

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for December 2, 2025

Present (in bold): Committee Chairman - **Jally Zeydel**, Board Members - **Jared Montague**, **Phil Moore**, **Steven Hull**, IDPR Cascade Park - **Dalton Crane**, IDFG - **Jordan Messner**, City of McCall - **Kurt Wolf**, VCSO Seargent - **Danny Pierce**, IDPR Ponderosa State Park - **Matt Linde**, Boise NF-Recreation Management Specialist - **Diego Sweet**, Boise NF - **Chris Bentley**, Big Payette Water Quality Council - **Ann**

The meeting was called to order by Jally Zeydel at 9:00 am.

Jared Montague made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2025. Phillip Moore seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Diego Sweet & Chris Bentley (US Forest Service) – presentation on replacing abutments at the dock at Warm Lake.

- It was determined by the committee that rather than focus on replacing the abutments only, we should pursue an option to replace the docks, abutments, and ramp. This could take up to 10 years based upon NEPA requirements, manpower to address the issues, funding, etc.
- In the short term, the committee recommended Waterways can help out with funding for deferred maintenance (re-anchoring docs, addressing gaps, etc.). Chris is going to come up with a plan to address deferred maintenance and present it to the committee.

Kurt Wolf – Milfoil discussion – working group

- Working together with different agencies with interest in milfoil mitigation to come up with an efficient and well-funded plan to get the milfoil situation under control
- Education is needed so that all users understand that usage of waterways has long-term effects.
- There is too much polarization of opinions right now; this polarization often gets in the way of working together to get things done.
- Jordan Messner suggested that plans to treat the lake ought to be transparent and inclusive.
- Suggest a representative from Waterways join the committee addressing this. Waterways will do so with Phil Moore.

Additional comments – still pursuing work on the municipal ramp (replace concrete panels, etc.)

Dalton Crane – IDPR Cascade State Park

- Action Item: Buoy work – looking to purchase 10 buoys (\$1900). Jared Montague motioned that the funds be approved, which are covered under Buoy Repair in the budget. Phil Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Everything is winterized and put away for the season

Matt Linde – IDPR Ponderosa State Park

- Working on doc improvement and replacement.
- Docs are going to landfill and Matt is exploring ways to transport these old docs.
- Pull old logs that are not being used out of the water, as well.
- Kokanee Cove improvements are still moving forward.
- Would like have the alcohol ban on the North Beach unit reinstated.

Jordan Messner – Idaho Fish & Game

- Deinhard boat ramp is topic of discussion
- Access at Hat Ranch may be shut down by owners (Simplot). If so, is there a need to pursue improvements at the Deinhard location?
- Kurt suggested that request for funding still be pursued for the Deinhard location as it will still be used; situation with Simplot might change.

Danny Pierce – VCSO

- Two boats in the shop (Idaho Water Sports is working on them)
- He won't be in attendance at the next meeting. Jeremy may be here.
- Suggestion to take a serious look into developing trailer platforms at the Boat Barn.
- Recruitment to fill summer positions starts in February 2026.

Next meeting January 6, 2026 at 9am @ EOC

Phil Moore motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jared Montague seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 10:28a.