

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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JUNE MINUTES 209 N IDAHO ST, CASCADE

THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023 9:00 A.M. IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Absent and Excused: John Lillehaug and Pam Pace

Others Present: Kaylee Tuning, VSWCD; Durena Farr, VSWCD

Others Online: Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Ron Brooks, NRCS Team Lead Area 5; Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC; Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC; Craig Utter PLT; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Dani Terhaar, IDEQ, Rebecca Goering, IDEQ; Maureen Pepper, NRCS, Kala Golden, IDWR, Shaun Parkinson, IDWR.

Meeting Called to Order at 9 a.m. by Art Troutner

Action Item: Bill Leaf moved to approve and sign May 4, 2023 minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board. Judy Anderson seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates
 - a. Valley Co. P & Z Cynda Herrick June applications and Valley County Code Amendments review
 - b. Elt Hasbrouck, Valley Co. Commissioner
 - c. Ron Brooks, NRCS updates
 - d. Meghan Brooksher provided ISWCC updates. She introduced Jenna Ditzel to the board who is currently in the Boise office but will be working in the CDA office. On June 22 WQPA application funding is to be decided. 66 applications were received. ISWCC District Survey is due July 31 and should be added to July District board meeting agenda, local contributions must be received by June 30 with match report due on August 16th. ISWCC is also now operating with a full 7-member board, Eric Olson, Chair; Wendy Pratt, Vice Chair; Karen Sharpneck Secretary; Blake Collinworth, treasurer. No Till update from grant, Bill did a test plot and was pleased with results and operation
 - e. Lenard Long NFPR Watershed Coalition had a power point update on Lake Cascade, right now satellite imagery shows good conditions, ice off May 7th, good 9' water clarity, DO good, Temp cold, filling at 89% and will reach fill this year. For this time of year, reservoir is the cleanest it has been in many years with cold water from longer ice cover, less sun penetration. Did experience lake feature of the sugarloaf island arch collapse, loss of familiar lake feature. FoLC outreach has included cyanobacteria presentations to IDFG Master Naturalists, State Park hosts; provided draft Lake Cascade write-up for City of Cascade Comprehensive Plan, Water Sampling and Microscope Training to Horizons Afterschool Stem Class, May 18th and 29th Bloomwatch monitoring. Lenard also provided NFPR Watershed Coalition update on first steps of determining mission statement, meeting dates and other set-up tasks. Judy Anderson brought up Coalition book Kaylee Tuning recommended and hoped all had a chance to review terrific ideas. Kaylee will provide synopsis at the July Board Meeting.
 - f. Pam Pace discussed the cloud seeding letter she provided for the district to submit to IDWR. Lenard added that conditions this year indicate the importance of the cloud seeding program providing cold, clean water to the reservoir for improved conditions.
 - g. Other guest reports and topics.
2. PLT Conservation Day Saturday is June 17th, Alzar students will be assisting set-up, VSWCD will have a Project Display and provide Coalition information.
3. Durena Farr informed the board that the Brush Creek Vault and Riparian restoration project, IDEQ Water Quality grant awarded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Idaho Power existing cloud seeding operations, site updates (six sites currently operating within Valley Co) Shaun Parkinson shared slides of the current CS sites in Valley county as well as sites across the state and country to demonstrate that this is not a new process. Shaun will work with John Lillehaug on any fire mitigation measures that may be required with the application. All sites are covered on one application for Valley Co P&Z.
2. John Lillehaug will be leading the Forestry Tour, June 14th and is also continuing special District project of Ponderosa seedling sales.

3. Commissioners approved VSWCD and Parametrics work session re: site grading and stormwater questions, to include State Engineer Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC. District will distribute a meeting poll to arrive at date to include as many parties as possible.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to accept and file Treasurer's Report: QB register reports, bank transaction reports for May 31, 2023 General account and 319 account including Board approved recurring payments including Zippy Fiber, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA) Judy Anderson seconded and the motion carried with all in favor
2. 319 payments are ready for S602 Valley County Watershed Improvement Projects and S695 Willow Creek WMA South-end Fence Project

P & Z JUNE 8, 6 P.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE:

1. PUD 23-01 Garnet Valley and CUP 23-10 Preliminary Plat, Variance for density, preliminary stormwater management plan. Art Troutner indicated several concerns with stormwater planning that would be raised in person at the hearing June 8th.
2. CUP 23-12 Moss Landing Subdivision-Preliminary Plat 14-lot single family residential subdivision on 39.39 acres. Individual septic, individual wells. Application postponed indefinitely.
3. CUP 23-20 Backcountry Equipment 5-acre site. Seven shipping containers and shed. No utilities proposed. 78 Herrick Lane
4. CUP 23-21 Moon View Ranch Subdivision Phase 2-Preliminary Plat

P & Z JUNE 12, 3 P.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE:

1. VCC 9-5H-1D Neighborhood Meetings
2. VCC 9-5H-13 Motion for Reconsideration
3. VCC 6-1-9.G FAA Form 7460-1 Required within a certain distance of an airport
4. VCC 9-9-7.D Planned Unit Development
5. VCC 6-1-9 H Required Shipping Containers be Painted (Valley Co P & Z did not recommend)

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

1. CUP 23-22 Activity Barn Amendment to CUP16-13 Proposed hours of operation 8am-10 pm. Craig Utter raised conflict of use questions with new housing in close proximity to increased sound with proposed concert venue.
2. CUP 23-23 Packard Family RV Site RV dwellings more than 30 days, 2157 West Mountain Rd
3. CUP 23-24 FedEx Hub 100 ft HWY 55 setback variance. Individual well and septic
4. CUP 23-25 Acker Tree Service mobile sawmill and staging/storage area, 3 acre site, 13865 Hwy 55
5. CUP 23-26 Legacy Ranch at Whitetail Club 6 lot single family subdivision. Individual septic and wells. Variance request for primary residence and 3500 sq ft accessory dwelling unit on each lot.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Reminders:

June 8 and 15 P & Z 6 p.m.

June 12 P & Z 3 p.m. Valley County Code Amendments, Comments by June 5, 5:00 p.m.

June 14 Forestry Tour Adams SWCD, Valley and Squaw Creek 9am-4pm

June 14, 15 or 16 NFPR Steering Committee meeting TBD

July 6 VSWCD Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Chairman: _____ **Date Approved: July 6, 2023**

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, District Manager