

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

**Present:** Committee members Chairman Jally Zeydel, Jared Montague, and David Parrish. Agency personnel: Kevin Turner (Valley Co. Sheriff's Office), Blake Packer (IDPR), Phoebe Wallace (IDPR), Kurt Wolf (City of McCall), Jason Dobis (BOR), Jordan Messner (IDFG)

**Meeting called to order at 9:03 am**

Jared Montague moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 3, 2023 of the Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee. David Parrish seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

**Agency Updates:**

**Phoebe Wallace** – Idaho Parks and Recreation – The agency, like all state agencies, are transitioning to a new accounting system. They are having issues with generating financial data for Idaho's boating programs. The Advisory group asked about additional boat registration data which would include the "make" of boats registered for use in Valley County. This information would assist us in better understanding Valley County user groups that register boats in the county. Phoebe will look into potential funding sources for improvements at the "boat shed" to better accommodate staff use of the facility for boating program management. She will also look into options for funding boat decontamination stations.

**Kurt Wolf** – City of McCall – Kurt is working with the contractor for Mile High Marina on addition of boat slips and replacement of the breakwater protecting the marina. The project would be funded with private funds. Concept has been presented to the McCall Planning and Zoning Commission and has received favorable comments. The breakwater structure would be multipurpose and include public use for activities like fishing and short-term public boat moorage. Parking for boat trailers and associated vehicles remains a problem that must be addressed prior to project development. The City of McCall would still like to do dredging at the end of the ramp at Mile High Marina, this fall.

**Jason Dobis** – Bureau of Reclamation – BOR is working on fencing tributaries to Cascade Reservoir with a goal of improving water quality.

**Blake Packer** – IDPR Cascade Park Unit – Work at Crown Point is nearing completion with paving and signage in-place. The scope of work for improvements at Blue Heron unit have changed so modification of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents will need to be completed prior to construction. Realistically, work will take place in the summer of 2024 with paving and final details being completed by mid to late summer. The IDPR Board will making a decision on the marina proposal from Tamarack Resort. If approved by the IDPR Board, then NEPA will be started by the Bureau of Reclamation.

**Kevin Turner** – Deputy, Valley County Sheriff's Office – Kevin is starting on the grant information for a replacement patrol boat for use on Cascade and Payette lakes. Estimated cost will be in the range of \$120,000. Kevin is also planning on submitting an order for replacement buoys in January 2024.

**Jordan Messner** – Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game – Jordan gave a synopsis of Idaho’s attempt to eradicate invasive quagga mussels that were found in the Mid-Snake River near Twin Falls, Idaho. A 15-mile reach of the river was closed to all activities while control measures were taken. A commercially produced copper-based molluscicide was applied to the river over a 10-day period. Death of known quagga mussel colonies did occur along with some coldwater fish species. The Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game will work to restore the lost fisheries once Idaho Dept. of Agriculture has assessed the effectiveness of the treatment. All boats entering this reach of the Snake River will need to be disinfected for the next several years and placement of boat disinfection stations will be a point of emphasis over the next several years. Jordan has been working on access for ice fishermen on Cascade Reservoir. Improvements at the “90<sup>0</sup> corner south of Poison Creek”. Partners on this project included BOR, Valley County and South Idaho Timber Protection Association. He is also working through finding a vendor to plow the Stonebreaker access site north of Little Donner along Highway 55.

David Parrish moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jared Montague. The motion carried with a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.