

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes for October 3, 2023
Location 108 Spring Street, Cascade, ID.

Present: Committee members Chairman Jally Zeydel, Scott Turlington and David Parrish. Agency personnel: Kevin Turner (Valley Co. Sheriff's Office) and Valley County Commissioner Neal Thompson, McCall Parks and Rec Kurt Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zeydel at 9:04 am.

David Parrish – Idaho now has quagga mussels in the snake river around Twin Falls. Idaho is responding to this now under an emergency action plan.

Agency Updates:

Kevin Turner – Deputy, Valley County Sheriff's Office – provided vessel citation information. 2023, 1,644 inspections, 58 citations and 5 misdemeanors, 168 stops and about 400 warnings. All buoys have been pulled for the winter from both lakes. A few remain on Payette, but all are gone from Cascade. Marine deputies are done for the season until next spring. RBS funds have gone up by about \$20-\$25k for next year budget. 2 returning marine deputies coming back full time. Focus now on boat and RV grant. Invasive species stickers are part of registration fees and still in place for non-motorized.

Kurt Wolf – City of McCall – McCall applied for LOT dollars last year for an invasive species station at Payette and received in September, it is to collect launch fees, so they can pay for invasive species wash stations. Shore lodge is replacing docks and McCall might use some for facilities around the lake. Today the McCall P&Z is reviewing the marina expansion for Payette. Charging a fee for overnight parking at Payette.

Commissioner Thompson – Blake Packer from IDPR presented to commission on Monday to widen a roadway for fishermen to turn around. Cynda Herrick was recognized for an award for waterways.

Jally Zeydel – updated on boater registration numbers from IDPR and primary and secondary registrations, no drop off, stayed pretty flat.

David Parrish moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Scott Turlington. The motion carried with a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.