

**VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**DUE TO COVID-19 AND STATE PUBLIC GATHERING RESTRICTIONS, APRIL MEETING ONLINE- ZOOM**  
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**MAY MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY MAY 7, 2020 9:00 A.M. ZOOM**

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

**Members Absent and Excused:** Justin Florence

**Others Online:** Trout Unlimited, Beau Frick and Gary Brown; Lenard Long Friend of Lake Cascade; Scott Henderson, NRCS; and Durena Farr, District Manager

**Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:05 a.m.**

**Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved to approve and sign April 2, 2020 minutes as presented. John Lillehaug seconded and motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Action Item:** Ralph moved to change new Business Item #1 to Guest Organization updates. John seconded and the motion carried. Trout Unlimited Chairman, Beau Frick and Gary Brown provided the board with updates on NF bank erosion/culvert project from Hat Ranch through BLM and Simplot land and easements with Payette Land Trust, Craig Utter. Simplot contact Connie Hendrix was sent project maps and have had no response.
2. **Action Item:** Ralph moved to issue a Valley County Waterways Ordinance Letter of Support Due May 20<sup>th</sup> John Lillehaug seconded and the motion carried. Durena shared Bill Lillibridge's email with suggested additions to the District's response. Ralph recommended that we use the previous District letter of support and add Bill's additions.
3. **Action Item:** Ralph moved to continue district work-from-home status. Paul seconded and the motion carried. Discussion included forwarding phones or changing the existing message and the return of messages on the answering system. Durena reported that she had gone to the office and retrieved messages and returned calls, including two calls for the no-till drill.
4. The District's 319 Application BAG presentation is to be May 18<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-12 noon, 20 minute presentation with a question and answer period. Art, Paul and Durena will present at the DEQ Zoom BAG meeting for District grant application. Michael Young will be present as well as Jim Zokan.
5. BURP canceled for 2020. Chase Cusack request for assistance with landowner access to the following Assessment Units: Mud Creek - 3rd order - ID17050123SW015\_03; Mud Creek - 2nd order - ID17050123SW015\_02; Lake Fork - 2nd orders - ID17050123SW012\_02; Boulder Creek - 3rd order - ID17050123SW011\_03. Durena will request maps for the assessment units for the board to review.
6. **Action Item:** Scott Henderson explained the purpose and background of the NRCS MOA. The agreement does not exchange anything of value and any party may terminate. NRCS IT MOU will come separately. Ralph Thier moved to sign the NRCS MOA. Paul seconded and the motion carried.
7. The Board reviewed the Compilation Review, Zwiygart and Associates Letter of Engagement - \$1000. Ralph inquired if we had discussed with Delwyne at ISWCC and postpone until it is required.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Action Item: John Lillehaug asked for input on the VSWCD letter of support in reaching full 2:1 match while maintaining ISWCC for Legislators, County Commissioners, ISWCC, IASCD, Division III and Governor Little, both now and after the November general election before the legislative session begins in January 2021. Paul moved to send the letter and Ralph seconded. Ralph Thier moved to send the letter of comment for P&Z application Treetop Terrace by May 7<sup>th</sup>. John seconded and the motion carried.
2. The 319 S554 Final Report printing and distribution was discussed. Ralph suggested that the reports be presented in person to the Commissioners, Trout Unlimited. Gary would like to share with TU meeting.
3. NFPR Watershed Summit Planning Committee update. Ralph reported that he had not seen the Summit postponement in The Star News. Durena is to follow up with Tom Grote on status.
4. Payette NF Watershed Coordination teleconference update (May 5<sup>th</sup>). No board members attended. Durena reported that Melanie Vining would be sending teleconference meeting notes.

5. WCMEDC Andrew Mentzer to reschedule the NPS recreation and conservation planning workshop when Federal COVID-19 travel-ban restrictions lifted, anticipating date after Labor Day.

**FINANCIAL Action Items:**

1. **Action Item:** John moved to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for **April 30, 2020** (Bank reconciliations for General account and 319 account, and monthly A/P (Frontier, NPERS) as presented. Ralph Thier seconded and the motion carried.
2. Loretta Strickland responded via email to Ralph's inquiry regarding Governor Little's FY21 5% overall budget rescission and board agreed that additional reductions were most likely to follow COVID-19 situation.

**AGENCY UPDATES:**

1. NRCS, Scott Henderson provided a program description of Joint Chief's Initiative for 2022. A Shared Stewardship Coordinator will be hired. (NRCS, IDL, Forest Service Region 1 and Region 4 shared Stewardship Agreement). Scott will talk with Curtis Elke, John will speak with IDL to advocate for the District's interest in this program. Ralph asked how much money is involved and who has access to the funding. Ralph envisions a Summit for Valley and Adams Co and would like a follow-up at the June Board meeting. NRCS has six 2020 EQIP applications for Valley District. Project ranking occurs May 29<sup>th</sup>, funding in July. NRCS has Civil engineer hired, working from the Caldwell office available to all of Division III. Ted Moyer will be training on the job for irrigation engineering. John asked about Kwader 319 fencing project and Paul is working with Dale Loomis on his 319 fencing project

**Valley County P & Z:** P & Z has been notified of District comment on Treetop Terrace to be submitted May 7<sup>th</sup> or earlier. No other application resource concerns by VSWCD.

Public Hearing **May 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m.** Valley County Courthouse, Cascade (Online only)

1. CUP 19-31 Daugherty Excavation
1. CUP 18-15 Clear Creek Crossing Extension
2. CUP 20-04 McCall Community School  
CUP 20-05 Treetop Terrace- Preliminary and Final Plat (Letter of Concern)
3. Facts and Conclusions- Action Items:
  - a. CUP 20-01 No Business Lodge
  - b. CUP20-02 Blackhawk Phase V
  - c. CUP 20-02 Tamarack Storage Plus Amendment

**Date Reminders Recap:**

- **May 5<sup>th</sup> PNF NFPR watershed coordination meeting online**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> 319 BAG presentation - 20 min.**
- **May 26<sup>th</sup> Valley County Waterways Ordinance hearing. Proposal comments due May 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> VSWCD Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. TBD ZOOM/Online or VSWCD office. FY21 Budget discussion. For information to join online meetings contact [Durena.Farr@id.nacdnet.net](mailto:Durena.Farr@id.nacdnet.net) for meeting ID.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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