

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2022
Location 108 Spring Street, Cascade, ID.

Present: Committee members Chairman Jally Zeydel, David Parrish, Alex Ray. Agency personnel: Valley County Commissioner Ed Allen, Kevin Turner (VCSO), Matt Linde (IDPR), Blake Packer (IDPR) and Dave Bingaman (VCRC)

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Zeydel.

Minutes from the November 1, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion for approval of the minutes as presented was made by Alex Ray and seconded by David Parrish. The minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

Old Business: The 2023 calendar of meeting dates was presented by Chairman Zeydel. Advisory Board members agreed the dates were consistent with meeting on the first Tuesday of the month – with the exception of July, which will be the second Tuesday. There was also consensus by the Board Members that we have flexibility to adjust dates based on circumstances and availability of members and advisors.

New Business: Valley County Recreation Coordinator Dave Bingaman updated the Board on the proposed grant applications for a new boat ramp at the Cabarton launch site on the North Fork Payette River. Valley County is now submitting a grant for \$46,000 under the IDPR Recreational Trails Program which would cover the cost of the entire project. They are also submitting a grant application for \$14,000 under the Cutthroat Plate program that can be used for ancillary site improvements such as signage and could potentially be used to cover cost over-runs. Letters of support were submitted by the Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee to IDPR for both grant applications. The group recognized that parking at the site needs to be improved and will be a focus of future development – as opportunities with local landowners become available.

Agency Updates: Matt Linde – IDPR Ponderosa Park - IDPR is in the process of updating docks on Payette Lake within the park. Updates include replacement of dock sections and using a “T” design rather than parallel docks positioned perpendicular to the bank. Dock upgrades will be completed by 2024 and will be ADA compliant. Kokanee Cove site development still has not been finalized. One of the issues currently facing staff are a shortage of funds for docks associated with the new construction.

Valley County Commissioner Ed Allen – Commissioner Allen is concerned with the make-up and participation of appointed Waterways Advisory Committee members. He recommends that the Waterways Advisory Committee work on bylaws to clarify the group’s role and responsibilities in advising the Valley County Commissioners and procedural guidelines. He also suggested the criteria for Advisory Member selection be included in organizational documents. Other Commissioner Advisory Committees in Valley County have developed bylaws and Commissioner Allen recommends we use a template from one of those committees as a basis for our bylaws. He also recommended that we try expanding our agency participation. As such, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Fisheries Manager Jordan Meissner will be notified of our meeting dates and be encouraged to attend. Commissioner Allen also suggested the group expand their purview to include water quality improvement.

Blake Packer – IDPR Cascade Park Unit – Dock replacement at Blue Heron is progressing with dock sections already completed and the approach to the ramp has been widened. At Crown Point, dock

anchors have been set but some finish concrete work still needs to be done. The project is scheduled for completion by Memorial Day 2023. IDPR is continuing to work with DEQ on monitoring water quality at dock sites during the summer. Both agencies are trying to focus monitoring and monitoring techniques on high-use areas. Advisory Committee members suggested Waterway Improvement Fund grants be considered to extend existing ramps on Cascade. Locations mentioned include Van Wyke, Buttercup, Boulder Creek and Poison Creek. Blake said, "several of these ramps have been considered for extensions/hardening of existing ramp terminus."

Kevin Turner – Valley County Sheriff's Office – The Sheriff's Office has hired two back country deputies that will focus on recreational activities. This includes monitoring snowmobile rule compliance, ATV/UTV activities and use on waterways such as Deadwood Reservoir and Warm Lake. Kevin was reminded by Chairman Zeydel that the deadline for an IDPR grant to fund a new patrol boat is "the end of January 2023."

Adjournment – David Parrish made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Alex Ray. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Next Meeting is January 3, 2023