

**VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
209 N IDAHO STREET CASCADE, ID
OCTOBER MINUTES
THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 2019 9:00 A.M.**

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

Members Absent and Excused: Justin Florence

Others Present: Lenard and Jacque Long, Friends of Lake Cascade; John and Denise Harry, SLRWSD; Scott Henderson, NRCS; Loretta Strickland, ISWCC; Durena Farr District Admin.

Meeting was called to order by Art Troutner at 9:00 a.m.

John Lillehaug moved to approve September 5, 2019 minutes as emailed to Board. Ralph Thier seconded, and the motion carried. Art Troutner signed the minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lenard Long, Friends of Lake Cascade provided September monitoring update.
2. Cascade reservoir historical perspective was provided by Art Troutner and Paul Kleint (John Kwader letter)
3. Supervisor Reports: 1. Ralph Thier provided the 9/17 SWID RC&D update. *Ralph moved for VSWCD to sponsor Friends of Lake Cascade grant request for monitoring activities through SWID RC & D. Paul Kleint seconded.* Durena requested that she be able to determine how or if this grant would affect the larger grant process of the BOR WaterSMART application and if the Friends of Lake Cascade proposal and/or a coordinated grant effort through BOR would better serve or adversely affect either FLC or VSWCD by diffusing application efforts. Durena's request was denied *and the motion carried.* Durena emailed FLC grant application to SWID RC&D Bill Moore and Jacque Hendrickson.

Ralph Thier moved to submit a Star News Letter to the Editor in support of the VSWCD sponsoring a summit of stakeholders with the goal of developing a Watershed Council to address Cascade reservoir and cyanobacteria issues. John Lillehaug seconded. Discussion followed. Edits/information corrections were suggested for the first draft composed by Ralph Thier. *The motion carried.*

Ralph Thier also reported that there had been no updates to Website/Facebook. Durena reported that FB posts had in fact been made the prior week and all 2019 monthly minutes and agendas had in fact been uploaded and appeared on the page but not yet under a 2019 tab.

Ralph Thier questioned who received VSWCD agenda/minutes emails. Durena advised that agenda and minutes had been sent to Alan Monek, USBR; Rich Jackson, USBR, Jim Zokan USBR, Michael Young IDFG; Kara Eitel, MOSS; Ellie Hudson-Heck, MOSS PhD intern; Chase Cusack, DEQ; FLC; SLRWSD; ISWCC; and NRCS. He requested future agendas/minutes also sent to County Commissioners, Cities and Chambers of McCall, Donnelly, Cascade.

4. Agency updates – Loretta Strickland, ISWCC; Denise and John Harry for SLRWSD

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. BOR West Mountain Fencing Project scheduling with IDFG Michael Young is on hold until spring. IDFG is volunteer groups are fully scheduled this fall. No other calls for volunteers have resulted in any additional sources of volunteer labor for the fencing project. Although Durena contacted acting ranger Josh Warden (for Jake Strohmeier) and he explained that FS could support cost of materials but not cost of installation. Durena also contacted Lake Fork Fence and they too are completely booked for fall installation.
2. The BOR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grant held an informational Webinar CWMP Phase I FOA. The application is due November 14, 2019.
3. National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Grant update. Durena and Ralph met with Bridge to Bridge stakeholders Shauna Arnold, Theresa Perry, Steve Anderson, City of Cascade, Michael Young, Andrew Mentzer to define what the Bridge-to-Bridge concept is and determine if we would like to go further with it. Andrew suggested Bridge-to-Bridge Ripple and Mind Mapping with UI Extension, Melissa Hamilton. Theresa Perry, LCSP, is organizing but to date no time has been scheduled.

4. Supervisors Art Troutner, John Lillehaug and Ralph Thier judged MDHS speech contest on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at MDHS, Melissa Coriell's classroom. Durena tallied scoresheets and determined placings. Checks for awards were signed: \$75 1st Isaac Speirs; \$50 2nd Nathan Hutcheson; \$15 3rd Natalie McClanahan. *John Lillehaug moved to award 4th speech contestant Honorable Mention for \$10 to Corrine Hatfield. Ralph Thier seconded and the motion carried.*
5. Supervisors judged the Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper Poster submissions that Durena cultivated through a new, first-time contest participant, Donnelly Public Library after-school program. Six kids participated this year. 1st Quincie Mangum \$35, 2nd Alexis Fletcher \$25, 3rd Sarah Martin \$15. These top three posters will be taken to be judged at the Division III meeting, October 8th in Bruneau.

FINANCIAL Action Items:

1. **Action Item:** *John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's Reports for September 30, 2019 (General account, 319 account, LGIP statement). Ralph Thier seconded, and motion carried.* First quarter budget numbers had just been received and had not yet been updated for review by Oct. 3 meeting.
2. FY2020 District Match Allocations just received reflect an additional 5% budget holdback requested by Governor Little. Final ISWCC allocations were calculated at 1:1.302 final match rate, down from 1:1.37 for FY19. Durena to update and have available at November 7th board meeting.
3. Division III meeting Bruneau River October 8th. Ralph, Durena and speech contestant registered to attend. Mileage for Speech Contestant. *John moved to pay no more than \$100 towards deferring Division III meeting travel costs to Bruneau for speech contestant. Paul seconded, and the motion carried.*
4. Ralph Thier is applying for the first-time scholarship through IASCD. He will attend State Conference, November 12-15 Riverside Hotel, Boise if awarded scholarship. Paul and Gretal Klient are also planning to attend. *John Lillehaug moved to cover lodging and miles for Supervisors attending. Paul seconded and motion carried.* Durena to attend Wednesday Nov. 13 Education Luncheon and Speech contest along with District's speech contestant Isaac Speirs.

NRCS Update: Scott Henderson requested to be moved down on the agenda to give guests a chance to leave the meeting so NRCS projects within the district could be discussed with the VSWCD Board. Scott proposed SWCD RC&D Admin Assistance agreement and plan of work. The LWG meetings were discussed and the district is to post the public notice two week prior.

319 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Durena and Ralph reported on the September 10th DEQ 319 project tour with Julia Achabal, Lance Holloway, Michael Young (Strand, Donnelly Boat Docks, Riverfront Park). Projects were commended by DEQ, an independent former student commented to Julia and Lance on the improved fish habitat and new presence of fish in the river resulting from the project. Future applications were encouraged.
2. John Kwader/Nokes, past District Supervisor, called for surface area data to add information for the Cascade reservoir public conversation.
3. Dale Loomis 319 Fencing project update

Valley County P & Z: Hearing October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. Comments prior to October 2, 2019. The Board of Supervisors had no resource concerns for the following applications:

- CUP 19-14 Aldrich Private RV Campsite
- CUP 19-27 Butler Containers
- CUP 19-28 Pole Storage and Maintenance Facility – amendment to CUP 12-02
- CUP 19-29 Escosa Multiple Residence

DATE REMINDERS RECAP:

- *October 8th Division III Meeting – Bruneau River, Speech Contest*
- *November 7th District Board Meeting*
- *November 12-15th IASCD Annual Conference*
- *November 14th WaterSMART grant application due*
- *December 20th Performance Report Due to ISWCC*

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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