

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
NOVEMBER MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2019 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: Art Troutner, Paul Kleint, John Lillehaug, Justin Florence, Ralph Thier

Members Absent and Excused: None

Others Present: Scott Henderson, NRCS; Durena Farr District Manager

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:17 a.m.

Action Item: John Lillehaug moved to approve October 3, 2019 updated minutes as presented to board at the meeting. (not the previously emailed version). Ralph Thier seconded, and the motion carried. Art Troutner signed the minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The board reviewed the Friends of Lake Cascade September and October reports. Lenard Long was not present. Central District Health lifted the Health Advisory as of the time of the board meeting.
2. Supervisor Reports: 1. Ralph Thier provided 10/15 SWID RC&D Grant application update, VSWCD Star News Letter to the Editor review and IASCD Division III Oct 8th meeting report.
3. **Action Item:** Ralph Thier moved that VSWCD Chairman shall name 2 VSWCD supervisors and invite 1 member from each Friends of Lake Cascade, Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, McCall, Donnelly and Cascade Chambers of Commerce to serve on a committee. The committee shall recommend strategy to conduct a NFPR Watershed Summit. Paul seconded and the motion carried. Art Troutner and Ralph Thier were named to the committee.
4. No Agencies were in attendance, no updates provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Action Item:** Board Resolution for application and proposed activities. Request for Extension or FY2020 application cycle for BOR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I, FOA Deadline Nov. 13
2. **Action Item:** Ralph moved that the District pay no more than \$100 mileage reimbursement for Isaac Speirs, VSWCD Speech Contestant, to attend State Conference Speech contest Wednesday, Nov. 13. Paul seconded, and the motion carried. Durena advised that the Poster Contest certificates and cash awards were distributed to the Donnelly Public Library contestants.
3. Durena reported that Gilbert Jackson (Range Management Specialist) will help coordinate funding and labor with Payette Ranger District and BOR for the West Mountain Fencing Project. Joshua Warden, Acting District Ranger, Boise National Forest, Cascade Ranger District provided Gilbert the information after our office reached out to him regarding the project. Scott commented that Gilbert is longer in that position.
4. Durena reported that the National Park Service Grant has awarded community assistance to West Central Mountains Pathway *Alliance* in support of building a collaborative to advance trail projects in Idaho which included Cascade Bridge to Bridge concept area.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for October 31, 2019 (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement). Ralph seconded and the motion carried. FY20 Budget Review was not undertaken by the board and moved to December Agenda.
2. Ralph Thier received a IASCD State Conference scholarship for new supervisor registration fees. Ralph raised issue with \$394 payment made to IASCD State Conference Supervisor registration and Auxiliary meal for Paul Kleint. Registration payment was discussed at the October Board meeting however the motion was incomplete, only addressing mileage and lodging for Ralph Thier. The board acknowledged error was made with the payment of \$394 to IASCD for Supervisor Paul Kleint's registration, according to the October motion. However, the intent of October's motion was for the District to pay for lodging and mileage for

supervisor Ralph Thier and conference registration for Paul Kleint. Paul intends to cover his own mileage and lodging for the conference as discussed at the October Board meeting. Historically, VSWCD has covered State Conference Registration for Supervisors and the intent of the October motion was to do so for the 2019 State Conference registrations. Covering lodging expenses has been optional with supervisors often deferring lodging expenses for the district by obtaining local lodging with family.

3. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to pay IASCD Division III Dues for \$35, IASCD Conference Door Prize for \$25 and NACD annual dues for \$101. Ralph seconded and the motion carried.
4. **Action Item:** Ralph moved to take a letter seeking support of the authorized 2:1 match from Legislative District 8 representatives to IASCD State conference. The letter is to be signed by other Legislative District 8 Conservation Districts: Squaw Creek, Gem, Lemhi, Custer and Valley. Paul seconded and the motion carried. Ralph will prepare the letter, obtain signatures at the conference November 12-14 in Boise and mail to Legislative District 8 representatives. Copy of signed letter is to be maintained in District office

NRCS Update: Scott Henderson provided information on the upcoming LWG Meeting Nov. 21st, Weiser USDA Service Center. Durena advised that a Public Meeting Notice was published in Star News, posted at the office and post offices. Ralph and John expressed interest in attending.

Action Item: Ralph Thier moved that VSWCD shall prepare a letter opposing the NRCS service area consolidation. Letter shall be mailed to congressional representatives. Paul seconded and the motion carried.

319 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Riverfront delayed payment has been received from DEQ and paid to City of McCall
2. **Action Item:** John moved to accept the McCall River Ranch application and City of Donnelly application for technical assistance from Bill Lillibridge. Ralph seconded and the motion carried.
3. Durena reported that the American Legion parking lot drain has been completed and photographed for file. 319 check to Post 60 Cascade Legion Hall is ready to be disbursed for \$6,440.99.
4. Durena advised that the Cascade Strand River Access completion is scheduled by Granite Excavation for early Spring 2020.
5. Loretta Strickland plans to attend December Board meeting to review Subgrant S554 Final Report.

Valley County P & Z: No Resource concerns by Board nor NRCS for the following applications:

Hearing November 14, 2019 6:00 p.m. Comments prior to November 6, 2019

- PUD 98-1 Tamarack: Construction Update and 3-Year Plan
- CUP 19-24 Keller Room Rental
- CUP 19-30 Worthen Family Cemetery
- CUP 19-31 Daugherty Excavation
- Ordinance Amendment – Accessory Dwelling Unit
- Ordinance Amendment – Recreational Vehicle Campground
- Ordinance Amendment – Short Term Rental
- *CUP 19-26 Appeal (Arkoosh Law Offices)*

Administrative: John Lillehaug is to coordinate and complete annual employee review by the end of the year. John indicated that Supervisor Ralph Thier will also participate. No date has been set.

Date Reminders Recap:

- *November 12-15th IASCD Annual Conference (Speech Contest Wednesday Nov. 13th 12-2 p.m)*
- *November 13th BOR WaterSMART grant application due*
- *November 21st NRCS LWG Meeting, Weiser 1-4 p.m. Ralph to attend*
- *December 5th 9 a.m. VSWCD Board Meeting- Ralph Thier advised he will be out of town and John Lillehaug has meeting conflict*
- *December 20th Performance Report Due to ISWCC*

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date** _____

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager