

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes for Feb 6, 2024
Location 108 Spring Street, Cascade, ID.

Present: Committee members Chairman Jally Zeydel, David Parrish, Scott Turlington and Steve Hull. Kevin Copperi , Kevin Turner (Valley Co. Sheriff), Commissioner Neal Thompson, Agency personnel: Matt Linder, Blake Packer, Phoebe Wallace (IDPR), Kurt Wolf (City of McCall), Jordan Messner (IDFG), Nic Zurfluh (ISDA)

Attendees: Pam Pace of VSWCD

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Scott Turlington 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.

Discussion on Quagga Mussels: Idaho Dept of Ag - Nic Zurfluh

Presentation on statewide response to Quagga mussels (QM) with all the stakeholders involved. QM were found in the Snake River in Fall 2023 in the Twin Falls area.

Invasive Species Plan: Prevention, Early Detection, Management and Control, Education and Outreach. Cleaning, draining and drying boats.

15th year of boat inspection program in Idaho, over 104k boats inspected. 30 QM found and 15 were destined to Idaho

Data dashboard on Ag's website with state-wide metrics

19 stations in Idaho

State's rapid response plan: Notify impacted entities, Implement containment measures, Conduct delimiting surveys, Explore treatment options

Discussion on response to the Snake River QM discovery on September 27, 2023, and was 16 feet down and 20 feet from the shore.

Treatment plan: CFS and PH and ave depth – copper sulfate at 1 parts per million for 192 hours – used 46,475 gallons of product. Oct 3 – 13 2023 and covered 14-16 miles of river. Copper was fully out of the system by Oct 18. Will test for 5 years going forward

Post treatment indicated it was successful but will continue to monitor for 5 years. 5 years are required to be considered eradicated without any confirmed.

Total Cost to treat the mid-Snake was around \$3 Million

Considered cooperation between different Agencies was a big Asset in recognizing and treating.

We need to establish a plan on how to cooperate with ISDA on identifying and treating invasive species.

Steve Hull Left the meeting at 10:00

Scott Turlington left at 10:30.

Jally Zeydel moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.