



Illinois Valley Watershed Council  
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## Monthly Watershed Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Topic: Illinois Valley Watershed Council Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order August 14, 2025 by Carol Crawford, Chair, at 5:00 PM

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Abie Diaz

### ATTENDEES

### ZOOM ATTENDEES

### ABSENTEES

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Carol Crawford	John Bellville (IVSWCD)	Patty Downing
Janice Denney	Gene Merrill	Arlyse DeLoyola (staff)
Katrina Poydack		
Bill Joerger		
Kevin O'Brien (staff)		
Abie Diaz		
Axel Loew (Energy Trust Oregon)		

### I. 5:00 PM: Call to Order

Carol Crawford called the meeting to order.

### II. 5:02 PM: Acceptance of Minutes

- The minutes of the July 2025 meeting were presented to the council for review.
  - Janice Denney made a motion to approve the minutes.
  - Bill Joerger seconded that motion.
  - The minutes were approved without dissent.

### III. 5:05 PM: Acceptance of Financial Reports

- Financials: The Financial Reports for February 2024 were presented to the Council for review.
  - Katrina Poydack made a motion to accept the financial reports.
  - Janice Denney seconded that motion.
  - The motion was approved without dissent.

### IV. 5:10 PM: Committee Reports

No committee meetings recently. Community engagement grant applied for through OWEB, to fund the engagement program and portion of engagement coordinator wages for two years. Decisions will be announced by grantors in late November, further details in December. Any engagement OWEB awards must be geared towards resulting in restoration projects. Grant was written to reflect the truth of being an underserved community and other realities for the necessity of engaging the community in restoration efforts.

**V. 5:25 PM: Old Business**

**a. Logo (Carol)**

Carol will bring it in next week to be reviewed by all.

**b. By-law amendment redux (Action, Kevin)**

- A motion was made by Bill Joerger to amend the Bylaws to remove the Council's Executive Director from being a member of the board of directors.
- Janice Denney seconded the motion.
- The motion passed.

**c. Patty is returning from her Leave of Absence at the September 2025 meeting.**

**VI. 5:50 PM: New Business**

**a. Internal Communications Policy (Discussion, Kevin)**

Kevin presented a draft communications policy for review and action at the September meeting.

**b. Bottle Drop Check Investment**

Kevin relayed that Arlyse had asked for a check from BottleDrop for the funds in our account. He would like the board to consider options for investing the \$2000. No action was taken.

**VII. 6:10 PM: Council Updates & Staff Reports**

**a. Kevin's report**

Working on improving board function, recruiting more board members, finding restoration work on the ground, and funding the succession plan for his position. Reviewed current projects. The start date for the Horse Creek project has been changed to September 2nd.

**b. Arlyse's report**

Reviewed by the board.

**c. Board Action Items/Homework**

Reviewed the communications policy draft and consider ideas for the BottleDrop payout.

**VIII. 6:30 PM Partnering Agency Reports**

**a. Illinois Valley SWCD**

None at this time

**b. Others**

Axel with Energy Trust of Oregon - Goal is energy conservation; cheaper for OR to invest in conserving energy, forms partnerships to prioritize this. Increasing application efficiency, changing to drip irrigation, etc. Less energy and water used. Monitoring demand in soils. Spoke on savings for projects. Works directly with landowners. Fielded questions from the board.

**IX. 6:20 PM: Public Comments (Relating to this agenda or IVWC Operations)**

Resource for Landowners to receive assistance with water improvement projects:

Jerry Sorte - Business Oregon- [Jerry.SORTE@biz.oregon.gov](mailto:Jerry.SORTE@biz.oregon.gov)

**X. 6:23 PM: Adjournment**

Approved Minutes:

Signature



Date

9.11.25  
C.S.