

Valley County Agricultural Protection Area Commission

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MINUTES

Valley County

Valley County Court House - Cascade, Idaho

May 1, 2025

1:00 p.m.

A. OPEN: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum exists.

APA Commissioner – Kendra Brown:	Present
APA Commissioner – Shirley Florence:	Present
APA Commissioner – Bill Leaf:	Excused
APA Commissioner – Will Maki :	Present
APA Commissioner – Kaylee Tuning:	Present
PZ Director – Cynda Herrick	Present
PZ Planner II – Lori Hunter	Present

The agenda was amended to include approval of meeting minutes from February 6, 2025.

Corrections to the draft minutes include correcting the nomination of William Leaf for Chairman, not Secretary and correcting the spelling of agricultural.

Commissioner Tuning moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2025, as corrected; Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Legislation

The Commissioners and staff discussed the approved amendments of Idaho Code 67-97. This Code modification did not affect Valley County as the map of agricultural protection areas will be an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan. Section 3 of the Code added an appeal process. Similar to Valley County's ordinance, the amendments allow the addition of solar and wind energy structures.

On February 6, 2025, this Commission recommended a fee of \$150 for each Agricultural Protection Area application. The Valley County Board of County Commissioners adopted this \$150 application fee in April 2025.

Commissioners and staff discussed agricultural zoning. Historically, agricultural users in Valley

County have not wanted to be zoned as that would limit future use. Some other areas require an eight-year wait period before property can be removed from an agricultural zone. There was a round-table discussion of methods used to protect agricultural areas throughout the United States.

Commissioners and Staff discussed existing impact areas and upcoming changes.

2. Other:

- Commissioners and Staff discussed existing impact areas and upcoming changes.
- The flyer and additional marketing possibilities were discussed. Flyers could be included in property assessment mailings, posted at Title Companies, Cougar Mountain Lodge, and Facebook, and included in "Cascade Happenings" email. Commissioner Florence agreed to write an editorial for the *Star News*; she will submit it to the Commission for review first.
- Due to conflicts with the Valley County Fair, the next meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at the Valley County Courthouse.

Vice Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.