Illinois Valley Watershed Council

Regular Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

Illinois Valley WC Office/ZOOM

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order March 27th, 2022, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:02 pm

**ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES**

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| William Reid | Patricia Downing | Robert Schmidt |
| Don Young | Marcy Sowa | Gene Merrill |
| Carol Crawford | Joy McEwen |  |
| Rhett Nelsen | James Gurley |  |
| Katrina Poydack |  |  |
| Janice Denney | Cheryl Nelson (SWCD Staff) |  |
| Robert Webb |  |  |
| Arlyse DeLoyola (staff) |  |  |
| Kevin O’Brien (staff) |  |  |
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| David Ferguson, NRCS |  |  |

**SCRIBE**

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

* **Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2022 meeting were presented to the council for review.
* **Don Young made a motion to accept the minutes for February.**
* **Bob Webb seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Financials**: The Financial Reports from July 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022, were presented to the Council for review.
* **Carol Crawford made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
* **Rhett Nelsen seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Strategic Planning Update**
* Kevin reported on the status of strategic planning. Most consultants are on Spring Break and unavailable, but he intends to follow up next week.
* **Water Quality Monitoring Update**
* Kevin made the board aware that the majority of the ordered equipment has been delivered, but we are awaiting approval of the plan from the Department of Environmental Quality. He noted that the initial $10,000 donation would not support all the testing sites for very long. He expected Oregon Water Enhancement Board/Oregon Department of Agriculture would allow for some SOW (Scope of Work) funds to be used for water quality monitoring, but the intent is to apply for and secure grant funding specifically to support this effort. Even if the grant is secured, funds would likely not become available until November, making the use of Scope of Work funds an important gap measure.
* NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries and Fish and Wildlife Service were noted as potential partners for dealing with/ enforcement of our water theft issues due to the adverse effects on the federally listed coho salmon. .

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice:**

Kevin discussed the training he recently received and encouraged the board to consider taking training as well as keeping DEIJ at the forefront of decision making.

* **Meeting preparedness:**

Kevin polled the board to see who had reviewed the meeting packets. When the majority answered affirmatively he commented that he was going to ask that they be sure to do that ahead of meetings.

* **Stakeholder Engagement Program and Project**

Kevin reported on the Council’s involvement in the SWCD and his intent to apply for an upcoming grant opportunity.

* **Annual update to Josephine County Board of Commissioners**

Kevin informed the board that this annual requirement was met earlier in the month and the meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

* **OSU Extension Land Service Presentation**

Kevin assisted Brian Barr with a presentation on Watershed Council activities and will present for the SWCD on March 29th.

**CONTINUING**

* **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
* Kevin gave his report noting that the Page Creek Project looks like it will be completed this season and we may possibly be able to work on the Dunn Creek Inlet as well. The Forest Service has granted a modification of $5000 to do this work.
* Arlyse reviewed her report emphasizing the Bottledrop promotion of 20% matching funds between April 11th and 21st in celebration of Earth Day. She encouraged everyone to bring in cans.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on April 28th directly following the IVSWCD meeting at the office and via ZOOM. Details will be in your packets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Bill Reid, Council Chairman, at 7:20 PM.

APPROVED MINUTES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_