VALLEY COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (VCRAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2025 Time: 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

Location: 50 East Lake Fork Rd, Lake Fork, ID

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Emily Bettin Jeff Mousseau Mike Heyer John Holland Drew Kirsch Alison Roehner

Country Representatives:

Dave Bingaman

1. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

• Emily made a motion to approve June's meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Personnel Update

 A new member of the VCRAC was selected by the Valley County commissioners and introduced at the meeting – Alison Roehner.

3. Horsethief Proposal

 The business plan/proposal for the Horsethief Reservoir Campground was presented to the Valley County Commissioners on Monday, July 7th. It was well received, and direction was provided to move forward with the initiative including drafting an MOA with IDFG.

4. Strategic Plan Update

 Discussed changes to action items in Focus Areas 2 and 4. Jeff took the action to incorporate the comments into the strategic plan format and send to Emily. These changes better align the goals and actions across the document.

6. Project Updates

- Council ID road has been approved. Details are being worked out.
- Sampson Trail phase 2 bid opening scheduled for Wednesday. This is the Elo Rd to Pearson Rd connection. Work scheduled for completion by mid-October.

- Lots of activity surrounding Cabarton boat launch. Signs to be installed to better expedite loading/unloading.
- IDL sent several of the state land leases to Valley County including the Valley County/United Payette lease.
- The NF Payette Kayak championships are returning to Valley County in 2026.

7. Other Business

- Mini-jet boat use was discussed that included safety, noise, and lands, but no position or decision regarding use was made.
- Alex Watt is a BSU graduate student doing a recreation study in Valley County and will be invited to a future meeting.

8. Meeting Adjourned

• Emily adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.