

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for October 7, 2025

Present (in bold): Committee Chairman **Jally Zeydel**, Board Member **Jared Montague**, **Grant Mangum**, **Phil Moore**, County Commissioner **Neal Thompson**, Zach Grogan, Dalton Crane (IDPR Cascade Park), **Phoebe Wallace** (IDPR Recreational Boating Program Manager), **Jordan Messner** (Idaho Fish & Game), **Kurt Wolfe** (City of McCall), **Danny Pierce** (VCSO Patrol Sergeant), **Matt Linde** (IDPR Ponderosa State Park Manager)

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

Jared Montague made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2, 2025. Grant Mangum seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Jally Zeydel Recap of last meeting items:

- Warm Lake,
 - Boat Ramp – has issues and needs attention. Owned by the F.S. (but they are not in attendance today due to the federal government shutdown)
 - Relocate ramp? Very complex process due to approval procedures that would need to be followed.
 - Better option is to simply upgrade what is there
 - The Committee would like to help them, but we need a submission of a plan to approve so that we can move forward with any approvals.
 - Jordan Messner is willing to assist in the process of helping the FS get a plan in place since Fish & Game has interest in improvements– much appreciated by the committee
- Waterways Ordinance for Valley County
 - Committee has heard nothing
 - Neal said that nothing is on the agenda for the VC commissioners
 - Neal will try to find out further information
 - Our biggest issue is the no-wake zone
 - Enforcement (virtually impossible)
 - Kurt Wolfe says review of the Valley County Waterways ordinance review is on the backburner for now

Danny Pierce – Kevin Turner not likely to attend more meetings – changes in his responsibilities.

Jordan Messner – Is Horsethief included in our discussions (owned by Fish & Game) and the reservoir is listed as a no-wake body of water. They don't ever want wakes to be allowed at Horsethief and the Committee agrees with this position.

- Brought up issue of Valley County designating waterways as non-motorized. Who has that authority? State (based upon navigability statute)? County?
- Road improvements at Horsethief Reservoir. In final stages with County about managing the park at Horsethief Reservoir. Ongoing effort of Gillnetting to determine the fish population in Cascade Reservoir(Lake)

Phoebe Wallace

- Will a grant request come in from FS regarding Warm Lake?
- USGG funding for FY 2026 could be at risk – this will affect county staffing
- May have to figure out how to pay for enforcement, etc.
 - Increase fees? Have more entry points that charge fees (launch fees)?

Matte Linde

- Launch fees at Ponderosa? If anything happens it will occur statewide as opposed to just at one Park.
 - Legislation could be coming forth (statewide) that changes how recreation is funded.
 - Could it be raising the \$10 Passport fee?
 - Stickers on cars at trailheads?
 - Recreation Stickers on cars that are mandatory with registering vehicles?
 - Pulling docs at boat ramp – users can still launch
 - City can help with abandoned doc removal
 - Can some of those old docs be repurposed?
 - Kokanee Cove Project – near completion
 - Potential docs space not approved in this funding cycle

Kurt Wolfe

- Concrete panels below the low water mark are in rough shape
 - Could be an expensive fix
- Waterways helped to fund pulling a bunch of clay out and reposition panels. Seems to be holding.
- Marina Expansion Project – expanding accessible shoreline to the public by 1000ft

- Boat Ramp fees generated \$35K this year with no enforcement – ambassador program coming in the future, could support VCSO in Inspections
- Available Parking at the boat ramp is still a main concern

Grant Mangum

- Update on Tamarack Marina

Neal Thompson- After some more discussion about Waterways Grant will talk to Dave Bingaman about what the procedure is and the progress made. Needs to include Waterways Advisory Committee in process.

Sheriff Marine Dept.- Patrol Sgt Danny Pierce attended and informed us that Kevin Turner has moved to a different position within the VCSO. No final decision has been made about who will be replacing him. All boat and Buoys have been stored.

Next meeting November 4, 2025 at 9am @ EOC

Grant Mangum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Phillip Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 10:30.