

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JUNE MINUTES 209 N IDAHO ST, CASCADE

THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2024, 9:00 A.M. IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84655076465?pwd=zzR3bDrRkpYgQELyMI7Bfux2sFc9OV.1>

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Supervisors John Lillehaug, Colt Brown. Online: Judy Anderson

Members Absent and Excused:

Others Present: Durena Farr VSWCD District Manager,

Others Online: Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Larry Laxen, SLRWSD/Valley Co Recreation; Meghan Brooksher; ISWCC; Neil Shippy, IDWR; Associate Supervisors Lenard Long and Pam Pace; Deb Feraday, Big Payette Water Quality Council; CAWAG technical assistance team, Janet G Cherry, PE, Senior Environmental Engineer, Eastern Research Group (ERG); Hanna Abate, EPA; Omid Barr, MDB Jach Lowenstein, EPA;

Action Item: Judy Anderson moved to approve and sign May 2, 2024 minutes. Draft minutes were emailed to board for prior review and comment. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates

- a. Janet G Cherry, PE, Senior Environmental Engineer and her technical assistance team introduced the Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap, Technical assistance grant and selection of VSWCD and SLRWSD. Their role will be to assist with assessment, technical studies and community outreach needed to support SLRWSD. Next steps include outreach with SLRWSD, Valley Co BOCC for using the CAWAG to evaluate options for improving sewer services within the district. VSWCD will join SLRWSD monthly board meeting on June 21, 7 p.m. and Valley Co BOCC on June 24, 3:15 p.m.
- b. Valley Co. P & Z Cynda Herrick provided June applications overview listed below to the board.
- c. Deb Feraday, president of Big Payette Water Quality Council advised board of research done and wave action on near shore: present study and research on July 8th and 11th at 6:30
- d. ISWCC Megan Brooksher informed the board that Loretta Strickland taking on a new role within ISWCC of Agricultural Program Manager. Megan also advised on due dates for the ISWCC District survey, Financial match report (all District donations to be included on match report are due June 28, WQPA update (Lake Fork Irrigation District submitted. VSWCD application submitted to fund ICC crew for Willow Creek WMA fire mitigation Project with USBR 2024 Fire Mitigation funds was rejected for WQPA, Lake irrigation project still in the mix)- June 28th deadline for local support funds, financial and match support due August 16th, district survey due July 31st due. Megan will be out of the office June 19th-26th
- e. ISWCC distributed their annual District Survey. VSWCD will complete at the July 2nd meeting, Durena will compile any individual board supervisor comments.
- f. Bill Lillibridge provided an email Heinrich update regarding permitting progress for larger project scope
- g. New managing supervisor for the no-till drills (large and small) and land plane will be Colt Brown, taking over for Bill Leaf. The district had 4 2024 spring no-till users. Discussion and decisions were made about landowner checks to be deposited for drill use and deposit checks to be returned from use and return of no till drills. One drill required repair which the landowner performed and paid for parts.
- h. NFPR Watershed Coalition workshop June 12 update, Steering Committee meets @ 1 p.m. today. Ongoing onboarding of new Coalition administrator Kim Mapp Thompson.
- i. Cities of Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall Agenda review- expansion of marina still up in air... regular agenda review by everyone and bring back to Board and activity that concerns VSWCD or requires comment.
- j. Neil Shippy gave update on reservoirs and water status, .24cfs small vs. Large water rights, domestic water rights vs. Irrigation water rights.
- k. Lenard Long provided FoLC Lake Cascade May update, overall water conditions looking good. Pam Pace provide an update on water flow.

2. S696 Strand Access Bank Restoration - Alzar visiting student group (from Boston partner school) will have a strand project introduction and work day on June 17th and Alzar bank willow planting on June 18th with IDFG staff and 7 volunteers. The project introduction will include a Strand tour, KWP tour, IDFG classroom presentation on willow cutting/planting, tools and gear to be used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Lenard Long is working on the Site grading and Stormwater calculations work session notes and will provide an update at the July 2nd VSWCD board meeting.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

2. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to accept and file Treasurers Report for May 31, 2024. General account and 319 account activity balanced to QuickBooks, Board approved recurring payments including Ziply Fiber, Zoom, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA. Judy Anderson seconded and motion carried with all in favor.
3. Durena stated that the \$716 final Payment to SLRWSD \$7,000 has been mailed. (\$2,000 issued prior for \$9,000 total payment mad to SLRWSD). \$1,000 received for grant application and administration by Valley Soil & Water Conservation District
4. Durena Farr advised she will be out of office June 10-14 for child's IHSRA State Finals in Pocatello. She will have access to email every morning and can be reached by phone.

P & Z JUNE 13 6 P.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE

Cynda Herrick provided review of Old Business, New Business and Facts and Conclusions from June 13th P & Z Agenda. The board had miscellaneous questions but is not submitting comments on any new applications for June 13th hearing:

New Business:

1. C.U.P 22-18 Blackhawk on the River Block XIX- Extension Request
2. C.U.P. 22-19 Valley Heights Subdivision – Extension Request
3. C.U.P 23-20 Backcountry Equipment- Annual Review
4. VAC 24-03 Vacation of a Portion of a Plat
5. C.U.P. 24-01 Cutler RV Rental
6. C.U.P. 24-08 White Meadow Subdivision- Preliminary and Final Plat
7. C.U.P.24-09 Amendment of C.U.P 19.09 The Retreat McCall-Event Venue
8. C.U.P 24-10 Idaho Power Gold Dust Substation
9. Compressive plan for the Donnelly Impact Area

Facts and Conclusions- action items:

1. P.U.D. 23-02 MacGregor Townsite and C.U.P 23-52 Phase 1
2. C.U.P. 24-02 River Fork Ranch Subdivision
3. C.U.P Double Down Ranch Subdivision
4. C.U.P CM Backcountry Shop and Lodge

GOOD OF THE ORDER: No additional items were discussed under Good of the Order

Date Reminders:

June 12 NFPR Coalition Workshop-Workgroup Roundtable discussions American Legion Hall, Cascade 4-6 p.m.

June 17-18th S696 Alzar students NFPR Bank planting at the Strand, IDFG and 6 IDFG Volunteers

June 21 SLRWSD Monthly Board Meeting (Closing Americas Wastewater Access Gap (CAWAG) introduction)

June 22 McCall Airport Open House 9-3, PLT Conservation Day 3:30- 8:30 Ludwig Terrace McCall

June 24 VSWCD appears at BOCC meeting agenda to introduce Closing Americas Wastewater Access Grant

June 27 Southern Idaho Forestry Tour, VSWCD host Donnelly Bible Church 9-4

June 28 ISWCC Deadline for all match contributions received to be included on match report

July 2 Tuesday VSWCD July Board Meeting

July 8 & 11 Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council, UI Frank Willheim Wave Action Study Discussion

July 31 ISWCC District Survey Due

September TBD NFPR Watershed Coalition Tour

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman: _____

Date Approved: July 2, 2024

Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, VSWCD