

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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SEPTEMBER ZOOM MINUTES

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 9:00 A.M. ZOOM

**Members Online:** Art Troutner, John Lillehaug, Bill Leaf

**Members Absent and Excused:** Colt Brown

**Others Online:** Darcy Sharp, IDEQ; Neil Shippy, State Watermaster District 65; Jordan Messner, IDFG; Maureen Pepper, NRCS State Water Quality Specialist/Idaho TSP Coordinator; Rich Jackson USBR Water Quality; Lenard Long, FoLC; Pam Pace; Kristina Kachur, Valley Co Waterways Management Plan; Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Brian Reese, IDEQ; Dani Terhaar, IDEQ; Ron Brooks, NRCS Team Lead Area; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC, Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC and Durena Farr, VSWCD.

VSWCD Meeting called to Order by Art Troutner at 9:10 a.m. meeting link failed and required all to log in with a new link.

**Action Item:** Bill moved to approve and sign July 28, 2022. John seconded, motion carried with all in favor. Draft minutes emailed to board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates:
  - a. Jordan Messner opened with IDFG update on temperature loggers installed with Trout Unlimited volunteers on upper and lower ends of Gold Fork and North Fork Lake Fork but there have been problems with some loggers disappearing even though they are labeled as sampling equipment/do not disturb. Bill Leaf asked for Jordan's observations on water temperature. Jordan has not yet looked at the data being collected, reminding us that temperatures very much depend on flows. IDWR went out to meet landowner on West Mountain on a pond installation/diversion that is affecting flows, which is an example of how we might not be aware of how much flow is being redirected by landowners. He would like to pursue a grant to purchase more stream gauges to /data loggers to measure flows at Smylie, Scheline, Davis Lane bridge so we have accurate data for what is actually flowing into Cascade Reservoir. Pam Pace added she ran the gauging system for IDWR and utilized Idaho Power from a bid process to run the monitoring and may be an option to explore for this application. Lenard suggested that we may be able to access some expedited funding as a result of the Four Corners fire. Maureen Pepper suggested unused end-of year budget funds
  - b. Kristina Kachur announced that the Valley County Waterways Management Plan has been released and can be accessed for review and comment. She reviewed the plan format with the board. Kristina asked for comment/additions from VSWCD. This is a policy level document and once adopted, the county would then need to implement ordinance changes to be able to enact the recommendations.
  - c. Brian Reese and/or Dani Terhaar IDEQ Water Quality Analyst, Big Payette Lake and Cascade Reservoir monitoring, HAB update. Cyanobacteria found at Blue Heron and she expect an advisory to be coming. Also, Horsethief is showing beginnings of an HAB bloom which is consistent for timing each year. Art inquired about the drinking water intake at Horseshoe Bend and if monitoring is ongoing since HAB are beginning in the reservoir. SPAT bags installed below the Cascade dam and are switched out every week but will be analyzed as a batch at the end of season.
  - d. Valley County P & Z, Cynda Herrick provided CUP application review for the applications listed below. Rebecca Goering, IDEQ Source Water Protection, recommends a septic/sewer workshop focusing on the cumulative affect of the number of septics currently being approved for commissioners and P&Z to move forward on adding waste water treatment. National SepticSMART week, annual educational outreach September 30<sup>th</sup> with tool kit to utilize. Pam Pace added that septic information needs to be distributed to all realtors and new landowners. Rebecca Goering added that Elmore Co. has some more stringent rules in place that may be modeled by Valley Co.
  - e. IDEQ Source Water Grant update and Lenard Long reported 11 applicants qualified with additional 3-4 in the "hopper". One year extension requested by Lenard and SLRWSD. Becky Goehring added there will be no problem with one-year extension due to the fire circumstances. Becky has requested additional funding for monitoring of the reservoir and post-fire effects.
  - f. USBR, NRCS (VSWCD evaluation request - Boulder Dam/Roseberry Irrigation District)

- g. Maureen Pepper encouraged use of the SepticSMART program to educate on the effects of Septics on wetlands (CUP 22-21)
  - h. Bill Lillibridge discussed Boulder Dam project development. He did a site visit early June with James Siewert, Roseberry Irrigation District. He strongly recommended the need for this project, possibly under aging infrastructure grants. Meghan, ISWCC, added that the aging infrastructure grant would pay up to a third of project cost. Art expressed concern for Boulder Meadow dam as well.
  - i. Lenard provided FoLC reservoir monitoring report attached. Lake Cascade quality beginning significant decline in all measures, “normal” for the time of year.
2. IDEQ Project Tour is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> with Chase Cusack for Subgrants S602, S648, S696 (S695 South End Riparian Fencing and S716 Septic Pump-out Pilot will be unavailable for site visits due to Four Corners Fire closures. Durena will look into extension for Source Water grant S716 Septic Pump-out pilot with residents evacuated and access unavailable for septic pumping.
  3. The District will return to in-person Cascade VSWCD Board Meetings with virtual guest option or hybrid meetings beginning October 6, 2022
  4. November ballots will include Supervisors John Lillehaug and Bill Leaf for unchallenged reelection with Declarations of Candidacy filed Sept 1.
  5. The board would like to review the ISWCC WQPA District grant distribution, what types of projects were funded and how much went to the districts funded.
  6. Division III Fall Meeting Ada SWCD hosting, Speech Contest October 11
  7. Durena advised that Melissa Coriell’s MDHS Speech Class is interested in participating in the Speech Contest - Healthy Soil, Healthy Life. Durena will introduce students to contest guidelines and discuss topics related to soils and how that relates to healthy life.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. CUP 22-21 Stag’s Run returned to P & Z, update Art Troutner
2. Source Water Protection Grant Septic Pump-out Pilot updates, qualifying septic requirements may need to be adjusted.
3. S695 ICC Fencing Project completed. Final report due
4. Brush Creek Southwest BAG presentation

**FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer’s Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for August 31, 2022 General account and 319 account including 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 with all in favor.
2. Durena advised that the State Base Operating Funding has been received for FY23 in the amount of \$14,500.
3. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to pay IASCD Dues of \$1800. John Lillehaug seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Action Item:** IASCD State Conference November 15-17<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Registration/Attendance, Admin Attendance Burley Best Western Inn and Convention Center. Art asked supervisors to consider who would like to attend. Action was deferred to October Board Meeting. Bill Leaf is not interested in attending. Division III meeting is October 11 in Boise at the “Watershed” venue on Joplin.
5. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to pay Lucky Peak Nursery Seedling invoice \$5,267.13 (deposits of \$6,045). John Lillehaug seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.
6. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to pay Invoice #1146 NWYC ICC for S695 \$39,804.25. John Lillehaug seconded and motion carried with all in favor.

**P & Z SEPTEMBER 8 AGENDA 6 P.M.:**

CUP 21-19 Pines by the Lake Subdivision Final Plat on Old State Highway south of Gold Fork  
 CUP 21-34 Saddle Rock Subdivision – Final Plat on West side of Herrick Hill, large lots  
 CUP 22-30 Shaw Family Ranch Subdivision – 5 acres- 110 acre parcels, North side of Boulder Lake Road.  
 John Lillehaug working on fire mitigation plan  
 CUP 22-32 Esplin Glamping and Short-Term Rentals postponed to October 20th  
 CUP 22-33 Barton Short-Term Rentals and V-4-22 Barton shared driveway, long narrow Edward’s piece on old railroad bed. 12 small cabins 200-400 sq ft, 2 guests/cabin on sewer and share a well, buried fire tank.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Date Reminders Recap:**

*September 8 IDEQ Project Tour*

*October 6 Return to in-person Board Meetings with virtual option, VSWCD office 209 N Idaho St, Cascade*

*October 11 Division III Fall Meeting Ada, Division III Speech Contest*

*November IASCD State Conference Burley, ID*

September 1, 2022 Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Approved: October 6, 2022**

**Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager**

