

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #14 MINUTES



North Fork Payette River Watershed Coalition – A VSWCD Initiative

USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Grant

“To mobilize a diverse group of North Fork Payette River Watershed stakeholders to identify watershed challenges, develop Watershed Restoration Plan and identify funding sources for plan implementation.”

**Date/Time:** April 18, 2024 | 9AM-11AM MST

**Location:** Zoom & VSWCD Office

**Purpose:** Set goals and activities for upcoming NFPRWC workshops, discuss outreach for stakeholders, plan breakout group goals/communication expectations

## Steering Committee:

-Art Troutner – VSWCD Chairman	-David Nichols – SISU Facilitator BFC	-Thomas Tidwell - BPLWQC
-John Lillehaug – VSWCD Treasurer	-Kara Utter -- Dynamic Visions GIS	-Dave Bingaman – VC Rec. Planner
-Bill Leaf – VSWCD Supervisor	-Ken Roberts – VC P & Z, Ag producer	-Judith Nissula – Cascade Mayor
-Colt Brown – VSWCD Supervisor	-Maureen Pepper - FPAC-NRCS	-Daina Aguas – NFPRWC Admin
-Judy Anderson – VSWCD Supervisor	McKenzie Kraemer -- Micael McKenzie Inc Creative	-Julie Manning - Sawtooth Law Group
-Lenard Long – VSWCD Assoc. Sup.	-Melissa D Jayo – USBR	-Cynda Herrick – Valley P & Z
-Durena Farr - VSWCD Dist Manager		-Jordan Messner – IDFG
-Danielle Terhaar – ID DEQ		

## Minutes:

### 1. Discussion Items

a. Upcoming NFPRWC Workshops and Outreach: April 25, June 12, June 22, September Tour TBD

#### April 25 Workshop:

- [Share the registration link with outreach list please.](#)
- Star News Article/Ads are posted. Please share them
- All April 25 speakers send slides or general theme for slides to Daina for [master slideshow](#)
- Dani Terhaar will introduce HABs briefly during her April 25 workshop and will revisit with more information on June 12 workshop date.
- It's important to stress that the ranking worksheet topics came from the interactive map submissions (86 entries, many main topics) This must be introduced before the ranking exercise begins (has been added to event agenda)
- Judith Nissula was checking to see if Susan Doris can attend and give a brief welcome for Donnelly. Lenard will follow-up with Judith Nissula.
- Jordan will sign up to lead a group on stream health/ecological health (Coalition will make sign up sheets for these breakout groups)
- SC needs to be prepared to step in and answer questions from meeting attendees about the Coalition progress and direction especially at workgroup tables
- SC: please provide feedback on [potential projects list poster](#). This poster is meant to be added to and edited as the Coalition progresses. What's the goal outcome for this workshop? What should participants do?
  - The end result of this Coalition is to create a watershed restoration plan to improve ranking on future project grant applications. Diverse stakeholder participation, input and research will help create and prioritize restoration action plan for the watershed
  - Judy A: people might ask about how NFPRWC can assist Valley County in implementing the adopted Valley County Waterways Management Plan
    - This coalition could to propose action steps to put the watershed management plan into action. Securing funding and grant opportunities

- Jordan M added that this coalition works as part of the greater waterways management plan as laid out in the plan description/objectives.
- Breakout groups will rank watershed concerns created from concerns entered on Interactive map. We will compile the value for each concern and present it back to the workshop participants. They will be able to volunteer to join breakout groups for these topics at the meeting. They will have an optional time after the meeting to talk within breakout groups.

### **June 12 Workshop 4-6 PM, Cascade American Legion Hall**

- b. Dani T. would like to present HAB information to the community on June 12 June 12 workshop goals/activities
  - partially determined by April workshop outcomes
  - American Legion Hall, Cascade, is available 4-6
  - Jordan added we may want to consider an outdoor location and setting for improved attendance: maybe host at a brewery, KWP, Strand? Lake Cascade State Park office?
  - As it gets weather warms, people do not want to be stuck indoors on a nice day.

### **June 22 McCall Airport Open House 9a.m.- 3p.m , Set-up 8:30 a.m.**

- good community exposure and can include HAB presentation materials. Displays set-up 8:30 a.m. for event. inside hanger. Last year 1000 people attended this event.

### **June 22 PLT Annual Conservation Day, 3:30-8:30 pm Ludwig Terrace, McCall**

- IDEQ Dani Terhaar and also available to provide water quality and HAB info at scheduled community events instead of creating additional meetings. i.e. June 22 Airport open house and PLT Conservation Day events
- NFPR Watershed Coalition September Tour Date TBD
  - IDEQ Dani Terhaar proposed scientific presentation on HABs opportunity for community to observe watershed issues, BMP project work via bus
  - Stakeholder communication strategies
- breakout groups will organize around a broader watershed concern topic and can research which restoration plans and actions will be most effective in a final restoration plan. This includes identifying potential funding sources.
- SC must emphasize that interactive map points come from IDEQ data and stakeholder observations

**Grant Administration Announcement:** we are moving coalition files/communication from GSuite to OneDrive to work better with government domains. Daina will take care of this transition. We will not start using the Microsoft OneDrive until after the April 25 workshop is complete and reviewed.