

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER MINUTES 209 N IDAHO ST, CASCADE
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, 9:00 A.M. IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members Present: Supervisors Art Troutner, Bill Leaf, Judy Anderson

Members Absent and Excused: Colt Brown and John Lillehaug

Others Present: Durena Farr VSWCD District Manager,

Others Online: Ron Brooks, NRCS; Neil Shippy, IDWR; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC. Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC; Cynda Herrick, Valley Co. Planning & Zoning; Pam Pace VSWCD Associate; Lenard Long, VSWCD Associate.

Action Item: Judy Anderson moved to approve and sign August 1, 2024, minutes. Draft minutes emailed to board for prior review and comment. Bill Leaf seconded and motion carried with all in favor. August minutes filed in FY25 binder.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates
 - a. EPA Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Janet G Cherry, PE, Senior Environmental Engineer, ERG, reported on in-person lunch meeting, site visits on August 14th and 15th then follow-up information gathering with SLRWSD, City of Cascade, and Valley County P & Z Cynda Herrick.
 - b. Valley Co. P & Z Cynda Herrick provided new business application review for September 12th hearing. Cynda also suggested utilizing the Treasurer's Office semiannual mailings for septic education (HomeSMART, Lake assist info) and CC&R's for Firewise, water wise, septic, noxious weed education.
 - c. Ron Brooks provided NRCS update and the busy year ahead with fire recovery efforts through EQIP. October 4th is the FY25 EQIP application deadline. Team 5 will be requesting additional funds for fire recovery efforts. Ron reported that the Annual Working Group Meeting was to be held October 30, Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. John Lillehaug represents VSWCD at this meeting. David Nichols will be facilitating online meeting.
 - d. ISWCC Megan Brooksher informed the board that the ISWCC FY26 budget was submitted and districts can expect their ISWCC match funding by November. Meghan also advised that the Division III Fall meeting will be October 8th, hosted by Canyon SCD and ISWCC newsletter highlighted fires and fire mitigation resources available. Durena advised the newsletter had been distributed to VSWCD Board members.
 - e. District Financial Match Report was filed to meet August 16th deadline. Match letter of support signed by Valley Co Commissioners and
 - f. Bill Lillibridge provided update on Heinrich design and permitting, reporting all had been submitted to Valley Co. for county permitting on the project. A contractor has not been secured for the project next steps for September implementation. Durena has requested a S696 grant extension through IDEQ but has no information on extension status (approval or denial).
 - g. Supervisors had no additional comments on Cities of Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall Agenda topics
 - h. Other guest reports and topics
Pam Pace provided a water report and Valley County Drought conditions. She also provided an additional website resource drought.gov. Pam recommended David Hokema for the question of an Water Availability Assessment as well as a groundwater mapping report to be released in December
 - i. Lenard Long presented
2. Valley County Greenhouse gas assessment was discussed in order for improved for grant eligibility
3. S696 (9/30/24) Bank Restoration Project activity in June – Alzar, Strand Access, YWAM Depot, Heinrich. Valley Co Gibson Creek Drainage and Culvert improvements scheduled for September
4. National Culvert Removal Bill – Art Troutner, Jeff McFadden

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. No further action taken for Site grading and stormwater calculation work session follow-up – Lenard Long
2. Durena is to follow-up with Valley Co Weed Superintendent on what is needed for Noxious Weed Treatment/Enforcement letter support.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Action Item:** Motion to accept and file Treasurers Report for August 31, 2024 for General account and 319 account activity balanced to QuickBooks, Board approved recurring credit card purchases and ACH payments including CWMP expenses, Zply Fiber, Zoom, NPERS, PERSI and Payroll Processing (includes payroll payment to US Treasury and quarterly payroll payments by Central Mountain CPA)
2. Going forward ACH and credit card purchases listed on the bank statements and QB account reconciliations are covered by the above Action Item and Treasurer’s Report. Supervisors agreed that no additional action item was required.
3. Meghan Brooksher added that VSWCD financial audit needs to be completed 9 months after FY24 year end, which is March 31, 2025

P & Z AUGUST 1- 6 P.M. AND AUGUST 15TH 8 A.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE

Review of Old, New Business and Facts and Conclusions

CUP 24-15 Serenity Fields Multiple Residences Tabled from July 11, 2024

CUP 24-18 Gove Short-Term Rental and Private Airstrip 40 acre site, tabled from August 1, 2024

New Business:

V-3-24 Mann Setback Variance to relax side setback from 7’ to 6’4” for covered structure of well

CUP 24-21 Hallberg Solar Panels, 100 Gray Lane, 20 acre parcel, ground mounted panels for residential use

CUP 24-22 Lake Fork Village Mixed Use – Amendment of CUP 21-32 Individual wells and septic on 1.6 acre site, two office/residential buildings and 8 unit storage building.

CUP 24-23 Foulk Solar Panels ground mounted for residential use 38 acre parcel 37 Coho lane

CUP 24-24 69-lot single family residential subdivision, 160.88 acres individual septic and individual wells.

Facts and Conclusions Action Items: CUP 24-09 The Retreat; CUP 24-19 Hurt Short Term Rental; CUP 24-20 Fee Multiple Residences, Pond, and Gravel Sales has been approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Date Reminders:

September 12 Valley Co P & Z

September CAWAG/Janet Cherry

October 3 VSWCD Board Meeting

October 4 FY25 NRCS EQIP Application Deadline

October 30 NRCS Local Working group 10 a.m. Zoom

December 20 VSWCD Performance Report Due

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman: _____
Arthur Troutner, Chairman

Date Approved: October 3, 2024
Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, VSWCD