

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DUE TO COVID-19 AND PUBLIC GATHERING RESTRICTIONS, MEETING ONLINE- ZOOM
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NOVEMBER ZOOM MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2020 9:00 A.M. ZOOM

Members Online: Art Troutner, Paul Kleint

Members Absent and Excused: John Lillehaug, Justin Florence

Others Online: Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Loretta Strickland, ISWCC, Sherry Maupin, Valley Co. Commissioner; Ron Brooks, NRCS Area West Team Leader; Lenard Long, FoLC; and Durena Farr, District Manager.

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:04 a.m. Meeting recorded. No action items were addressed due to lack of District quorum.

9 A.M. Call to Order

Action Item deferred to December meeting: Approve and sign October 1, 2020 minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization updates:
 - a. Friends of Lake Cascade – Lake Cascade Update provided by Lenard Long.
2. North Fork Payette River Watershed Water Quality Commission and a Technical Advisory Group as presented by Roy Eiguren to Valley Co Commissioners was discussed. The group is not intended as IDEQ NFPR TMDL TAC or WAG.
3. **Action Item:** Cascade 7th grade Pollinator Poster Contest Judging and placing for 1st Brayden Grindol \$35; 2nd Rachel Heg \$25; and 3rd Cedar Saxton \$15; Motion to award Honorable Mention to Michelle Thibodeaux Senior Division, \$20. Motion moved to December Agenda. Durena is presenting awards to class in Cascade during class on Friday, October 13th Division III Poster Contest was judged virtually by NRCS placing 1st Owyhee, 2nd Gem, 3rd Owyhee.
4. Ron Brooks NRCS Team Lead, Area West (replacing Scott Henderson), spoke about the NRCS LWG annual meeting Zoom November 10th 1-4 p.m. which will be attended by John Lillehaug and Art Troutner via Zoom. LWG Team 5 representation from NRCS Emmett Service Center, Weiser Service, and provide input on EQIP program and how funding is allocated, summary of Team 5 activities for 2020. Important topic of different ways to allocate or split out funds for Team 5. How much was allocated to Valley County for 2020 with 40% of total budget for water quality.
5. Durena Farr reported that she attended the Waterways Management meeting Tuesday, Nov 3rd 9 a.m. – 6 Warm Lake Buoys were priced for council vote on the 3rd. Stan Burt requested 8 buoys, changed to six by Kevin Turner, Valley Co. The committee delayed voting approving installation of the six buoys after discussion requesting educational signage for the restricted area. Kevin Turner was getting pricing for signs and the entire request will be voted on at the December meeting.
6. Durena reported that an IASCD annual meeting RSVP Delegate Form and annual dues are required by **Tuesday November 10th** names that will be attending in-person or via Zoom. \$1800 IASCD dues were board approved at October meeting and documented in October minutes. Dues were sent allowing voting at IASCD annual meeting November 12, 2020. District Delegate form to be signed by Chairman and sent by November 10th. Durena will get Art's signature and email form to Benjamin Kelly, IASCD
7. Durena reported that she is to complete the annual requirement for Department of Agriculture Learning Management System (AgLearn) Mandatory Annual Information Security Awareness Training - course, pre-test, and assessment by January 15, 2021
8. Supervisors left the meeting at 10:15 to join the ISWCC listening session meeting.
9. Sherry Maupin asked how supervisors are appointed to fill our Supervisor vacancy on the Board.

Art Troutner emphasized that the position should be filled with an agricultural representative, especially a Mud Creek representative. Several individuals were suggested. Art is going to pursue some agricultural options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Durena informed the board of the 319 BRO2100099 NFPR Watershed Implementations Activities Application (5 projects) presented online to the BAG on Oct 26th. BAG ranked VSWCD NFPR Watershed Implementation Activities application #1 out of four applicants. The 319 Applications now move on to the SuperBAG review sometime in December.
2. No-Till Drill hose repairs were made by Bill Leaf. Monica Gokey would like to schedule drill in Spring, she did not find Birds Foot Trefoil seed she was looking for non-irrigated pasture. They are also dealing with 7-acre knapweed infestation on 80-acre parcel they purchased from neighbor. Durena put Monica in contact with Steve Anderson, Valley Co. Weed Department and Erin Morra, NRCS for soil issues. Scott Ikier of Roseberry also expressed interest in using the no-till drill.
3. Paul Kleint shared that Jake Jones utilized the District's Land Plane and will be storing for the winter. No fees have been collected for land plane use.
4. NFPR Watershed Summit Planning Committee– November 18th 1 p.m.

NRCS Updates: Ron Brooks introduced himself to the board and provided NRCS update. LWG meeting Zoom only 1-4 p.m. Tuesday Nov 10 provide input on NRCS priorities, questionnaire EQIP High Tunnel installation this week.

FINANCIAL Action Items deferred to December agenda: No action was taken on financial items below due to lack of Board quorum; the following items will be added to the December agenda.

1. **Action Item:** Treasurer's Report. Accept and file QB register reports, bank reconciliations for October 31, 2020 General account and 319 account. Deferred to December agenda
2. **Action Item:** Motion to add quarterly payment of recurring quarterly Payroll processing invoice from Central Mountain CPA (Kendra Brown) of \$125 via bank transfer to Central Mountain CPA, adding to list of annually pre-approved recurring expenditures. Pre-approved A/P includes from September minutes: monthly payroll expenses, NPERS, Ziply, Quill, Central Mountains CPA (quarterly). Deferred to December agenda
3. **Action Item:** Deposit or return Franklin payment of \$1,217.52 from ISWCC settlement agreement, deferred to December agenda.
4. Durena Farr advised that 319 S648 Invoice #1 for Administrative Advance of \$4,066.60 has been submitted for grant reimbursement. Invoice #2 \$35,000 ICC and \$307.50 to IDFG for equipment rental have also been submitted.
5. Durena Farr informed that the claim for FY21 \$8500 Annual Cash contribution to VSWCD from Valley Co. was submitted to Valley County clerk on November 3, 2020.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Reminders Recap:

November 10th NRCS Team 5 LWG 1 pm

November 10th IASCD RSVP attendees

*November 12th IASCD Annual Business Meeting, 9 A.M. **Red Lion Downtowner in Boise** 1800 Fairview Ave, Boise 83702*

Meeting adjourned at 12:07

Chairman: _____ **Date** _____

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager