

**Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting
Information Minutes for February 7, 2023
Location 108 Spring Street, Cascade, ID.**

Present: Committee members Chairman Jally Zeydel, and David Parrish. Agency personnel: Valley County Commissioner Neil Thompson, Kevin Turner (VCSO), Matt Linde (IDPR), Blake Packer (IDPR), Phoebe Wallace (IDPR) and Jordan Messner (IDFG)

The Board lacked a quorum so no business was conducted.

Agency Updates:

Phoebe Wallace – IDPR Boating Program Supervisor – Ms. Wallace reminded the VCWAC that grant letters need to be signed by the Valley County Commissioners prior to being returned to IDPR. She also reported that IDPR’s “Mind your Wake” public education campaign will continue in 2023. They will be using social media, public service announcements and print media to reach the boating public.

Matt Linde – IDPR Ponderosa Park – Kokanee Cove renovation is scheduled to begin in spring of 2023. They anticipate a 3-year construction window. He also reported that South Idaho Timber Protection Association (SITPA) will assist in the removal and disposal of abandoned docks on Payette Lake. If additional funds are needed to clean-up docks on Payette Lake, there is an option to use waterways funds. Matt also reported that he was notified by the City of McCall that renovation of the City Ramp is going to bid and they hope to have agency permits by the end of February 2023.

Valley County Commissioner Neil Thompson – Commissioner Thompson introduced himself to the group and is looking forward to being the liaison between the Waterways group and the Valley County Commission.

Blake Packer – IDPR Cascade Park Unit – Most of the construction at Blue Heron and Crown Point has been completed or will be completed by the end of April 2023. Part of the work included making the facilities ADA compliant.

Kevin Turner – Deputy, Valley County Sheriff’s Office – Kevin reported that he is not going to be ready to submit a grant application to IDPR for an additional patrol boat in 2023. He also reported that he has lost four Marine Deputies for the 2023 season and will try to fill those positions within the next couple months. They are still looking for at least two “dry-camping” for this summer.

Jordan Messner – IDFG Regional Fishery Manager – Jordan reported that his staff will be working on an angler use survey on Payette Lake in 2023. Similar data were collected on Cascade Reservoir in 2021 and is still being analyzed. Boat and bank use will be reported once data analysis is complete. IDFG is also investigating ways to increase or shape flows into Cascade Reservoir to reduce toxic blue-green algae blooms.