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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
June 7, 2021**

**PRESENT: DAVE BINGAMAN (COMMISSIONER)
SHERRY MAUPIN (COMMISSIONER)
ELTING HASBROUCK (CHAIRMAN)
DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)**

Commissioner, Dave Bingaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioners' agenda for June 7, 2021. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the commissioners' agenda for June 7, 2021. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for June 7, 2021.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioner meeting minutes from May 24, 2021. Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from May 24, 2021. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from May 24, 2021.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the lease/purchase agreement for 2021 Weiler Asphalt Paver application. Road Director, Jeff McFadden explained the lease/purchase agreement and advised that it would be a two-year lease with an option to purchase the asphalt paver in Fiscal Year 2022. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the lease/purchase agreement for the 2021 Weiler Asphalt Paver. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the lease/purchase agreement for the 2021 Weiler Asphalt Paver.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the application and agreement for water & sewer services for the property at 205 North Idaho Street in Cascade, Idaho. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to have a commissioner sign the application and agreement for water & sewer services for the property at 205 North Idaho Street in Cascade, Idaho. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve a commissioner sign the application and agreement for water & sewer services for the property at 205 North Idaho Street in Cascade, Idaho.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the IDPR Grant for a recreation department utility vehicle. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to accept the IDPR Grant for the recreation department utility vehicle. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the IDPR Grant for a recreation department utility vehicle.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the Clean Earth Environmental Solutions agreement for the Hazardous Waste Material event. Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to approve the Clean Earth Environmental Solutions agreement for the hazardous waste material cleanup event. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Clean Earth Environmental Solutions agreement for the hazardous waste material cleanup event.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the workshop related to a vehicle fleet management program. Clerk, Douglas Miller explained why it was believed that the commissioners needed to provide some guidance on how the commissioners envisioned the fleet management program operating. IT Director, Jeremy Wilcox explained the technical side of the fleet management program and estimated cost of implementing the system. Commissioner Maupin provided her opinion regarding the possibility of utilizing the program for the road department during winter maintenance of the county roads. Chairman Hasbrouck also provided his opinion regarding his vision of how the fleet management program would operate. Commissioner Bingaman presented how the idea of a fleet management program was developed and his thoughts how it would be implemented. Road Director, Jeff McFadden wanted to know what vehicles the commissioners had visioned that would have the fleet management equipment installed on. IT Director, Jeremy Wilcox also discussed the software functions of a fleet management program and advised that Verizon would be willing to install the equipment at no additional cost. The commissioners deliberated having the fleet management program being installed on winter maintenance vehicles through the road department for the public to be able to view the routes of the snow removal equipment and felt that Valley County should implement a program for one year. Jeremy explained how the location tracking system could be utilized. The commissioners requested that they be provided a cost estimate breakdown for a fleet management program that was discussed for the commissioners to decide about moving forward with implementation.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the workshop related to the possibility of moving the McCall Department of Motor Vehicle Office back to the McCall Annex. Assessor, June Fullmer presented to the commissioners about the existing operation of the Department of Motor Vehicle office, and she felt that the McCall Department of Motor Vehicle Office needed a third employee. She felt that the current location at the Idaho First Bank would not be large enough to have a third employee. Department of Motor Vehicle Clerk, Kathy Riffie recommended to the commissioners that if they felt that DMV should move to the McCall Annex a professional

designer should be involved to provide a design that was professionally done. The commissioners deliberated on the matter and discussed the possibility of making the transition. They requested that Assessor, June Fullmer contact ITD to see if an additional terminal would be allowed and acceptable. The commissioners also asked if ITD would have a company in mind that completes designs of other Department of Motor Vehicles Offices across the state of Idaho. The commissioners advised that they would place the matter back on the agenda in the future after additional information was obtained.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the discussion related to public hearings and the use of Microsoft Teams for open meetings and transcribable records. Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick presented to the commissioners and voiced her concerns regarding the continued use of technology to allow for public testimony specifically the use of Microsoft Teams. Her concern was with guaranteeing access through technology since we are having open meetings currently. Periodically the internet goes down or the phone cuts off and we have had to redo hearings to be legally compliant. Commissioner Maupin provided her opinion regarding the specific use of YouTube and teleconference lines. She felt that was important of other options for public testimony to be made and for Valley County to continue being transparent. Commissioner Bingaman provided his opinion related to the continued use of YouTube and felt that it was important for the existing system to remain in effect to give alternate ways for the public to provide testimony and input. Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Oakey explained the importance of having a recorded record and making sure that there was the capability of having back up equipment. IT Director, Jeremy Wilcox explained the existing system that Valley County utilizes. The commissioners advised that they would continue to offer all forms of technology for the public to utilize to participate in open meetings but would only guarantee access in person. The commissioners requested that Cynda work with Brian Oakey on legal terminology for notices.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the workshop to discuss expectations on large companies regarding workforce housing. Commissioner Maupin explained why the workshop was placed on the agenda and the questions that have come up regarding the possibility of requiring large companies to be involved with finding solutions for workforce housing. Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick advised that building codes limit certain type of structures to be constructed and believed that there should be a high-density work force housing developed in Valley County. She felt that there should be a larger discussion with larger companies and the local government about developing solutions. She also believed that the Planning & Zoning Commission needs to be provided with solutions from the developer or company during matters that are before them. The commissioners discussed potential legislation that was being discussed regarding tax incentive for homeowners to have long term rentals. The commissioners believed that all options need to be identified and felt that sewer functions need to be expanded. Cynda believed that Valley County should research the legalities of having man-camps. She felt that an emergency order could be explored for a short-term solution. Commissioner Maupin felt that Valley County needed a legal opinion on what Valley County can legally require large businesses to do to mitigate impacts of large flux of individuals moving to the community. Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Oakey presented on cases that had been litigated in the past regarding placing conditions on companies. He felt that the commissioners conduct a taking analysis and would provide a memorandum to the commissioners regarding the matter. Commissioner Maupin suggested Valley County needed to develop a process for larger businesses but specifically felt that Valley County needed to figure out the condition that was

placed on Perpetua for the logistics site by the commissioners. Mr. Oakey again provided his input to the commissioners and advised that he would work with planning & zoning and create a guideline for the commissioners.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented on the action item to survey the piece of property that WICAP building was on to potentially split the piece of property. Commissioner Maupin explained that she would like Bowers Surveying to survey the piece of property. Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick do not believe that a split was required and indicated that the original plat should be reviewed. She offered to review the plats and bring back her findings to the commissioners. She also felt that the location could be utilized for FEMA Trailers to address workforce housing. There was also discussion about utilizing the Cascade Senior Center for the WICAP Office. Cynda advised that she will present back to the commissioners her findings.

Ms. Jennifer Depluse who services on the board of the St. Luke's Axillary and operates the thrift store in McCall, Idaho, presented to the commissioners a request to utilize the Solid Waste Transfer Site for dumping of unwanted items and no charge. She described the financial impact of the local thrift stores when members of the public drop items off that need to go to the dump. She described the instructions that they provide the public regarding donations but unfortunately are not adhered to. She reported that the disposal fee for Fiscal Year 2020 was over \$3,000. Ms. Suzie Rohnert with Toby's Place presented on the nature of their organization and the functions. She presented on the cost for dump fees was \$1,600 for Fiscal Year 2020 and this year the cost has been \$600. Mr. Drew Skifton who manages McPaws Thrift Store presented to the commissioners the impact illegal dumping creates for McPaws Thrift Store. All three organizations also presented on the additional labor that has had to be hired to address the issue. Mr. Skifton reported that when they utilize the Solid Waste Transfer Site, they expend approximately \$50.00 per load. The agencies advised that they were starting a cooperative to continue to work together. The commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions to St. Luke's Axillary, McPaws Thrift Store and Toby's Place as well as voice concerns regarding the possibly of increased dumping taking place at their buildings. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to waive the transfer site fee for the non-profit thrift stores in Valley County for a one-year period. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to waive the transfer site fee for the non-profit thrift stores in Valley County for a one-year period.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:14 p.m.

The commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Stephanie Nelson with Wildland Fire Prevention & Associates presented the bids that were received for Bear Basin Unit 12 for 15.5 acres. Chairman Hasbrouck advised that there were three bids received. The first bid opened was from Wildwood Tree Care for \$3,950 per acre for a total of \$61,225. The next bid opened by Chairman Hasbrouck was from Custom Works for \$3,400 per acre for a total of \$52,700. The next bid opened by Chairman Hasbrouck was from Specialized Land Works for \$2,800 per acre for a total of \$43,400. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the bid for Bear Basin Unit 12 from Specialized Land Works for \$2,800 per acre for a total of \$43,400. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the bid for Bear Basin Unit 12 from Specialized Land Works for \$2,800 per acre for a total of \$43,400.

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Assessor, June Fullmer presented on preliminary property values in Valley County. A copy of the handout that was provided to the commissioners will be appended to the commissioner meeting minutes. She explained how values were increasing significantly for the upcoming year. She informed the commissioners that there was a website on the Idaho State Tax Commission that would show potential property taxes for Tax Year 2021. She advised that Valley County had the highest bare land sales in the State of Idaho. She also reported that Valley County had 785 improved sales which was provided by the Idaho State Tax Commission. She informed the commissioners that the median home price in Valley County was over \$400k. June also presented on median home prices for Ada County, Canyon County and Blaine County. Anthony Franseconi with the Assessor's Office presented on the work that he was involved with and presented on the median home prices for the individual cities within Valley County. He specifically reported on the increase sales in Cascade. June presented on the next steps of the process and explained the appeal process through Board of Equalization. She also informed the commissioners about the assessments that would be conducted in the summer of 2021. Chief Deputy Assessor, Sue Leeper presented on the potential agriculture values. The Assessor's Office concluded their presentation to the commissioners.

Clerk, Douglas Miller began the budget workshop and the first department to present was the IT Department. IT Director, Jeremy Wilcox presented the request from the IT Department. A copy of the budget worksheet presented to the commissioners would be available upon request through the Valley County Clerk's Office for 01-14.

Clerk, Douglas Miller began the budget workshop and the next department to present was the Recreation Department. Recreation Director, Larry Laxson presented on the initial request and a copy of the budget worksheet presented to the commissioners would be available upon request through the Valley County Clerk's Office.

Clerk, Douglas Miller began the budget workshop and the next department to present was Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Naugle presented on the initial requests for staffing and a copy of the budget worksheet for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office will be available upon request through the Valley County Clerk's Office.

Randy Heffner and Art Beal representing Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District made a presentation to the commissioners about operations of the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District for Fiscal Year 2021. A copy of the material that was provided to the commissioners will be appended to the commissioner meeting minutes.

Public Defender, Scott Erekson provided an annual review of the public defender's office for 2020/2021 and began the budget workshop for Fiscal Year 2022. A copy of the budget worksheet for the Public Defender's Office will be available upon request through the Valley County Clerk's Office.

The commissioners adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Elting H. Hasbrouck
Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck

Attest:
Douglas A. Miller
Douglas Miller, Clerk

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Restored streambank on Squaw Creek.

GEM, SQUAW CREEK DISTRICTS WORK ON PROJECTS TOGETHER IN PAYETTE RIVER WATERSHED

This is the first in a series of articles detailing the various conservation activities being accomplished by Idaho's Conservation Districts. This month we focus on Gem and Squaw Creek.

By Steve Stuebner

Gem and Squaw Creek Soil and Water Conservation Districts work together cooperatively on a number of projects to improve water quality in the Payette River watershed.

The districts share an administrator, Lianne Buck, they share \$319 grants funds,

work together on \$319 projects, and even share a No-Till drill.

"Sharing the same administrator really makes the communications easier," says Kirk Vickery, chairman of the Gem SWCD. "We really need to work together more than ever. Water doesn't know the boundaries of one district or another, it just flows downriver."

"We've had the No-Till drill for over 15 years – it gets quite a bit of use," said Art Beal, board secretary of the Squaw Creek SWCD.

The No-Till drill was used by 15 producers on more than 300 acres in the districts in the last year, according to the Gem SWCD newsletter. It rents for \$100 for the first 12 acres treated, and \$5/acre thereafter, officials said.

In 2019, the Squaw Creek SWCD worked on reducing erosion on stream banks on the Carlock farm near Ola. Gem partnered on the project by sharing \$20,212 in \$319 grants funds from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Improvements in water quality on Squaw Creek will also benefit the Payette River

downstream of the Squaw Creek confluence, officials said.

Four areas of streambank were treated, covering 1,390 linear feet on the Carlock farm near Ola. Bill Lillibridge, an engineer for the Conservation Commission, designed the projects and assisted with obtaining permits from the Idaho Department of Water Resources and Army Corps of Engineers.

The total project cost was \$33,943; the landowner covered a portion of the cost as well.

The treated sites on Squaw Creek had vertical, bare, eroding streambanks, officials said.

"All four projects focused on new stream meanders that were cutting into hay land," Lillibridge said. "The banks were treated with vegetated riprap and lots of willows."

"Incorporating willows in the treatment plan is vital for long-term streambank recovery and improvement of riparian habitat, and often times can be a stand-alone practice," Squaw Creek district officials said in their newsletter.

Robin Rood, a Carlock family member, said the project worked out "extremely well."

High water over the last 2-3 years have carved away more than a foot of streambank each spring during high runoff, prior to the installation of the project, she said. The family used existing rock from their farm, used their own heavy equipment to install the riprap and willows, and hired an operator to do the rock work. All of those things can be used as cost-share match for the project.

Lillibridge visited the site to work with the heavy equipment operator on installing the rock and willows to ensure the repairs fit the engineering plans, she said.

When high water came in the spring of 2020, the banks held solid, she said. "It didn't erode the banks at all."

The \$319 grant funding made the project affordable. "We'd like to do another section of the stream if we can in the future," Rood said.

The Gem and Squaw Creek districts

also devote time and resources to issues of importance to them. Gem SWCD officials are perhaps most excited about a new pollinator garden that was planted by 5th grade students at Shadow Butte Elementary School, located on the bench northwest of Emmett.

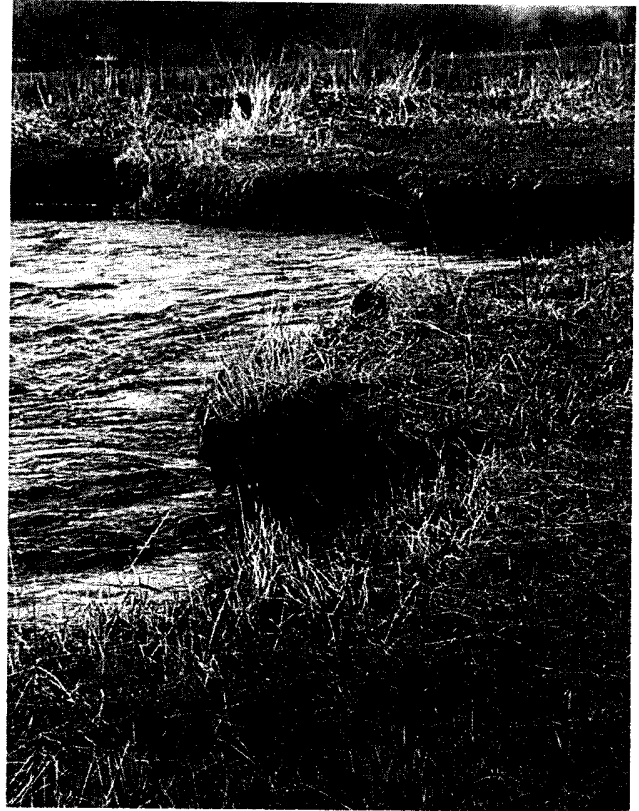
"This has been a very enjoyable and exciting project to work on," said Shadow Butte Principal Todd Adams. "We already do plant projects at multiple grade levels, and our school is in the middle of a large agricultural area in Gem County, so we felt this was a great fit."

The project worked well for the district, too. The theme of the Idaho Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in 2019 was "where would we BEE without pollinators." Buck, who has a background working with students in hands-on activities, approached the school about planting a pollinator garden.

"She wasn't content with just taking poster board to the 5th graders and having them make posters for a contest, she really wanted to add an element of hands-on learning," added Loretta Strickland, a water quality specialist for the Conservation Commission in Emmett.

Initially, district and school officials planned to plant the garden in the spring. But then, after Covid-19 shut down schools, they moved the project to this fall. First, the Emmett District maintenance staff installed a drip irrigation system for the garden. Once that was completed, the students put down cardboard for an eco-friendly weed barrier, then they mapped out where to put the plants and started digging, officials said.

After they finished planting, students covered the cardboard and with compost and started watering the plants. All plants that were chosen for the garden



The streambank on Squaw Creek before the installation of riprap.

are native to the area and attract bees and butterflies. The area is also designed so it can grow and still have enough space to be used as an outdoor classroom, Adams said.

Students from the Emmett High School shop class are building planting beds so the 5th graders can plant a vegetable garden next spring. The students will start the vegetables from seed indoors and then plant them outside, added Vickery.

The school is located close by Vickery's farm. He's grown seed crops on his farm, he maintains pollinators around the edges of his fields, and his family grows produce sold locally to friends and neighbors. As the chairman of the Gem District, Vickery was a big help to the students because of his knowledge of plants, agriculture and farming, said Leann Buck, the Gem district administrator.

"We're excited to do a project with the community," she said. "Especially with the pandemic, for the kids to have an outdoor classroom is really cool. I had

low expectations for the 5th graders, but they really got into the project; they were amazing."

"It was a collaborative effort between many at Shadow Butte Elementary," Buck said. "We couldn't have done it without help from the maintenance staff, administration, or Mrs. Maxwell and her 5th grade class."

"We are so excited for spring to come so our students can see the fruits of their labor, watch plants bloom and see the different types of pollinators in our area," Adams said. "With us being a rural school and community, this is a natural fit that supports our local farmers and will also help our students become aware of the variety and importance of pollinators in our area."

While the project is teaching Shadow Butte 5th graders about bees, butterflies and pollinator plants, Vickery sees educational outreach with students and the greater Gem County community as being critical for them to learn about agriculture, water and natural resources.

"With all of the new people moving in, I see education as our biggest challenge in the future," he says. "We need to educate them about the importance and value of our natural resources, specifically our soil and water."

Many people are moving into the rural agricultural area without much knowledge, if any, about the importance of managing natural resources in a sustain-

able way, Vickery says.

"It's important for us to tell our story, the value and use of our natural resources, and the need to manage them in a wise way," he says.

To that end, Art Beals worries about the Squaw Creek watershed and Payette River watershed in light of the lack of forest management activities going on in the Boise National Forest. He notes that the Squaw Creek district is a member of the Boise National Forest Coalition. "There's a super abundance of fuel out there, and that poses a major risk to the watershed," he said.

The Good Neighbor Authority allows for cooperative forest management projects between the Boise National Forest and the Idaho Department of Lands. The authority may also get expanded to allow for projects on private lands, he said.

Noting the damage to IDL and Boise National Forest lands in light of the tussock moth outbreak over the last couple of years, "we've seen a major amount of timber get defoliated and killed by the tussock moth," he said. "If we had good forest management out there, we could keep our timber stands thinned out



Kirk Vickery helps.

where the tussock moth wouldn't be able to spread like it did.

"What we need is more active forest management."

Going back to water quality projects, the districts have been working together on replacing flood irrigation with more efficient pivot irrigation projects basin-side. Eighty-eight conversion projects have occurred over the years, Vickery says. Cost-share funding for those projects have come from \$319 grant funds or NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funds.

Since 2003, the Gem District has received \$914,000 in \$319 grant funds, implement-



5th grade students at Shadow Butte Elementary School at work planting a pollinator garden.

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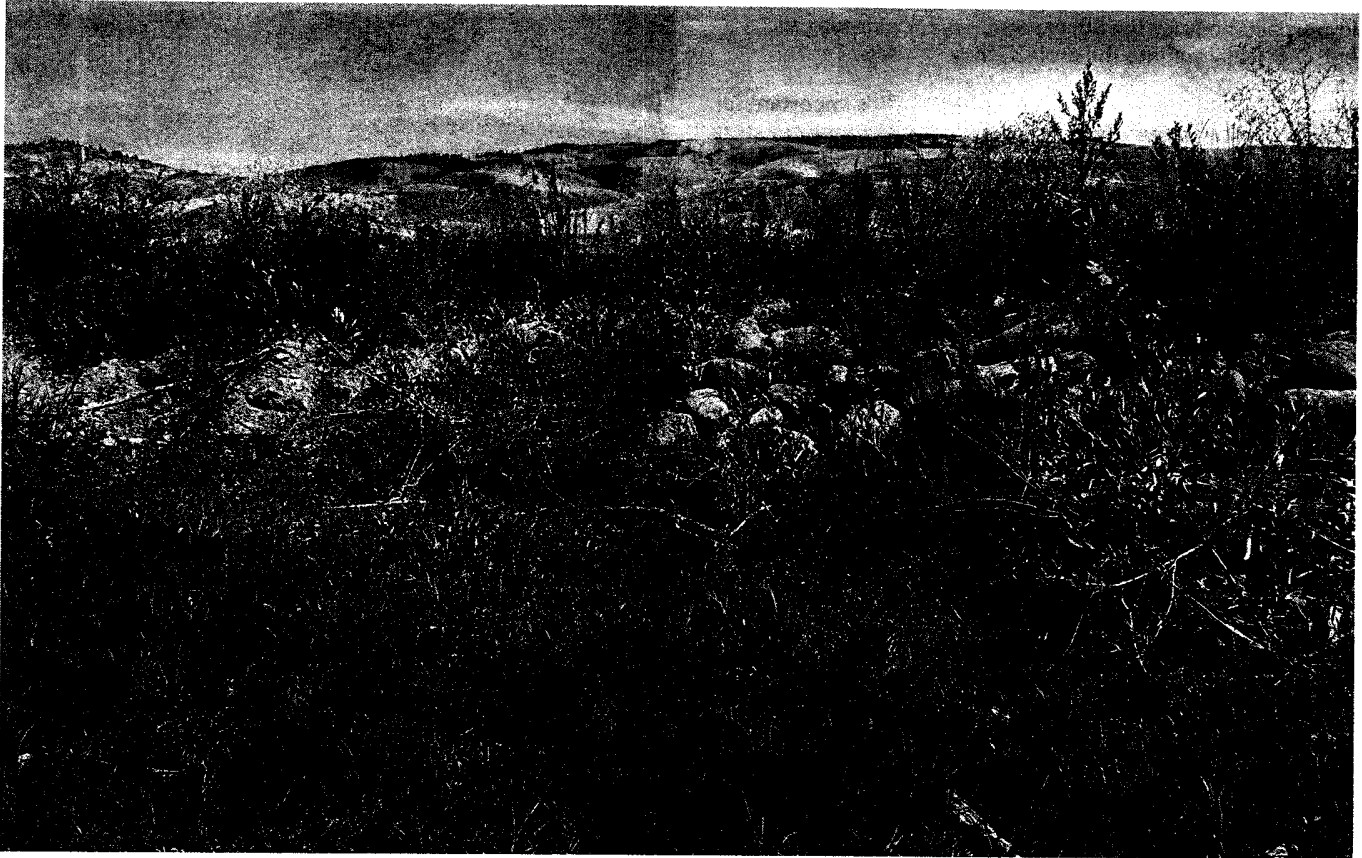
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Rock, riprap, and willows in place.

ing over \$1.56 million in water quality projects in the Gem and Squaw Creek Districts, involving 44 landowners who treated 1,508 acres of farm land, Strickland said. All told, those projects have reduced sediment levels in the Payette River watershed by 2,513 tons per year as well as reducing bacteria and nutrient levels, she said.

The Gem District has been tracking water-quality results through monitoring sediment levels in agricultural drains, Vickery says. As one example, they tested water at the top of Bissel Creek and then again at the bottom, before it flows into the lower Payette River.

In the fall of 2017, Gem SWCD worked with a landowner to install a center pivot at the top of the watershed adjacent to Bissel Creek. The project converted 85 acres of a cropland field which has a corn/alfalfa/grain crop rotation. Under the prior furrow irrigated irrigation system, the estimated sediment loss from this field, planted with corn, was 845 tons, Strickland said.

A year later, the 2018 monitoring results showed a 3,834 pounds per day sediment-reduction at a monitoring site on Bissel Creek. According to the DEQ monitoring report in 2018, the monitoring site showed an average in stream concentration below the in-stream targets (22 mg/L) set in the Lower Payette River TMDL. That location is

now meeting its TMDL allocation, Strickland said.

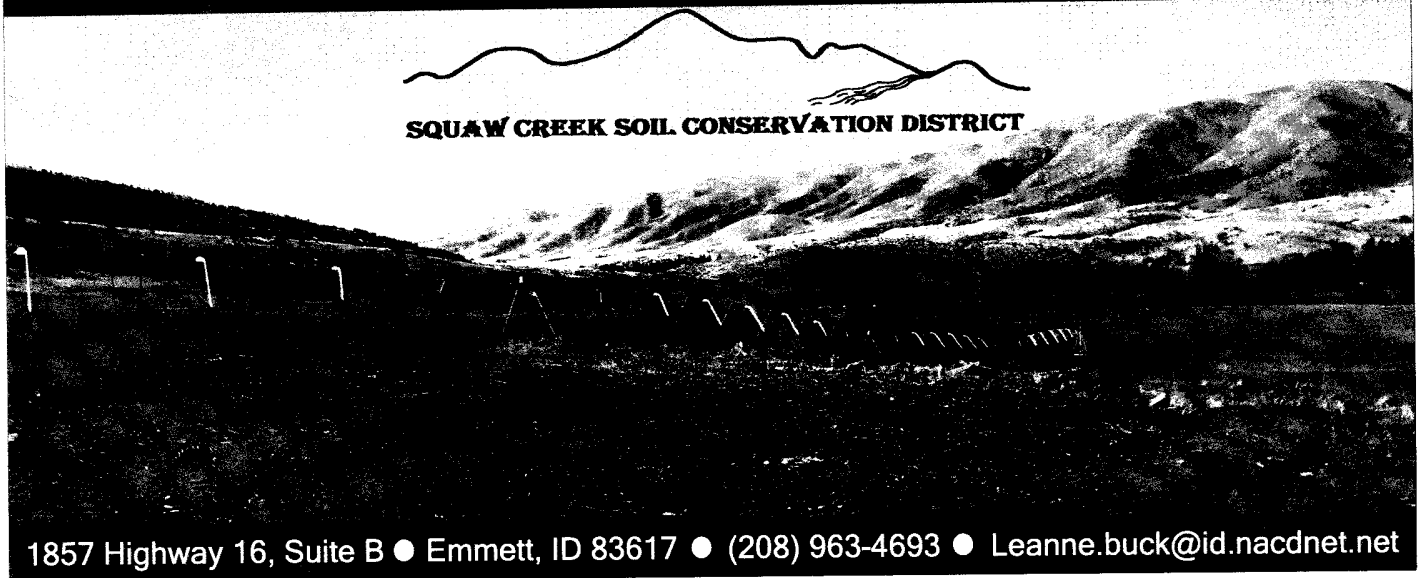
“By monitoring at the top of the drainage, and then also at the bottom, we can track our results,” Vickery says. “The data show we are making progress. The projects we are putting in are working.”

Steve Stuebner writes for Conservation the Idaho Way on a regular basis.

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Sage Hen Recreation Area reopens after logging operations are completed

The Emmett Ranger District of the Boise National Forest would like to thank the public for their patience as contractors removed numerous hazard trees from roads surrounding the Sage Hen Reservoir, including area campgrounds. The Area Closure will be lifted September 24, and it is open for forest visitors to enjoy.

“We want to thank the public for being patient while contractors remove hazardous trees from the six campgrounds and roadways,” said Katie Wood, Emmett Ranger District. “The area is going to look very different from before with more open spaces, fewer trees and less shade. Visitors will see large slash piles which will be burned when weather conditions are more favorable.”

Sage Hen and Antelope campgrounds (the two largest campgrounds with boat launches) will be open for the public to access with reduced services; maintained restrooms, no drinking water, and pack in pack out your trash. These two will remain open until the snow levels close them.



This provides snowmobile access in the winter to the restrooms. The other 4 (Antelope annex, Hollywood, East side, and Cartwright ridge CG) will remain gated and closed until 2021.

The project originally expected to be completed in July was extended multiple times because of weather delays, the rock slide on Idaho State Highway 95 which impacted the haul route and additional disease effecting the timber stands.

The timber removed included dead or dying trees that succumbed to insect and disease, including tussock moth, beetles and fungus that softens the hardwood of certain tree species.

Venetia Gempler, Public Affairs Officer, Boise National Forest 208-373-4105

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District actively promotes conservation through outreach and education

2020 Poster Contest



"Where would we BEE without Pollinators?"

2020 Poster Contest Winners

Six school within the Squaw Creek district participated in this years poster contest. First Place winner this years came from Horseshoe Bend School. Second Place came from Ola Elementary. Third Place from Basin Elementary, and Honorable Mention from Sweet-Montour Elementary.

Legislative Display Day



Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District participated in the Legislative Display day at the Idaho State Capitol. It was productive day offering education and outreach on resource concerns, pollinators, other areas of conservation, and our current projects.

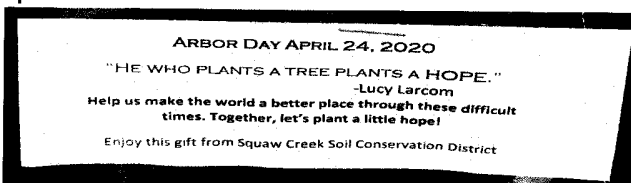
Arbor Day 2020

Squaw Creek SCD handed out 250 Ponderosa Pine tree seedlings to students at Ola, Sweet, and Boise County schools for Arbor Day 2020. Our goal was to spread the importance of conservation, and to spread a little hope during the difficult times of the Covid-19 pandemic.



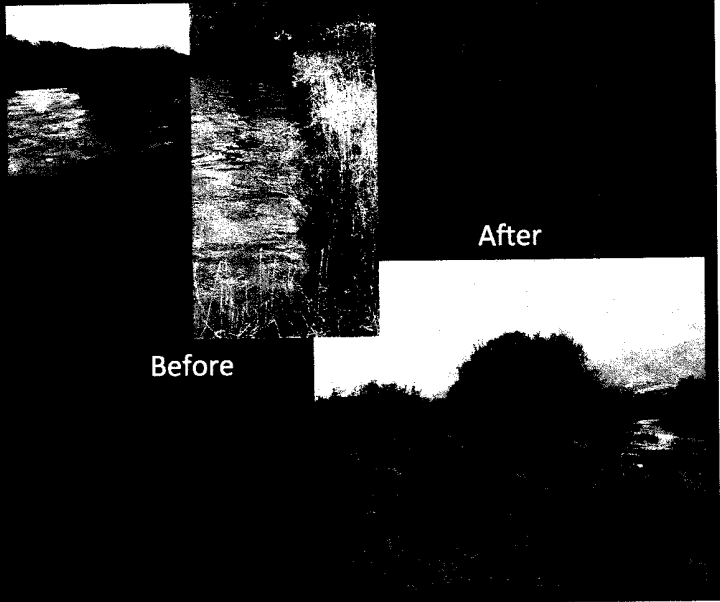
Idaho Envirothon

Squaw Creek SCD offers sponsorship to any high school student in District, who would like to participate in the Idaho Envirothon. Idaho Envirothon takes place in Challis, ID and is a hands-on natural resources competition. This year the District sponsored Idaho City High School. The competition was held virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Squaw Creek Streambank Project Update

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District partnered with Gem Soil and Water Conservation District to treat stream bank erosion on 4 sites for a total of 1000 ft on Squaw Creek with an overall goal of improving water quality in the Payette River. The project included rock and vegetated rip rap in highly eroded areas. The load reduction for this project is estimated at 148 tons of sediment, 237 lbs of Phosphorus and 475 lbs of Nitrogen.



NRCS Update

EQIP Dates to Remember:
June 1, 2021- Obligation



Scott Henderson Retires

Squaw Creek SCD would like to wish Scott Henderson best wishes on his new adventure of retirement. Scott was our District Conservationist for fifteen years. As a partner, he was a huge asset to our District and helped get numerous conservation projects on the ground. Thank you, Scott, for everything you did for us and our mission to preserve natural resources.

Welcome Ron Brooks



Ron Brooks joined our team early October as the new District Conservationist for Team 5. Ron has been with NRCS since 2002 and has worked in the State office for the last nine years. Welcome Ron! We look forward to working with you as a partner in conservation.

No-Till Drill Available to Rent



The Squaw Creek SCD educates and promotes the use of reduce-till farming practices to conserve and protect organic matter in the soil, reduce erosion, promote biodiversity in and around the soil, and increase water absorption. Our no-till drill rents for \$100.00 for the first 12 acres plus \$5.00 an acre after the first 12 acres. New harrows were purchased this Fall and are now ready for your drilling convenience.



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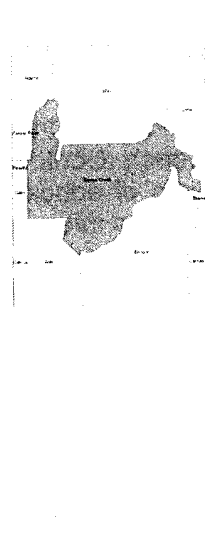
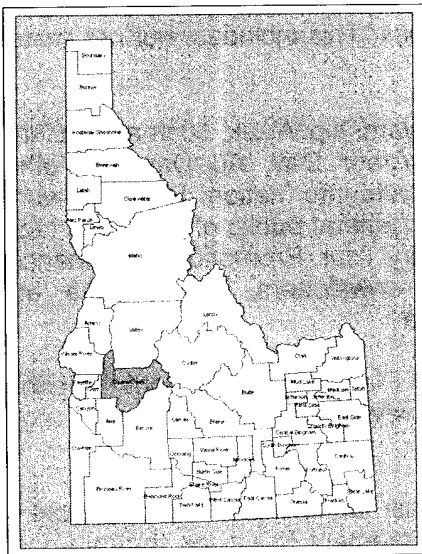
Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District Team



(Left to Right) Franklin Gatfield, Sarah Fry, Leanne Buck, Scott Henderson, Art Beal, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner

In memoriam of Franklin J. Gatfield. The Squaw Creek SCD board is saddened by the recent loss of fellow board member, Franklin J. Gatfield. "J" served on the board for 11 years and was an asset to the district and conservation in so many ways. He will be greatly missed by all.

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



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Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Service to the Cooperators
2. Weeds / Urban
3. Rangeland
4. Forest Health
5. District Operations / Information & Education

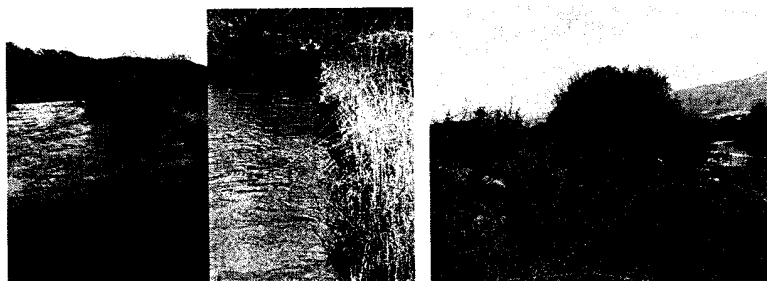
FY 2020 Revenue

County Funding	\$	7,950.00
State Funding		29,162.27
CWMA Funds		6,640.58
USDA NRCS Funds (team 5)		455,200.00
319 Grant Funding		5,400.00
Total	\$	504,352.85

Significant FY 2020 Projects:

Squaw Creek Stream Bank Project

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District partnered with Gem Soil and Water Conservation District to treat stream bank erosion on 4 sites for a total of 1000 ft on Squaw Creek with an overall goal of improving water quality in the Payette River. The project included rock and vegetated rip rap in highly eroded areas. The load reduction for this project is estimated at 148 tons of sediment, 237 lbs of Phosphorus and 475 lbs of Nitrogen.



Financial Assistance for Conservation Projects

The USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is helping producers in the Squaw Creek SCD get conservation projects on the ground. This year Team 5 obligated 16 EQIP contracts for a total of \$455,200. Projects included sprinkler systems, pasture seeding, cross fencing, and streambank protection. EQIP also helps private forestland owners address forest health and wildfire concerns. EQIP pays about half the cost of conservation practices and most contracts are completed in 3 years or less.

Conservation Practices:

- Stock Water
- Permanent Seedings—Range
- Forest Thinning
- Weed Control / Mulch Till
- Firebreaks
- Streambank Protection
- Sprinklers

With funds from the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission the District was able to have material published for outreach and education. Also assisted in funding a workshop to educate landowners on resource concerns.

Education / Outreach

2020 Theme "Were would we BEE without Pollinators?"

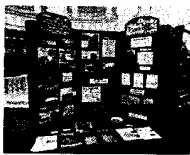


2020 Poster Contest Winners

The winners this year came from Horseshoe Bend Middle School, Sweet Elementary, Ola Elementary, and Basin Elementary in Idaho City. Six schools within the District participated.

Squaw Creek SCD actively promotes education and outreach:

- Sponsored 247 fifth grade students from 6 schools within the district to participate in the Poster Contest.
- Gave away 250 Ponderosa Pine seedlings to students in Sweet, Ola, and the Boise County School District during the Arbor Day observance and educated about conservation through the importance of planting trees.



- Participated in the Legislative Display day at the Idaho State Capitol. Offered education and outreach on resource concerns, pollinators, other areas of conservation and our current projects.
- Sponsored Idaho City High School students to participate in the Idaho Envirothon.
- Planned a Rangeland Day for 5th Grade students to take place in May, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to postpone.
- Planned a Forestry Tour to take place in June but had to postpone due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

No-Till Drill Available to Rent

The Squaw Creek SCD educates and promotes the use of reduce-till farming practices to help conserve and protect organic matter in the soil, reduce erosion, promote biodiversity in and around the soil, and increase water absorption. Last year the drill was used on over 120 acres. We have one No-Till Drill available for lease to producers in the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District.



Future Plans / Projects

Education and outreach to students and cooperators within the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District is our number one focus. This includes, but not limited to, the following:

Participation in Stewardship Week, such as Poster & Speech Contests, Arbor Day, Ag Day and other forms of education and information. Planning workshops to inform the general public of the latest technology and a Forestry Tour. Promotion and financial assistance through newsletters, social media, and other forms of media.

The District's 5-year Plan of Work lays-out the priorities, and the district reviews the work plan on a regular basis.

Encourage and assist landowners and operators in installing Best Management Practices through cost-share programs and other financial aids as well as technical support. Continue to apply for grant funding to provide local landowners financial assistance for conservation projects.

The District plans to co-sponsor a Rangeland Day collaborated with the Idaho Rangeland Commission and geared to offer a hands-on learning opportunity for 5th grade students with a focus on Rangeland education and conservation.

The District has a representative on Division and State of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts for policy development, the Boise Forest Coalition for watershed enhancement and five Cooperative Weed Management Areas for program support of weed control.

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District

Board of Supervisors and Staff

Randy Heffner, Chairman
Daryl Morgan, Vice-Chairman
Arthur Beal, Secretary
Franklin Gatfield, Treasurer
Sarah Fry, Supervisor
Mike Fry, Associate
Leanne Buck, Administrative Assistant

The District's mission is to be the leading organization for providing action at the local level to promote wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with emphasis on soil and water.



FY2021 (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021) Annual Plan of Work

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District

Conservation District Priority Number 1: Service to the Cooperators

Objective: To assist cooperators apply Conservation Practices to protect natural resources

Goal(s): To promote Conservation by assisting Cooperators

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Provide technical support and assistance	Continuously	Ron Brooks
Assist landowners with Conservation Planning	Annually	Ron Brooks, Erin Morra
Assist cooperators to improve and protect natural resources	Continuously	Daryl Morgan, Sarah Fry, Art Beal, Randy Heffner, Leanne Buck, Ron Brooks
Assist cooperators with information on technically improved equipment such as the No-Till Drill	Continuously	Leanne Buck, Ron Brooks, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Art Beal, Randy Heffner
Work with partnering agencies such as County; Weed Management, Mosquito Abatement, Planning and Zoning and others to assist in conserving natural resources and provide education to landowners to promote wise use of our natural resources.	Continuously	Daryl Morgan, Mike Fry, Art Beal, Randy Heffner, Leanne Buck, Ron Brooks, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton, Erin Morra

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Conservation District Priority Number 2: Weeds / Urban

Objective: Control weeds within the Squaw Creek Watershed

Goal(s): Protect and improve quality rangeland and forage

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Reduce noxious weeds to improve the quality and quantity of forage	Continuously	Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Art Beal, Deborah Carlock-Newton, Sarah Fry
Work closely with the County Weed control and Upper Payette Cooperative Weed Management to identify and control noxious weeds	Continuously	Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Art Beal, Deborah Carlock-Newton, Sarah Fry
Educate landowners on weed control, such as the proper application of pesticides & herbicides	Spring/Fall	Ron Brooks, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Art Beal, Leanne Buck, , Deborah Carlock-Newton, Sarah Fry
Provide technical assistance to cooperators	Continuously	Daryl Morgan, Mike Fry, Ron Brooks
Review County Planning & Zoning applications, comment in written on all resource concerns	Continuously	Ron Brooks, Leanne Buck, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Art Beal, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton

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Conservation District Priority Number 3: Rangeland

Objective: Encourage the control of weeds on all lands with the District

Goal(s): To maintain quality rangeland and forage through I & E programs and technical assistance

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Encourage and provide technical assistance to establish adapted grasses where needed & feasible to improve the quality of forage	Continuously	Ron Brooks
Develop Range plans with cooperators as requested	Continuously	Ron Brooks
Assist on fencing, stock-water, spring developments, seeding or any other projects necessary to improve the rangeland.	Annually	Ron Brooks, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Sarah Fry
Emphasize the need to graze at an intensity which will maintain enough cattle to protect the soil and maintain or improve the quality & quantity of desirable forage	Continuously	Ron Brooks, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan
Provide recently researched and/or proven equipment to cooperators such as the No-Till Drill and newly developed plant materials.	Spring/Fall	Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan Leanne Buck

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Conservation District Priority Number 4: Woodland

Objective: Assist with the health and productivity of the forest and reduce wildfires

Goal(s): Increased grazing, timber products and recreation

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Improve aesthetic, recreation and open space value by thinning, planting, seeding or natural regeneration after forest stand improvement activities	Continuously	Mike Fry, Ron Brooks
Work with Landowners on Forest Stand Improvements.	Annually	Ron Brooks, Mike Fry
Improve wildlife habitat	Continuously	Ron Brooks, Erin Morra
Educate landowners, school children and the general public on reduction of fire load to prevent wildfires.	Continuously	Leanne Buck, Mike Fry, Art Beal, Randy Heffner, Daryl Morgan, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton
Support Boise Forest Coalition in restoring forest and watershed health.	Continuously	Leanne Buck, Mike Fry, Art Beal, Randy Heffner, Daryl Morgan, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton

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Conservation District Priority Number 5: District Operations / Water Quality

Objective: Implement elements of the Annual Work Plan and 5-Year Resource Conservation Plan

provide multi-faceted technical assistance base, maintain active cooperators, maintain an adequate financial base and maintain State & National effectiveness

Goal(s): Maintain active viable Conservation District

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Maintain County Commissioner funding support, promote Legislative appropriations of SWCC/SCD matching funds, seek grants, state, federal and private sources for TMDL/technical assistance	Continuously	Daryl Morgan, Mike Fry, Leanne Buck
Review and update Annual & 5-Year Resource Conservation Plan including receiving public comment at April meeting. Submit 5-Year Resource Conservation Plan to Soil Conservation Commission (SWCC)	Annually	Daryl Morgan, Mike Fry, Art Beal, Randy Heffner, Deborah Carlock-Newton, Sarah Fry, Leanne Buck
Support IASCD in efforts through the foundation to seek funding sources in carrying out natural resource programs by providing technical and cost-share assistance to the landowner	Annually	Daryl Morgan, Art Beal, Leanne Buck
Review Planning & Zoning to point out soil erosion and water quality issues	Continuously	Ron Brooks, Leanne Buck, Art Beal, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton
Apply for 319 Funds to assist with installation of BMP's, resulting in load reduction on the Payette River TMDL.		
Distribute Conservation Plan needs, goals and project information to: Legislative, County Commissioners, City, WAG, BAG, and TAC.	February thru April	Leanne Buck, Ron Brooks

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Conservation District Priority Number 6: Public Outreach / Information and Education

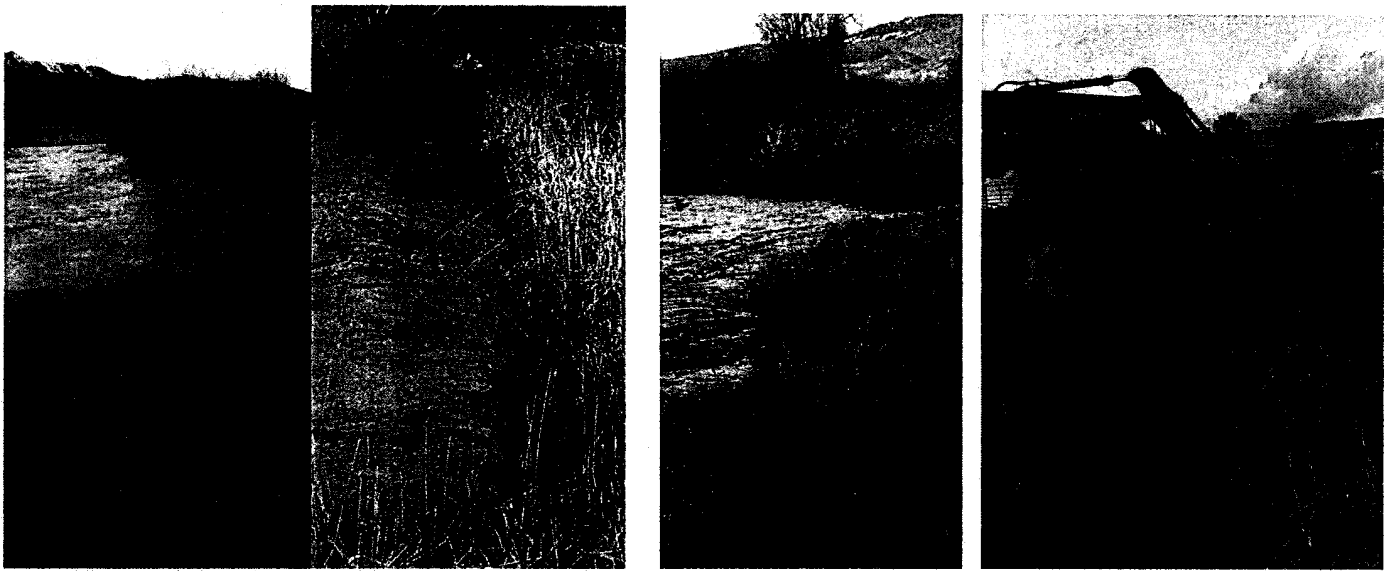
Objective: Maintain public awareness of Conservation needs and programs for all natural resources

Goal(s): Provide an information and education program, extend Outreach of the District and promote Locally Led Conservation

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Provide cooperators with technical information on: BMP's, Riparian Improvement, Wetlands, Water Quality, etc.	Continuously	Ron Brooks, Leanne Buck, Daryl Morgan, Mike Fry
Educate cooperators through various avenues of public outreach; Newsletters, notices, press releases	Continuously	Leanne Buck, Daryl Morgan
Implement and utilize demonstration projects, Annual tours and special workshops. Support effort on North Fork of the Payette River basin.	Continuously	Leanne Buck, Daryl Morgan, Mike Fry, Art Beal, Randy Heffner, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton
Encourage the youth in the district to attend the Natural Resources Workshop, Envirothon or their district sponsored opportunities offered.	Spring/Summer	Leanne Buck, Art Beal, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Mike Fry, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton
Complete demonstration on low water usage trees and/or shrubs by planting drought tolerant, nonnative zone tolerant species, use a drip system. Other benefits are energy savings with shade for cooling, weed control and wildlife habitat	April thru September	Art Beal, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Leanne Buck, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton
Work with Lower Payette Basin Watershed Advisory Group with projects on Squaw Creek and Dry Buck.	Continuously	Art Beal, Mike Fry, Daryl Morgan, Randy Heffner, Leanne Buck, Sarah Fry, Deborah Carlock-Newton

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**Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners
and operators with their conservation choices – Third Fork Squaw Creek**



Squaw Creek Streambank project before pictures and work in progress.



Completed Squaw Creek vegetated riprap stream bank project.

Valley County 2021 Assessment Drive

2020—What can we say about the past year other than it was the strangest year any of us have experienced. As far as real estate sales go, the year started off on the same trend as 2019, however when covid-19 appeared it changed everything including the real estate market. We began to see very rapid growth in demand as people were looking to move into the area from other states, and that demand remains strong today.

We lost an appraiser and added 2 more. Nicole Conrad joined us in August as a residential appraiser, and Beau Witney joined us in December as a residential appraiser. We are very fortunate to have these two join our team.

Despite the challenges that 2020 presented, the team stepped up and we accomplished our tasks on time. We also saw great productivity from those who were working from home. We are planning on a similar work schedule this coming winter, more details to follow at a later date.

Median home prices from sales received December 2019 through November 2020 are as follows. McCall area \$473,000, Lakefork \$585,000, Donnelly (including Tamarack) \$467,000 and Cascade area \$356,000. Overall median home price for all of Valley County \$471,600. The county wide median on vacant land sales was \$93,600 for .75 of an acre.

Valuation Changes for Valley County/Ry21

Several changes were made for the 2021 tax year. Several new neighborhoods were created allowing a better analysis by comparing like properties. Neighborhoods 401900 and 408000, both in south Valley county, were redrawn with the addition of a couple new neighborhoods 408100 and 408200. Neighborhood 539800 and 511200, north McCall and 2nd & 3rd tier parcels, were also redrawn with the addition of 3 new neighborhoods. 511300 is 2nd tier parcels on the east side of Payette Lake, 539700 which is west Payette Lake area, and 539900 is the east side of Payette Lake.

Appraisers continue their focus on uniformity in grading residential dwellings. Great progress continues to be made in this area. We will place additional focus on land grades going forward as most of the dwellings have been addressed.

Condominiums were thoroughly reviewed for consistency; grade, sqft, etc. After several weeks of detailed research we feel very confident in our condominium valuations.

Recently passed legislation, HB389, will have some impact as to how the appraisers address new construction, land use change, and the adjusted limits on the homeowner's exemption. We are awaiting clarification from the Idaho State Tax Commission on how to proceed.

Analysis summary

Despite covid-19, we are seeing very strong market growth. With little inventory of existing homes, and the high cost to build, supply and demand factors kicked in heavily with the largest increases in assessed value in over 13 years. With the limited inventory we had 448 residential improved sales used in analysis. Vacant land sales increased dramatically near the end of 2020 as plenty of inventory exists resulting in 792 vacant land sales, and 77 condominium sales. There were 3 reported commercial sales which wasn't enough to warrant an increase in commercial property values. Covid 19 played a large factor in commercial property leases and sales as investors were unsure of the trajectory presented by covid 19. Payette Lake frontage increased from \$13,500 to \$14,900.

All of Valley county experienced strong growth, no certain area outperformed in the market.

The 2021 over-all increase for Valley County is 22%, compared with 13% in 2020 and 11% in 2019.

2021 ANALYSIS DETAILS

Neighborhood 1 – South of Deinhard and greater Lakefork area RY23

Residential- An overall increase of 22%. This neighborhood area boundary is the southern end of the city limits of McCall, Jug Mountain Ranch, and Whitetail.

Neighborhood 2 – Greater Donnelly area and Tamarack RY24

Residential- An overall increase of 28%. Lake Cascade frontage increased 32%, and Tamarack saw an increase of 36%. Recent sales show Tamarack to be increasing significantly for 2022. Several new commercial projects at Tamarack added value to the tax base as well as approximately 60 newly completed condos.

Neighborhood 3 – Greater Cascade area RY25

Residential – An overall increase of 22%. In the town of Cascade saw strong demand for affordable housing. Areas around Lake Cascade also saw strong growth.

Neighborhood 4 – South of the Cascade Airport, back country and Smiths Ferry RY26

Residential – An overall increase of 25%.

Neighborhood 5 – North McCall and Valley County RY22

Residential – An overall increase of 21%. While this area remains the strongest in growth year on year for Valley County the market softened a little falling in line with most areas of Valley County for 2021. Payette Lake front parcels increased from \$13,500 to \$14,900.

Condominiums and Mobile Homes

With the changes to the tables for mobile homes (including park models), we saw an increase of roughly 25%. Condominiums increased overall 16%.

2021 Reappraisal

The 2021 re-appraisal neighborhood consists of parcels in south Valley County, which includes remote back country parcels (due to Covid-19 the back country parcels were done electronically). There were approximately 4,061 parcels in the 2021 reappraisal area. The upcoming 2022 re-appraisal area is north McCall and Payette Lake frontage. There are 5,379 parcels.

Sue is continuing to re-assign areas to appraisers which will focus on location, allowing appraisers less travel between parcels. This is the last neighborhood that will be revised as all others are complete.

2021 Outlook

From Dec 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021 there are 135 residential sales with sales data reported. Based on initial analysis residential sales are approximately 23% higher than the 2021 assessed values. Land sales are very strong this year with 335 sales reported, the vacant land market is showing significant growth. Vacant land sales indicate a 38% increase over 2021 assessed values. I expect the market to continue its current pace with demand heavily outpacing supply.

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VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA Monday June 7, 2021

Valley County adheres to ADA requirements. If anyone requires an accommodation, please contact the clerk prior to the meeting.

PROPOSED AGENDA Note: Any item(s) in need of a motion will be described in the agenda under the appropriate section.

- 9:00 Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Approve Agenda
- 9:05 Commissioner Discussion
Action Items: Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021
Signing Lease/Purchase Agreement for 2021 Weiler Asphalt Paver
Application and Agreement for Water & Sewer Services for 205
N. Idaho Street Cascade, Idaho
Acceptance of the IDPR – Off Road Motor Vehicle Funding for
Recreation Department Utility Vehicle
Agreement with Clean Earth Environmental Solutions for
Hazardous Waste Event
- 9:15 Workshop to Discuss Fleet Management Program
- 10:00 Workshop to Discuss Moving McCall DMV to McCall Annex
- 10:30 Workshop to Discuss Public Hearings and use of MS Teams/Open Meetings and
Transcribable Records
- 11:00 Workshop to Discuss Expectations on Large Companies regarding the Housing Issue
- 11:30 **Action Item:** Approval to Engage in Survey to Break Off WICAP building Lot from the
Jail Lot
- 11:45 **Action Item:** Request from Local Thrift Stores to Utilize Solid Waste Transfer Site at No
Charge
- 12:00 Recess for Lunch

- 1:00 **Action Item:** Bid Opening for Bear Basin – Stephanie Nelson
- 1:15 Presentation from Assessor’s Office Preliminary Property Values in Valley County
- 2:00 Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2021-Clerk, Douglas Miller
01-14 Information Technology – IT Director, Jeremy Wilcox
- 2:15 Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2021-Clerk, Douglas Miller
01-32 Recreation – Director, Larry Laxson
- 2:30 Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2021-Clerk, Douglas Miller
01-07 Prosecuting Attorney – Prosecutor, Brian Naugle
- 3:00 Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District Presentation
- 3:30 Public Defender Annual Review Presentation for 2020-Public Defender, Scott Erekson
Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2021
01-06 Public Defender
- 4:00 **Action Item:** Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b)-“to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.”-Personnel

Opportunity for General Public to Present to Commissioners

Adjourn

COMMISSIONER’S FUTURE MEETING DATE

Monday June 14, 2021