

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

APRIL MINUTES 209 N IDAHO ST, CASCADE

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024, 9:00 A.M. IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81037243289?pwd=MzlwQWFja0dwblhwa3dGb0dDb09MZz09>

**Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.**

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

**Members Absent and Excused:** None

**Others Present:** Durena Farr VSWCD District Manager,

**Others Online:** Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Maureen Pepper, NRCS; Neil Shippy, IDWR; Ron Brooks, NRCS; Associate Supervisor Pam Pace

**Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to approve and sign March 7, 2024, minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board. Colt Brown seconded and motion carried with all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates
  - a. Jason Dobis discussed Willow creek WMA planting and sediment retention project utilizing fire mitigation funds and grant with VSWCD for ICC crew to plant willows and sedge mats. He also described the continued Hot Springs WMA project proposed for State Ag Grant application. He will provide letter of support for the State Ag Application and confirm USBR match commitment for the grant.
  - b. Valley Co. P & Z Cynda Herrick reviewed April 11<sup>th</sup> applications listed below for VSWCD supervisors and provided status updates on CUP 24-02 River Fork Ranch Subdivision, continued to April 11<sup>th</sup>. Also scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> P & Z hearing, Mike Reno, CDH and Lance Holloway, IDEQ will provide clarification on septic approvals and IDEQ Source Water ground water and PUD 23-02 and CUP 23-52 Macgregor Townsite.
  - c. **Action Item:** John moved to approve application and letter of support for State Ag Grant Application Hot Springs WMA Riparian Fencing with USBR Jason Dobis, ICC crew, USBR Materials match, early Spring 2025 DUE APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.
  - d. ISWCC Megan Brooksher provided WQPA update. Durena Farr proposed WQPA application for Willow Creek WMA Riparian Restoration with ICC crew and BMP Log Jam Sediment filtering with USBR Matching fire mitigation funds that must be expended in 2024. WQPA application is due May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Bill Lillibridge met onsite for evaluations of City of Cascade Strand Access project with City of Cascade Flood Plain Coordinator Daryl Shepard and to provide alternative course of action for S696 Depot project.
  - f. Pam Pace NFPR Watershed Water Supply outlook March/April update
  - g. NFPR Watershed Coalition updates: Workshops/workgroups sessions are scheduled for April 25 and June 12 through steering committee.
  - h. Other guest reports and topics:
    - City of McCall Agenda review.
    - NRCS Ron Brooks reported on 9 applications approved for Valley County with 70% of the work preapproved.
2. Art Troutner attended the April 2 USBR Marina Meeting and provided meeting  
**Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to submit to Rochelle Ochoa, USBR, Snake River Area Office, the VSWCD Marina Comment letter due by April 16<sup>th</sup>, composed by VSWCD supervisors during April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Judy seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
3. Discussion on IDEQ Ground Water Quality Improvement and Drinking Water Source Protection Plan Rules and septic, septic alternatives. Clarification on Ground Water Rules and Septic rules will be addressed after the April 11<sup>th</sup> P & Z meeting with Mike Reno, CDH and Lance Holloway IDEQ discussing clarification.
4. Student Workdays and educational presentation for S696 Bank Restoration Alzar Student group has been scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The student group will participate in a project tour of Strand riparian restoration projects, KWP tour, classroom presentation, willow cutting/planting. Educational outreach, agency invites.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. BOCC approved VSWCD and Parametric engineers work session to address site grading and stormwater County wide calculation consistency. Participation via zoom includes VSWCD Art Troutner, ISWCC Bill Lillibridge, NRCS Maureen Pepper, Parametrics Engineer, USGS Engineer, City Engineers, Cynda Herrick and Crestline Engineers. Possible April 25, Donnelly or June 12<sup>th</sup> Cascade Coalition workgroup? Crestline Engineers is interested in participating and Morgan Stroud from City of McCall. Anticipated participants include Cody Jansen, PE; Paul Ashton, Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC PE; Valley Co Planning Zoning Cynda Herrick, Ken Roberts, and Katlin Caldwell; Art Troutner, VSWCD Chair, Crestline Engineers Greg Tankersly, Rob Pair; Trevor Howard and Daryl Shepard City of Cascade. Additional VSWCD board members may also be interested listening to the zoom work session.

### FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept and file treasurers Report for March 31, 2024. General account and 319 account activity balanced to QuickBooks 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 and the motion carried with all in favor.
2. Durena Farr advised supervisors that IDEQ Grant final close-out notices were received for Source Water Protection S716 Septic Pilot Program; IDEQ State Ag Pivot Conversion Grants S741, S742
3. Supervisors approved Durena Farr's requested days out of office April 16, 17, 18. Durena will continue to work remotely, checking email and maintaining District communications.

### P & Z APRIL 11 6 P.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE New Business:

No VSWCD letters of concern were submitted for April 11<sup>th</sup> P & Z hearing

1. CUP 22-16 Camp Modern – Annual Review currently utilizing portable outhouses. Approved for individual septic and well.
2. CUP 24-04 Warden Short-Term Rental, 18 guest max, central sewer and water NLRWSD?
3. CUP 24-05 Hollowell RV Park and Short-Term Rentals-13847 Norwood, 1 home and 5 RVs to Share existing septic and well.

### Facts and Conclusions

-VAC 24-01 Vacation of portions of Bings Road and Brads Lane

-VAC 24-02 Harris Vacation of Utility Easement

-CUP 24-02 River Fork Ranch Subdivision – Preliminary Plat

-CUP 24-03 Valley County Road and Bridge Department Office, Shop, and Storage Yard, well and septic

-Status update: PUD 23-02 MacGregor Townsite

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

#### Date Reminders:

*May 2 VSWCD Board Meeting 9 a.m.*

*April 11 Valley Co Planning & Zoning 6 p.m. Mike Reno CDH, Lance Holloway, IDEQ*

*April 18<sup>th</sup> NFPR Coalition Steering Committee Meeting for April 25 Workshop Agenda*

*April 25 NFPR Coalition Workshop, historical presentations, grants presentation and discussion workgroups  
Donnelly Bible Church 4-6 p.m.*

*May 9 Valley County Noxious Weed and Pesticide Recertification Seminar 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
American Legion Hall, Cascade.*

*May 9 Valley County Planning & Zoning 6 p.m.*

*May 15 ISWCC WQPA Project Applications Due –  
Willow Creek WMA Fire Mitigation with ICC crew*

*Lake Irrigation District Open ditch to pipeline conversion project*

*June 6<sup>th</sup> VSWCD June Board Meeting*

*June 12<sup>th</sup> NFPR Coalition Workgroup Sessions Roundtable discussions, Cascade American Legion Hall 4-6 p.m.*

*June 17-18<sup>th</sup> S696 Alzar NFPR Bank planting*

*June 22 McCall Airport Open House 9-3 and PLT Conservation Day Ludwig Terrace McCall 3:30-8:30 p.m.*

*Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.*

*Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ May 2, 2024*

*Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, VSWCD*

