

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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JULY 28 SPECIAL MEETING ZOOM MINUTES
THURSDAY JULY 28, 2022 9:00 A.M. ZOOM

Members Online: Art Troutner, John Lillehaug, Bill Leaf, Colt Brown

Members Absent and Excused: None

Others Online: Darcy Sharp, IDEQ; Neil Shippy, State Watermaster District 65; Jordan Messner, IDFG; Jennifer Cuhacyan, Idaho Power Sr. Engineer, Operations Hydrology; Maureen Pepper, NRCS State Water Quality Specialist/Idaho TSP Coordinator; Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Dani Terhaar, IDEQ; Ron Brooks, NRCS Team Lead Area 5 and Durena Farr, VSWCD.

VSWCD Meeting called to Order by Art Troutner at 9:02 a.m.

Action Item: Motion to approve and sign June 2, 2022 minutes. Carried over to July 28th special meeting.

Action Item: Motion to approve and sign July 7, 2022 minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates:

- a. Valley County P & Z: Cynda Herrick reviewed P&Z applications for the supervisors. Art expressed concern for density and stormwater plan. Cynda responded that the City engineer reviews and approves those plans. P&Z approved CUP Stag's Run. An appeal was filed on P&Z's approval. Durena added that the District has been regarding wetland concerns for CUP Stag's Run asking for District comment on the application. Concerns regarding 50 septics and 50 wells and there has been no information for Lake Irrigation District on use of water shares. Headwaters of Mud Creek which is already IDEQ identified as compromised regarding water quality. Maureen Pepper, State Water Quality Specialist for NRCS-Idaho. Prior she managed the EPA HQ Decentralized Wastewater Management Program's MOU Partnership and developed/managed the SepticSmart Program for 9 years at a national level prior to her 5 years at Idaho DEQ in the drinking water program. Maureen communicated to the Board and Cynda that traditional and even high-tech septics likely have an impact in the future to the watershed. There are examples around the country of local ordinances that require septic maintenance. Cynda asked the Board review the March 22 Planning & Zoning work session.
- b. Neil Shippy, State Watermaster District 65 again advised that permits are required for private, aesthetic ponds. He will be up to look at current changes happening in the Blackhawk development. Pumping or working ponds do not require permits according to their water right. Art discussed that he was under the understanding that IDWR was reluctant to issue pond permits because of water supply concerns. Neil replied that unless a moratorium was in place from IDWR, ponds are permitted in accordance to existing water rights.
- c. Valley County Waterways Management Plan input/additions from VSWCD. Comments were to be submitted by August 5th. Jordan Messner requested that the draft plan be forwarded to him for comment. Art felt like the plan for wake-free zones fit for Payette Lake but unclear if those zones were also for Lake Cascade with considerable areas with a depth of 10' or less.
- d. Dani Terhaar, IDEQ Water Quality Analyst, reported on Big Payette Lake and Cascade Reservoir monitoring which as of July 28th, reservoir still looks good. Dani estimated 40-50 attended July 13th IDEQ HAB open house. Those who did attend appeared engaged in sit-down information sharing with several of the booths, reporting concerns and possible solutions, with the top question of what is causing the blooms? Jobi Catherman from City of Horseshoe Bend public water works attended to express concerns for HABs and Horseshoe Bend Source Drinking Water affected by Cascade's June bloom. Residents could smell the dolichospermum bloom in their Horseshoe Bend drinking water. Maureen Pepper discussed the Salem Drinking water problem which included interaction with Oregon State University and their HAB research which Maureen will forward for VSWCD review. Frank Wilhelm, UI, did workshops for public water system operators. Dani added that City of Cascade has drinking water wells so is not a concern for the city. Day Star homeowners requested VSWCD look into settling/sediment ponds before AG water reaches the reservoir in their area. Dani also reported that IDEQ addressing

- cyanotoxins flowing downstream so Brian Reese is monitoring at Kelly's Whitewater Park with toxin monitoring bags that capture what is flowing downstream from a bloom.
- e. Jordan Messner IDFG provided Gold Fork update from upper North Fork Gold Fork, the last remaining bull trout population, last sampled in 2002, as he is part of the Bull Trout Assessment group. They went up to take a look and reported last remaining bull trout population is holding on strong with cold water, woody debris and pocket water conducive to continue preserving and encouraging the BT population. 15 BT per 100 m section. Temperature loggers have been installed this summer at top and bottom of Middle Fork Payette, North Fork Payette, Lake Fork, Gold Fork at Little Valley to determine how much the water is warming from top to when it reaches Cascade Reservoir.
 - f. Lenard Long FoLC was unavailable for Cascade Reservoir Monitoring Update. However, Dani Terhaar provided her sampling reporting that the reservoir still looked good, with no indication of pending bloom. For the SLRWSD and FoLC Septic Pump-out Pilot participation reluctance, Cynda Herrick suggested VSWCD do additional septic education outreach, however SLRWSD and FoLC to committed to execute grant operations with VSWCD providing administrative support, invoicing and final IDEQ reporting requirements.
 - g. Durena inquired of Ron Brooks if it would be possible for NRCS the evaluate a request from Roseberry Irrigation District on how best to address repairs and improvements for the Boulder Lake Dam. Ron was going to look into options and report back. Durena will provide Roseberry Irrigation District with Ron's contact information. Ron advised that the Local Work Group Meeting is October 26, 10 a.m. it will be facilitated and is attended by John Lillehaug for VSWCD. Also, EQIP FY23 deadline has been moved up to October 7th.
2. ISWCC District Survey was emailed to all Supervisors. Comments due July 31st were discussed and VSWCD Supervisors unanimously agreed. Durena was approved to submit with Chairman Troutner's digital signature, and submit to Loretta on Friday, July 29, 2022.
 3. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to NOT convene for August 4th Board Meeting, and to resume meeting schedule September 1, 2022 9 a.m. Bill Leaf seconded with motion unanimously approved.
 4. Supervisor availability was discussed for IDEQ Project Tour with Chase Cusack for Subgrants S602, S695, S696. September 7th and 8th were suggested as John is out the following week. Durena will communicate available dates for supervisors to Chase. Chase confirmed for September 8th, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Letter of support modified to express interest in future Cloud Seeding Idaho Power Valley County cloud seeding and IDWR Ground Water Study. VSWCD appearance July 11 to present to Valley Co Commissioners
2. Source Water Protection Grant Septic Pump-out Pilot updates, qualifying septic requirements adjusted.
3. ICC Fencing Project completed. Final report due

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to accept and file Treasurer's Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for June 30, 2022 General account and 319 account including Board approved recurring payments include Ziplly Fiber, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA) Colt seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
2. **Action Item:** Colt Brown moved to approve VSWCD FY23 Operating Budget. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to approve Chairman signature for FY23 Financial and Match Report Certification. Colt Brown seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Action Item:** Colt Brown moved to approve donation for IASCD State Conference Door Prize \$25. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.
5. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to reimburse Durena Farr for Visa charges for Wordpress \$96 and Domain Registration \$18. John Lillehaug seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.
6. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to pay Central Idaho Accounting Service \$800/year (\$200/qtr). Colt Brown seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

P & Z JULY AGENDA:

AUGUST 11TH 6:00 P.M.

CUP 21-15 360 Ranch Subdivision Phase 1 Final Plat

CUP 22-28 Elk Ridge Retreat – James Sabatasse

CUP 22-31 Ashton Meadows Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat Charles Silzly
PUD 22-02 CUP 22-29 Valley Meadows Subdivision Triple Dot Development, LLC Small Commercial area and housing. All uses not yet fully specified. Art asked about drainage/stormwater plan and common areas are private or open to neighborhood. Cynda added that the application is a work in progress. All units on North Lake sewer and timberline water system which will eventually connect to NLRWS.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Reminders Recap:

July 31 District Survey Due

August 4-9 Valley Co Fair

August 16 Financial Match Report Due

August 23rd virtual BOR Cascade Operations modeling study review

Aug 30th in-person BOR Cascade operations modeling public meeting

Oct 7 NRCS FY23 EQIP application deadline

Oct 26 10 a.m. NRCS Local Work Group Meeting attended by John Lillehaug

July 28 Zoom Special Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date Approved: September 1, 2022**

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager