

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for January 6, 2026

Present (in bold): Committee Chairman - **Jally Zeydel**, Board Member - **Jared Montague**, Tamarack Marina Manager - **Grant Mangum**, County Commissioner - **Neal Thompson**, Idaho Fish & Game - **Jordan Messner**, City of McCall - **Kurt Wolf**, Big Payette Water Quality Council - **Ann**

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

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

Old Business

- Discussion about improvements of docks at the Boat Ramp at Warm Lake
 - No new information was provided as reps from FS were not in attendance
 - Jordan offered some insight relative to using available resources to help move the FS along in addressing the dock issues. Make it a greater priority.
 - Jally suggested that the Waterways committee needs to push the issue as improvements has been discussed for many years.
 - It was suggested that repairs are addressed now that would make the dock more usable for the next 4-5 years, which would give the FS time to get a new dock system engineered.
- Discussion about Payette Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Working Group
 - Upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026
 - Education is key to protecting waterways in VC

Kurt Wolf – City of McCall

- Busy with the Milfoil working group
- Watershed Advisory Group meets on 1/27/26 (10a) in McCall
 - Will consider overall management of the lake, not just milfoil issues
 - Recommend that a member of the Waterways Advisory Committee to be there
- Will apply again for grand money from IDPR for the Deinhard river access location improvements – letter of support provided by Waterways Committee
 - Idaho Wild Rivers Grant – Kurt would also like use the same letter of support for this grant request. Waterways Committee agrees that the letter can be used for this purpose, as well.

Neal Thompson – VC Commissioner

- Passed the Waterways Advisory Committee budget for current budget cycle
- Nothing else to report

Jordan Messner – Idaho Fish & Game

- Working on Horsethief management transfer
- Stonebreaker ice fishing parking lot
 - 5-year lease on that access.... need to figure out long-term solution
 - Long term solution should likely consider snow removal
 - Include road improvements
- Where are we at on opening the discussion regarding motorized use on the North Fork?
 - Neal Thompson is going to ask Dave Bingaman regarding where we're at on this discussion.

Next meeting February 3, 2026 at 9am @ EOC

Jared Montague motioned to adjourn the meeting. Grant Mangum seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 9:48a.