

**VALLEY FLOOD COMMITTEE (VFC)
MEETING MINUTES HELD April 26, 2012**

Members present: Harold Begger, Les Bramblett, Patty Davidson, Sharlene LaRance, Marlys Mattfeldt, Nikki Peters, Bud Dupree.

Also in attendance: Les Pannetier

Sharlene LaRance called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves.

Item 1: FLOOD KIOSK--Ray Read was to talk to us about a flood kiosk (information site) but was unable to attend. Sharlene passed on information that Ray Read and Paul Spangler gave her. Apparently a kiosk site may be located at the West Valley Fire Hall. Paul said they would provide the materials to build it and the committee would need to supply the labor. The discussion showed that we needed more information before we could decide (and more of our members present). Some questions were: size of kiosk/ who stocks it/ exact location/ would people really read it/ maintenance/ and the literature come from where?

Item 2: WEATHER WARNINGS—Sharlene and Harold were the only 2 members present that went to the Weather Warnings. Anderson-Montgomery did a presentation about the plans for more flood control. They are still trying to get FEMA involved.

Since Archie was absent we still have the question about if Lake Helena Watershed group was contacted about the banks of 10-mile eroding and what are the plans to correct.

Item 3: PHONE TREE—Much discussion on why we actually need a phone tree. All the people on the list supplied to us by the county, were also notified about the Silver Creek flooding issue by the county so we didn't have to make phone calls. The newspaper and TV made announcements also. At this time we want to forego the phone tree.

Item 4: MISSION OF COMMITTEE—Again we tabled discussion of our mission for next meeting. At this time we will revisit the committee's mission statement and talk about if we are working towards fulfilling our goals or drifting into other things.

Item 5: MISCELLANEOUS—Questions for Derek, "How does the flood water get under Montana Ave?" "When will work begin in the McHugh area?" There was some discussion on what will be done next for flood protection now that Forestvale has really nice ditches to carry the floodwater away. **SEE ATTACHED PAGE 2.**

Item 6: Next meeting will be May 31, 2012 at the Moose Lodge, 7 pm.

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RESPONSES FROM DEREK BROWN on Item 5 from questions sent by Sharlene to him:

1. When will the McHugh Road project start? **DB: We don't have any other projects designed yet so we don't have any start dates. I'll let you know as soon as we do.**
2. In a couple of places on Forestvale, culverts were removed from under the road. People are wondering why these were not paved over like the Kerr Dr./Forestvale intersection and the road in front of the fire hall were paved. They are rough to drive over and do you think they will be paved? **DB: All of the asphalt cuts on the Forestvale project will be paved at the same time. The roads were just filled to accommodate traffic in the short term.**
3. What is planned to happen in the Silver Creek area regarding mitigation for upcoming floods? **DB: We are still discussing the options for Silver Creek. As with all of the other projects we haven't finished the designs yet.**
4. Many are wondering what happens to the Forestvale floodwater when it hits N. Montana Ave. Some say the culvert at Montana Ave. is smaller than the ones on Forestvale. **DB: When the water reaches Montana it crosses to the East side through a larger culvert. I'm not sure but I think it's 36" or 42". In a flood event it would then be diverted to the gun club drainage lagoon for retention (as of yet not designed). It is anticipated that the excess would then travel North along the West side of I-15 to either the D2 ditch or to 10-Mile Creek.**