

VALLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

OCTOBER MINUTES 209 N IDAHO ST, CASCADE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, 2024, 9:00 A.M. IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82015530352?pwd=ft2QOCS8ZzbNmSqbJxa45bpInn8du.1>

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Members Absent and Excused: Colt Brown

Others Present: Durena Farr VSWCD District Manager,

Others Online: Janet Cherry, CAWAG/ERG; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Neil Shippy, IDWR; Meghan Brooksher, ISWCC; Lenard Long, VSWCD Associate; Kim Thompson, NFPRWC; Mara Hlawatschek Valley Co Fire Mitigation Director

Action Item: John moved to approve and sign September 5, 2024, minutes. Bill seconded and the motion carried. Draft minutes emailed to board.

NEW BUSINESS: Guests and Guest Organization introductions and updates

- a. EPA Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap update provided by Janet Cherry. Working on agreement with SLRWSD consultants Keller & Associates so their cost will be covered by CAWAG. City of Cascade engineering firm costs to access city system may also be covered. USGS well may also be tested along with City of Cascade wells. Janet's team is now moving into public outreach. Project information will be posted on VSWCD website. Janet referred to previous discussions on a water availability study since the City of Cascade is concerned about the expansion of SLRWSD wells affecting city wells. Judy Anderson asked what a water availability study entails. Janet expressed that it would be a multiple agency effort with individual water rights at the center. Art Troutner is reaching out to PLRWSD about the CAWAG program to assist the District.
- b. Valley Co. P & Z Cynda Herrick was not available to provide October 10th new business review, no concerns were raised by the Supervisors.
- c. John provided fire impact update with new BAER reports
- d. ISWCC Bill Lillibridge – Falvey Earth Works, Heinrich road permission, October start date; Meghan Brooksher updates
- e. **Action Item:** IASCD Div III meeting Tuesday Oct 8th Art Troutner and Durena registrations, mileage and door prize purchase.
- f. Art reported on the BPLWQC Dr. Frank Wilhelm presentation at IDEQ headquarters in Boise
- g. Lenard presented slides of Lake Cascade with HAB concentrated in south end of the reservoir. Lenard provided his Activity Report for September 2024. Lenard reported on IDEQ monitoring by Dani Terharr's replacement, Vanessa Johnson who sampled southern boat ramp and below the dam due to river providing drinking water to the community of Horseshoe Bend. Lenard will forward his photos to be used in social media posts for the coalition.
- h. Supervisors had no comment on Cities of Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall Agenda review

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Site grading and stormwater calculation work session follow-up – update needs to come from Cynda when available.
2. Noxious Weed Treatment/Enforcement Letter of Support will be submitted by VSWCD Board to Valley County, advocating for more funding and more enforcement.
3. West Mtn Fencing allowing cattle onto LC Willow Creek WMA (South end). BOR contracting with Rod Willet 10/2-10/4) to complete water crossing sections on West Mtn documented by IDFG Michael Young.
4. LC Willow Creek WMA Sedge planting volunteers needed for October 24. 4,000 sedge plugs were contracted from Twin Peaks Native Nursery for the project.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Action Item:** Bill Leaf moved to accept and file Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2024. General account and 319 account activity balanced to QuickBooks, Treasurer reviewed bank statements, ICRMP renewal, approved ACH Payments, Umpqua Card charge, 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) John Lillehaug seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
2. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to accept the Zwygart Financial Audit Letter of Engagement signature and delivery of document folders. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
3. **Action Item:** John Lillehaug moved to postpone adoption of FY25 Budget with ISWCC FY25 Match Allocation ISWCC for \$17,663 was delayed to November board meeting until actual match allocation is known from ISWCC. Bill Leaf seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

P & Z OCTOBER 10TH 6 P.M. VALLEY CO COURT HOUSE

Review of Old Business: 1. CUP 21-09 Copper Rock Subdivision- Final Plat Extension Request 2. CUP 22-05 Gold Fork Reserve Subdivision – Final Plat; 3. CUP 23-38 Heron Hollow Subdivision – Final Plat; 4. CUP 23-43 Timber Haven Subdivision (Formerly Round Valley Haven) – Final Plat

New Business: 1. CUP 24-21 Hallberg Solar Panels 100 Gray Lane, 20 acre, ground mounted solar panels

2. V-4-24 Rogers Setback Variance, variance to front and north side setbacks for shipping container.
3. CUP 24-25 Salomonson Existing home and 2 RV Rental Sites 12672 Hereford, Pebble Beach Subdivision 1 existing well and NLRWSD
4. CUP 24-26 Designers House adding RV Short term rental, existing well and NLRWSD 173 Lake Trail Drive, Wagon Wheel Ranch #3
5. CUP 24-27 Sal Ranch Subdivision 14.2 acres, two single family res., individual wells and septic
6. CUP24-28 Ore and Husk Office and Warehouse, Hwy 55 Pearson intersection, southeast corner, online vehicle sales, individual well and septic

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Judy raised concerns voiced with letter from Floyd Loomis on Gold Fork Ranch 160 acres, 70 wells and septic, half wetlands, aquifer concerns, water table, Floyd had reached out to IDEQ, USGS. Judy also suggested contacting current well owners to gather information. Ground water data is limited.

Date Reminders:

October 10th P & Z 6 p.m.

October 23rd 1-2 pm CAWAG meeting

October 23rd 4-6 NFPR Watershed Coalition Community Meeting

November 7 VSWCD Board Meeting, December 5th VSWCD Board Meeting

December 20 VSWCD Performance Report Due

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Chairman: _____
Minutes prepared by Durena Farr, VSWCD

Date Approved: November 7, 2024