

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for July 8, 2025

Present: Committee Chairman Jally Zeydel, Steven Hull (Fire Chief), Grant Mangum, Phillip Moore, Kevin Copperi (VC Sheriff), Zach Grogan, Dalton Crane, Douglas Miller (clerk), Matt Linde

The meeting was called to order by Jally Zeydel at 9:01am

Steven Hull made a motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025. Jared Montague seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Budget Discussion- Led by Jally Zeydel

- Kurt Wolfe discussed updating the Brown Park Public Docks. Add a new extension based upon pricing of docks. Estimated cost is approximately \$100K; likely go through IDPR.
- Repair subsurface material at the public docks – significant prop wash has occurred over the years. Did quite a bit of dredging last year and replaced larger rocks. Needs more attention and some initial engineering. Kurt would like some cost-share help from Waterways with this. Douglas suggested creating a new expense line called “Professional Services” and then add budgetary funds to that. Jally suggested reducing “Capital Boats” expense for the upcoming budget and then taking from there the needed funds for “Professional Services.” Keep \$50K in “Capital Boats” and place \$72K in “Professional Services.”
- Douglas Miller - 3% minimum increase in salaries (perhaps 4%); asked Waterways to reimburse the County for the increase in the upcoming budget
- Reviewed various additions/changes to the budget with Douglas Miller taking note of those changes/additions.
- Zack Grogan (Cascade State Park) will need money for dock repair and ramp extension. Probably won't take place until FY27.
- Sheriff Copperi asked to add an ammunition line-item to the budget to be used as part of overall training. (\$1,000).
- Dalton Crane (Cascade State Park) needs funds for dock repair (put this on the agenda for August)
- Upgrades/updates for Horsethief – County take this over?
- Warm Lake – needs a new ramp. Waterways needs additional information on the project and how money will be used. Jally will send copy of the Forest Service Grant request of late January to the committee.

Agency Updates

Matt Linde Idaho Parks and Recreation - Ponderosa Park

Tree removed from the boat dock; met with commissioners regarding alcohol use.

Boat ramp extension...more users, so expansion is on Capital Improvement List (about 5 yrs out). Help from Waterways? It will take a total of \$1M-\$2M. City of McCall (Wolfe) offered some potential help (dollars).

North Beach buoy line was extended

Kokanee Cove Project – no dollars for docks or pier at this point

Zach Grogan Idaho Parks and Recreation-Lake Cascade.

No major incidents over the holiday weekend.

Dock repairs needed – will provide options to Waterways on how to get projects moved forward more quickly.

Kurt Wolfe (City of McCall)

Working with F&G on a small boat ramp on Deinhard. Funding was not provided for that project (paved ramp and improved parking)

Ramp has been very busy on Payette. Just hired 2 new employees – purpose is to have a presence and keep traffic flowing (cameras have been installed to see how things are going with ramp usage).

Marina will do shoreline tie-in work this fall and start installing new breakwater next spring

Dock for Sherrif's boat needs repair – City will help with that (this needs to be fast-tracked).

Jally Zeydel

Brought up an issue that **Dave Bingaman** has with jet skis accessing the river. Discussed at next meeting

Sheriff Copperi

4th of July went well. Inspections are up over last year. New boat performing well. Cabarton boat ramp is “a mess.” Parking, usage is up, more riff raff

Grant Mangum

Unattended vessels question along the shoreline...becoming an issue?

Next meeting August 5, 2025 9a @ EOC

Steven Hull motioned to adjourn the meeting. Grant Magnum seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 10:18