

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes for January 9, 2024
Location 108 Spring Street, Cascade, ID.

Present: Committee members Chairman Jally Zeydel, Jared Montague, David Parrish, Scott Turlington and Steve Hull. Kevin Copperi (Valley Co. Sheriff), Commissioner Neal Thompson, Agency personnel: Matt Linder (IDPR), Kurt Wolf (City of McCall), Jordan Messner (IDFG)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

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

Vote on officers

Chairman – Jally Zeydel

Vice Chair – Dave Parrish

Secretary – Scott Turlington

Motion made by Jally and seconded by Dave. Vote was Unanimous Unanimous.

Boat Grant. Sheriff Kevin Copperi presented the document for the request and approval of a grant for a Jet Boat to replace a boat that has been with the department for over 20 years. A short discussion followed regarding the trade-in value of the old boat, which the Sheriff would look into. Dave moved to approve and forward the grant to the commissioners for signature Jared seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. \$65K has been allocated in our budget toward this purchase.

Discussion on board members being able to zoom/conf call into meetings when they can't attend in person. More follow-up is needed.

Quagga and Zebra Mussel Discussion

Dave Parrish gave background and history on these. Mussels were found this fall in Twin Falls and a quick reaction plan from the state was implemented by treating 13 mile section of the snake river. Waters with high calcium content are more susceptible, and Valley County waters are low in calcium. They can live for up to 30 days out of water in a moist environment like a ballast. F&W Service has a program to train volunteers on how to inspect boats. Nick Zurfluh from Dept of Ag will be asked to attend the Feb WW meeting. The State Org for Boating Access (SOBA) has specs for boat washes and grants for boat launches. Mussels are spread by more than just boats. [Home - SOBA \(sobaus.org\)](https://www.sobaus.org) for resources and information.

Next meeting on Feb 6 will have Dept of Ag rep attend. IDPR will also see about having their grant dept provide information.

1,708 vessel inspections last year by Valley County Marine Deputy

Agency Updates:

Kurt Wolf – City of McCall – city is looking at launch fee for Payette Lake. City Council decision. Looking at in state and out of state fees and season pass.

Matt Linder– IDPR Cascade Park Unit – Kokane cove pier at 75% drawings.

Jordan Messner – Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game – no update.

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 10:20 am.