

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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APRIL IN-PERSON 209 N IDAHO ST, CASCADE MINUTES
THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023 9:00 A.M. MINUTES

Members Present: Supervisors Art Troutner, Bill Leaf, John Lillehaug, Colt Brown, Judy Anderson
Associate Supervisor Lenard Long online.

Members Absent and Excused: Pam Pace

Others Present: Neil Shippy, Steve Anderson, Kaylee Tuning, VSWCD; Durena Farr, VSWCD

Others Online: Ryan Hedrick, USBR; Kala Golden, IDWR; Maureen Pepper, NRCS; Jason Dobis, BOR; Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Ron Brooks, NRCS Team Lead Area 5; Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC

Meeting Called to Order at 9:04 a.m.

Action Item: Judy moved to approve and sign March 2, 2023 minutes. Colt Brown seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Draft minutes emailed to board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates
 - a. Ryan Hedrick, USBR, provided current Cascade Water Quantity update, NOTEL Snowpack at 120%
 - b. David Watkins, PE, JUB, provided an update on status of PLRWSC lining repairs, proposed options and discussed possible VSWCD involvement through off-set projects. The conversation will be ongoing. The District confirmed that it would be willing to assist as needed or feasible and that this process would be included as part of the CWMP Planning grant process, NFPR Watershed Coalition
 - c. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved for VSWCD to provide \$200 to the Valley County Weed certification Training Seminar May 11th. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
 - d. **Action Item:** moved to provide IWR Board request for Letter of Interest from VSWCD
 - e. Neil Shippy Watermaster District 65 discussed need for Summer '23 Water User assessment for the District 65 accounting system and ensure senior rights are provided for.
 - f. Elt Hasbrouck, Valley Co. Commissioner, discussed District office needs and District expressed preference to remain in Cascade in current location due to records storage, meeting space and proximity to landowners and projects. Elt also cautioned District when commenting on P & Z applications to keep comments focused on Districts prevue relating to Five year plan priorities of water Quality, Water Quantity, Riparian concerns, Traditional Agriculture - Pasture & Hayland Management and Irrigated & Non-Irrigated Cropland; Woodland and Wildfire Mitigation; Fish and Wildlife. Road safety would not be a concern for comment by the District, but Site grading, Stormwater and other drainage issues are under the purvue of VSWCD and CUP final plans for grading, excavation , open cuts, side slopes and other site preparation and development are subject to review by both the county engineer and the soil conservation district according to Valley County Code 9-5A-1-E. VSWCD had some question about stormwater calculations and would like to discuss with county engineer at Parametrics. Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC State Engineer, would also attend to address Conservation District concerns.
 - g. Valley County P & Z, Cynda Herrick or Lori Hunter reviewed April applications listed below
 - h. Ron Brooks, NRCS; provided general information on EQIP Contracts for current ranking cycle. Three within VSWCD, Four projects countywide. There is a request to fund additional Valley County projects through IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) funds
 - i. Maureen Pepper discussed NFPR Watershed is an NRCS SWP Priority Area. The approved list of conservation practices (20) are eligible in the Source Water Protection High Priority Areas, beginning in FY23 include the following NRCS BMPs: 309 - Agrichemical Handling Facility; 313 - Waste Storage Facility; 328 - Conservation Crop Rotation; 340 - Cover Crop; 350 - Sediment Basin; 351 - Well Decommissioning; 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment; 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover; 393 - Filter Strip; 449 - Irrigation Water Management; 590 - Nutrient Management; 595 - Pest Management; 634 - Waste Transfer; 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area; 638 - Water and Sediment Control Basin; 650 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation; 656 - Constructed Wetland; 657 - Wetland Restoration; 658 - Wetland Creation and 659 - Wetland Enhancement. Maureen added that Water Management Entities eligible for NRCS EQIP include: Irrigation Districts, canal companies...those delivering/managing water for agricultural.

- j. Meghan Brooksher provide WQPA update, possible Davis Dam project for ranking and ICWF no-till grant update, confirming May 10th Dinner presentation of grant award to be attended by Bill Leaf and Durena Farr. Bill Leaf requested District to provide American Trailer a \$500.00 good faith deposit so he could move forward with ordering equipment. See financial action item #2 below.
 - k. Jason Dobis, USBR
 - l. Lenard Long discussed scheduling a NFPR Watershed Coalition Steering Committee. Lenard provided an update on SLRWSD new board member addition of Michelle and Chris Cooper who will be the new lead on the S716 Septic Pump-out Pilot Program.
 - m. Jordan Messner had prior commitments
 - n. Other guest reports and topics
2. Landowner pivot conversion projects; USBR Hot Springs WMA fence project; and Lake Irrigation District Project. Project development update from Bill Lillibridge
 3. 319 and State AG NPS Grant invoicing, payments and final reports are due for S602 4/30/23; S695 6/23; S741 12/23; S742 12/23. ISWCC Meghan Brooksher confirmed she would assist as needed by District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Water District 65 presentation to County Commissioners on water user summer asses
2. USBR WaterSMART CWMP NFPR Watershed Coalition update, Steering committee meeting date.
3. VSWCD appearance on VC Waterways management Plan, how can VSWCD help?

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer's Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for March 31, 2023 General account and 319 account including Board approved recurring payments including Ziplly Fiber, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA). Bill Leaf seconded, motion passed with all in favor.
2. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to issue a check for \$500 to American Trailer for a deposit on equipment ordered from the Grant funds. John Lillehaug seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Action Item:** John moved to purchase additional forest service seedlings for District distribution. Colt Brown second and motion carried with all in favor.

P & Z APRIL 13TH, 6 P.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE:

Cynda Herrick provided a review of the following applications

Old Business:

1. CUP 22-30 Shaw Family Ranch Subdivision

New Business:

1. CUP 09-01 Blackhawk Lake Estates Phases III & IV Extension Request
2. CUP 22-12 Gemma's Outdoor Market Review
3. CUP 22-20 CAT Rental Store Extension Request
4. CUP 23-06 Smith Family Camping Site and Multiple Residences
5. CUP 23-08 Fredriksen RV Rental Site
6. CUP 23098 Frost Management Storage

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New Business:

1. CUP 23-11 South Ranch Subdivision
2. CUP 23-13 Coulegar Multiple Residences
3. PUD 23-01 Garnet Valley and CUP 23-10 Preliminary Plat 324 multi-family units
 1. Concept Approval and Planned Unit Development
 2. CUP 23-10 Garnet Valley PUD Preliminary Plat
4. Valley County Code Amendments

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Recap:

April 13th and 20th Valley Co P & Z 6 p.m. Valley Co Courthouse

April 15th IDEQ State Ag Grant application due

April 15th IDEQ 319 Water Quality application period opens April 15-July 15.

April 30th IDEQ 319 S602 Grant closes

May 10th IWCF Grant Award Dinner, Boise

May 4th VSWCD Board Meeting – John Lillehaug will not be present for May Board Meeting

June 14th Forestry Tour with Adams, Squaw Creek and Valley SWC Districts

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date Approved: April 6, 2023

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager