bitton Multiple Residence and RV Site Rental (2 permanent RV long-term rentals)
 3. Idaho Code Planning & Zoning Title 67 Chapter 65 Paragraph 37 Use of surface and groundwater Idaho Code 67-65-37 Art Troutner suggested adding this code as part of Valley County Code CUP 22-02 Carlisle Solar Panels (large solar panel started without permit)
 4. CUP 22-03 Camp 730 (Warm Lake Road recreational camp)
 5. CUP 22-04 Curved Horn Ranch Subdivision – Preliminary Platt (Lake Irrigation commented)
 6. CUP 22-05 Gold Fork Reserve – Preliminary Plat Open space lots between river and the road, East side of Gold Fork River on timbered slope.
 7. CUP 22-06 Schafer Subdivision Variance from 100-year flood plain setback and variance from 100 ft setback from Hwy 55, 14.7 acre site Hwy 55 and Spink Lane. Mill site off Hwy 55 4-lot subdivision, include residences, worker housing, light industrial. Pam Pace suggested caution with variance from 100 yr flood plain and inquired about project wastewater. Bill Leaf added that the application area is built on fill, his along with Art Troutner’s concern is about septics and wastewater. Lenard added that County Commissioners expressed appreciation for letters of concern from VSWCD and courtesy copy the BOR and USACE.

VSWCD Board agreed to comment on CUP applications 22-04, 22-05, and 22-06 before 5:00 p.m Thursday, March 3, 2022.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer’s Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for February 28, 2022 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.
2. Durena Farr advised that S648 West Mountain fence final payments for interpretive sign design, printing and sign iron frame construction were issued from 319 account as shown on March transaction report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Reminders Recap:

March 8, 7 - 9 p.m. Little Salmon River Watershed Collaborative <lsrwc@redfishbluefishinc.com>

March 10, 6:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning New CUP applications

March 28 Bharn Event center appeal, Valley Co Commissioners hearing

March 31, 2022 VSWCD 5-year and Annual Plans, Request for technical assistance due to

ISWCC April 7, 2022 VSWCD Board Meeting Zoom

March Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date Approved:** *April 7, 2022*

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager