

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for Feb 3, 2026

Present: Committee Chairman - **Jally Zeydel**; Board Members - **Jared Montague**, **Phil Moore**, IDPR Cascade Park - **Dalton Crane**, VCSO Patrol Sergeant - **Danny Pierce**; VCSO Operations Lieutenant - **Jeremy Mitchell**; Big Payette Water Quality Council – **Joe Samer** filling in for Ann Heater, Valley County Noxious Weeds Manager – **Steven Anderson**; Idaho Department of Lands Resource Specialist - **Isaac Gunther**.

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

Jared Montague made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2026. Phil Moore seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

- **Jally Zeydel** – update on Warm Lake Boat Ramp. Forest Service appears to be putting it off for now. Different sources of funding are available. More information to come from Jordan Messner when we meet in March 2026.
- **Steve Anderson** - Update on Milfoil - Payette Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Working Group and Quagga Mussels. Chemical treatment and hand-pull will be the procedure for one crew. Spot treatment also will be used by another crew. Also close to completing a comprehensive 5-yr plan. Asking for increased funding for current eradication process and ongoing work. County has \$35K in the budget for this; not enough. [Link](#) to article describing the issue.
 - **Phil Moore** – supports the initiative to eradicate milfoil. Cited efforts in Hayden Lake to successfully remove milfoil using same method that is proposed for Payette Lake.
 - **Quagga Mussels** – not much to update on this initiative; ongoing effort. Would like to have three wash stations: Cascade Lake, Payette Lake, and Warm Lake Highway. Other “port-of-entry” locations could be Weiser or Horseshoe Bend.
- **Dalton Crane** – Cascade Reservoir higher than usual; nothing to report to the committee.
- **Jally Zeydel** – Valley County Waterways ordinance to discuss use of motorized use of North Fork of Payette. VCC will take this up in two weeks (February 17, 2026 @ 10). Jally would like to see the Committee have greater participation in the decision process.
- **Danny Pierce** - Posted Seasonal Positions for upcoming summer season
 - Trying to fill 6 positions (all on-water positions)

- Boats are ready to go for the summer
- Start in-house training April 1st.
- Phil said that he and Idaho Water Sports could help promote education. He will work with Jeremy Mitchell on this.

Next meeting March 3, 2026, at 9am @ EOC

Jared Montague motioned to adjourn the meeting. Phil seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 9:53a.