

**VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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**NOVEMBER IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MINUTES**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2022 9:00 A.M. IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING**

**Members Present:** Art Troutner, Bill Leaf, John Lillehaug, Colt Brown

**Others Present:** Durena Farr, VSWCD

**Others Online:** Ed Allen, Valley Co. Commissioner; Lenard Long, FoLC, Neil Shippy, State Watermaster District 65; Maureen Pepper, NRCS State Water Quality Specialist/Idaho TSP Coordinator; Jason Dobis, BOR; Jordan Messner, IDFG; Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Ron Brooks, NRCS Team Lead Area; Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC

**9 A.M. Executive Session called to Order:** NRCS landowner EQIP project report by Team leader Ron Brooks. 675 Acres on seven active contracts currently being treated. Twelve new applications, from the October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 deadline, in Valley County currently being reviewed with site visits largely completed. Ron reported on the results from funding allocations determined by the Local Working Group for the upcoming year: 40% Irrigated Cropland 20% Forestry, 5% Rangeland, 28% Irrigated pasture, 5% Streambank and Wildlife; 2% to High Tunnel 10% increase in EQIP allocation for upcoming cycle for a total of \$650,000 for FY23 Team 5 EQIP allocations. David Nichols was this year's LWG facilitator. It was discussed that quarterly executive sessions would be adequate to cover updates going forward, so there will be no December Executive Session on the agenda.

**9:30 General meeting Called to Order:** Bill Leaf moved to approve and sign October 6, 2022 minutes with correction of Lenard Long changed to on-line instead of present at the meeting. Colt Brown seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Draft minutes emailed to board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I North Fork Payette River  
Durena reported on webinar attended on contracting process and update/renewal for SAM.gov. It has been recommended to set initial steering committee meeting date after the holidays for the first of the year but before the grant is funded.
2. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates:
  - a. Valley County P & Z, Cynda Herrick reviewed November 10<sup>th</sup> hearing for CUP applications listed below. Art testified on recommended BMPs and commissioners wanted applicant Stephanie Hopkins to reach out to District regarding specifics for BMPs. Glamping applications and Shoe were tabled to Nov meeting due to length of October. CUP 22-43 is within Squaw Creek Conservation District .
  - b. Maureen Pepper, NRCS, presented a slide show for the new Source Water Protection Priority Areas and Practices designated by NRCS, SepticSMART program, Septics and wetlands. The 2018 Farm Bill focused on source water protection for the first time, from sources of agricultural pollution. Every State may designate up to 20% of States' land mass for Source Water Protection Priority Areas. There is a set of conservation practices set a higher cost-share rate, up to 90%. Maureen shared the slides to her presentation to the group.
  - c. Lenard Long, FoLC, discussed end of season conditions and differences. Lenard reported that by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus we can change the types of cyanobacteria, and influence the growth of toxic cyanobacteria. Lenard discussed the fire impacts and the importance to follow the those impacts as the seasons progress. Dept of Health & Welfare and IDEQ did issue an October 15<sup>th</sup> health advisory notice. There were no updates on the Source Water Protection Septic Pilot program.
  - d. Meghan Brooksher discussed WQPA program legislative funding for FY23, we should know by February or March. December 9<sup>th</sup> application deadline aging infrastructure grants. Meghan would be able to assist with grant application. However, these grants only funds up to 33%. Meghan reminded of dates for LSO/SCO filing due December 1 and December 20 for ISWCC performance reports.
  - e. Jordan Messner invited questions from the Board. Durena asked how the NRCS priority areas affect IDFG, Jordan that it has little direct fisheries impact.
  - f. Neil Shippy reported that the basin ended the season with higher carryover than last year. Water rights are being evaluated in the basin.
3. IASCD Division III Spring Meeting location options were discussed. Catering at American Legion Hall, or Kelly's Whitewater Park were discussed but no decision was made. The Senior Center was also offered as an option, John added that the noise from refrigeration made it difficult to hear. Sagebrush BBQ was recommended. The meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> (third Thursday) and hosted by VSWCD.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. November 8<sup>th</sup> elections – Board discussed upcoming election process for John Lillehaug and Bill Leaf. Post-election results are certified then an Oath of Office taken.

2. Brush Creek Application Status – Durena reported that the SuperBAG is to meet the first part of December and that historically all first and second ranked applications have been funded.

**FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file Treasurer’s Report: QB register reports, bank reconciliations for September 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 Brown seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
2. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to pay NACD FY23 dues of \$50. Colt Brown seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Action Item:** IASCD State Conference November 15-17<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Registration/Attendance, Admin registration, lodging. Supervisor listening session November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Art will represent VSWCD. John Lillehaug moved to pay conference registration fees for Art. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Durena offered IDEA raffle tickets to supervisors, proceeds go to IDEA education.
4. Ed Allen discussed relocation and asked District to discuss with Scott Clingan. Johanna Defoort is the contact for the Valley Co facility plan and we should communicate our office space needs to her.

**P & Z NOVEMBER 10 AGENDA 6 P.M.:**

CUP 22-41 Griffiths Multiple Residences Three residences on one parcel, individual wells and septic proposed.

CUP 22-42 Brutsman Lodge Short-term rental 26 guests. Central sewer and water.

CUP 22-43 Longhorn Guest Ranch and Event Venue Existing septic system, porta potties, individual well, portable generator 215-acre site, High Valley Road. Old Ford dude ranch

CUP 22-44 Bloomfield RV Rental Site – two RV sites on half acre, NLRSD to supply sewer, two water spigots connected to existing well.

CUP 22-45 Ikola Storage - one acre of 160 acre parcel Farm to Market/Paddy Flat Road, storage for 25 Recreational trailers (recently purchased Cheap Thrills, will store a maximum of 25 recreational trailers, ag implements and will build primary residence.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** No-till drill options for the District were discussed. There was a request from three landowners in Rock Flats that were interested in a smaller unit. The drill we currently have available requires 65 HP tractor with hydraulics. Meghan advised there is an Idaho Women’s Charitable Foundation 25-30K grant with applications due December 15. The grant would be enough for drill and trailer. Meghan is available to assist with application.

**Upcoming Events:**

*November 4 State Conference Registrations due*

*November 8 Election Day*

*November 10 P & Z 6 p.m.*

*November 15-17 IASCD State Conference Burley*

*December 1 Board Meeting and Deadline for SCO Local Government Registry FY22 Budget and FY21 Actuals*

*December 20 ISWCC Performance Report Due*

*Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.*

***Chairman:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date Approved: December 1, 2022***

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