

Valley County Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for August 4, 2026

Present: Committee Chairman - **Jally Zeydel**; Board Members - **Jared Montague, Grant Mangum, Steven Anderson**; IDFG– **Jordan Messner**; IDPR Cascade Park - Dalton **Crane**; VCSO Operations Lieutenant - **Jeremy Mitchell**; BOR -**Jason Dobis**

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

Jared Montague made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2026. Steve Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Jally Zeydel – Update on Warm Lake Boat Ramp

- None of the committee members are aware of any progress made on the Warm Lake refurbishments.
- Jally suggested that we consider getting the Warm Lake homeowner's association involved.

Steve Anderson - Milfoil Work & Wash Stations

- Steve feels that the survey should have been completed already, and they feel that treatment should start any day.
- County group has been doing some milfoil harvesting (600-700 lbs.) focusing on high-impact areas. Activity at the lake has been challenging to work around.
- County guys should be back in the water today (8/4/2026) but really waiting on Department of Agriculture and their dive team and chemical treatment)
- Mussel update – golden mussels are the concern now. Quagga – lower chance of getting to Payette Lake.
- Wash Station(s) – working with Kurt Wolfe. Will use lot across from Hotel McCall (permission from David Carey). ISDA increasing check stations
- Biggest issue with wash stations at entry points to Valley County is staffing. Department of Agriculture would provide equipment but not staffing.

Jeremy Mitchell – Trailer pads at the boat barn

- Earliest opportunity to build will be next spring
- Also mentioned that a change in seasonal deputies required by Post. Covering the lake needs to be performed by Post certified Deputies. This may impact how we handle Law Enforcement. TBD.

Reports

Dalton Crane –

- Nothing to report – anticipating an algae bloom that will cause some impact
- Have completed quite a bit of weed spraying

Jordan Messner –

- **Project Ideas – may want some collaboration from Waterways**
 - Horsethief – under algae advisory
 - Some campground sites need improvement – need to keep main boat ramp open during improvements
 - Secondary boat ramp exists, but it is in poor shape and needs improvement
 - Deinhard Kayak&Float ramp – start on this next fall (2026) or spring (2027)
 - Little Lake – Looking for more secure way to keep the dock cable from snapping.
 - Mitigation for damage caused by the power generating facility at the dam (i.e. water quality). This equates to money being paid by Idaho Power.
 - Hwy 55 bridge (north) – what improvements can be made there for anglers?

Jeremy Mitchell –

- Drowning at The Cliffs on Payette Lake
- A few repair issues on the boats – nothing unmanageable. All boats operational.
- Inspections are down relative to last year, essentially due to staffing shortages.

Next meeting September 1, 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 10:14a.