Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

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**August 3 Minutes 209 N Idaho St, Cascade**

**Thursday August 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. In-Person/Zoom Hybrid Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Supervisors Art Troutner, John Lillehaug, Bill Leaf, Judy Anderson

Associate Supervisors Lenard Long (online), Pam Pace (online)

**Members Absent and Excused**: Colt Brown

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

**Others Online:** Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC; David Watkins, JUB Engineers; Maureen Pepper, NRCS; and Dani Terhaar, IDEQ.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:01 am by Art Troutner

**Action Item:**  Bill Leaf moved to approve and sign July 6, 2023 minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board. John Lillehaug seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:**

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates
   1. Valley Co. P & Z Cynda Herrick provided August 17th application review for applications listed below. VSWCD had no comments to submit. She also advised that the BOCC would take up Garnett Valley on Sept 5th. VSWCD has previously submitted comments on Garnett Valley.
   2. Ron Brooks was not available to provide NRCS updates.
   3. Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC, discussed WQPA projects, District allocations, aging infrastructure grant deadlines, and financial match reporting. Megan will look into and update board on the Davis dam application. Durena Farr confirmed that the District received their allocated funds of $14,500.
   4. Lenard Long provided information about Lake Cascade conditions. An algae bloom was reported on Boulder Creek to IDEQ, the bloom had dissipated, but there were still signs of cyanobacteria in the water. Lenard also updated the board on SLRWSD pump-out program and NFPR Watershed Coalition progress. Kaylee Tuning added that the District and NFPR Watershed Coalition will have a booth at the Valley County Fair and Rodeo for public outreach. Maureen Pepper offered to send promotional/educational resources for use at the displays.
   5. Pam Pace provided a Watershed Water Outlook. She was not able to attend the Water Resources Board meeting where they identified priority areas for cloud seeding expansion. Art Troutner shared that he attending the meeting and would share his notes with the Supervisors.
   6. David Watkins, JUB Engineers Area Manager working with PLRWSD, requested letter of support for PLRWSD Liner Replacement project grant application. After discussing the project, discharge scenarios, other funding options, and District standards, Supervisors agreed to write conditional letter of support. John Lillehaug moved to approve amended letter of support, Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. See attached letter of support and review the recorded Zoom meeting for more information.
2. Valley County BOCC meeting July 10, 1:30pm with VSWCD Supervisors. Discussion of stormwater workshop update, NFPR Watershed Coalition update, and office space. It was decided that the issues of office space provided by Valley County would be revisited in one year. Match support letter commissioner signature was rescheduled from July 17, 11:30 am. Durena will get BOCC signature on Monday, Aug. 7th for match report.
3. Brush Creek vault has been ordered. Payment is due in August. This project falls under now invoicing and payment system, Amplifund. There is $5000 in available funds to purchase plants for bank restoration. Judy Anderson will contact Cheyenne Jedry at McCall-Donnelly High School to see if students would be available for planting. Funding is also available for sinage to educate the public about the plantings and preventing erosion from unfocused river access.
4. Hot Springs WMA Riparian Fence project with ICC 3.5 miles. ICC crews are available Sept 4-29th (six weeks). If the crew has time, they may also complete some trail maintenance, as needed. Art Troutner signed the contract to be sent to IDEQ.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. John Lillehaug reported on Idaho Power cloud seeding operations, July 13th Planning & Zoning Commissioners. Ability for Idaho Power to include LPG (liquid propane generators) to their existing sites did not require CUP from P&Z Commissioners.
2. John Lillehaug provided a seedling sales update. He is waiting on payment from two landowners, but a majority of the seedlings were planted.
3. BOCC approved VSWCD and engineers work session to address site grading and stormwater calculation questions, to include ISWCC State Engineer Bill Lillibridge, NRCS Maureen Pepper, Parametrics Engineer, USGS Engineer, City Engineers, Cynda Herrick and others. Board decided to table this meeting for a later date.

**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 July 31, 2023 General account and 319 account including Board approved recurring payments including Ziply Fiber, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA) Bil Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor. John Lillehaug reviewed bank reconciliation and transaction report prior to meeting.
2. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug motioned to reschedule approval of FY24 Operating Budget to September agenda. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to approve Art Troutner’s Certification Signature for FY23 Financial Match Report due August 16th. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor.

**P & Z August 17,6 p.m. Valley Co Court House:**

* 1. Valley County Comprehensive Plan Amendments to Include Impact Fees
  2. CUP 23-15 Mullin Multiple Residences, Farm to Market Road, 19.89-acre parcel
  3. CUP 23-25 Acker Tree Service, 3-acre site, 13865 Hwy 55 Mobile sawmill
  4. CUP 23-33 Ritter Solar Panels, 760 Paddy Flat Road

**Facts & Conclusions:**

CUP 23-22 Activity Barn Amendment

CUP 23-24 FedEx Hub

CUP 23-27 Lake Fork Merc Additional Fuel Tank

CUP 23-28 Falconer Solar Panels

CUP 23-29 Gearheard Glamping Site Short term rental 41 Stanley Dr, Crown Point Subdivision

CUP 23-30 Green Valley Subdivision –10 lot mixed use subdivision, Individual septic, individual wells

CUP 23-31 Pishi Solar Panels detached solar panels for personal use, 97 Alpha Lane

CUP 23-32 Bar 5 Subdivision – Preliminary and final plat, Individual septic, individual well

CUP 23-34 SIMRA Mud Drag Event August 26, 2023, annually.

PUD 23-01 Garnet Valley and CUP 23-10 Preliminary Plat

**Good of the Order:**

Date Reminders:

***August 16 ISWCC Financial Match Report Due***

***August 17 P & Z 6 p.m.***

***August 7-12 Valley County Fair & Rodeo***

***September 7 VSWCD September Board Meeting***

***Sept 30 CWMP Reporting Period End Date (Report due 10/30/23)***

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**

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***Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date Approved:\_September 7, 2023\_\_\_***

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

August 2, 2023

Ellen Holm, PLRWSD Board Chairwoman

201 Jacob Street

McCall, Idaho 83638

RE: PLRWSD Liner Repair Project

Dear Ms. Holm,

Valley Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to write in support of Payette Lakes Recreational Water & Sewer District’s request for funding through the Idaho Department of Water Resources Aging Infrastructure Grant program. We understand the long-awaited replacement of the liner in PLRWSD’s recycled water storage pond will reduce environmental impacts and protect receiving water designated uses.

However, our support for the liner replacement procedure is conditional. We do not support direct loading of nutrient or pathogen impacted wastewater into downstream receiving waters because of unknown adverse environmental impacts. These impacts could affect drinking water, water temperature, fish habitat and the 50+ million-dollar annual tourist industry. If discharge to the river must be considered, Valley Soil & Water Conservation District highly recommends a timely, independent wastewater engineering opinion be obtained regarding feasibility of additional treatment or storage options.

We appreciate the importance of this project as it supports our District’s long-term goals to improve water quality in our region, maintain healthy recreation opportunities and protect downstream drinking water supplies. Valley Soil and Water Conservation District supports the improvements the proposed project will ultimately provide.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Troutner, John Lillehaug, Bill Leaf, Colt Brown and Judy Anderson

Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors