

# Monthly Meeting

Illinois Valley Watershed Council

Thursday, April 11, 2024

5:00 PM



**IV Stream-Team Headquarters- 331 E Cottage Park Dr Suite 1b  
Cave Junction OR 97523**

Illinois Valley Watershed Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Illinois Valley Watershed Council Monthly Meeting

Time: 5:00 pm Thursday, April 11, 2024

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## Monthly Council Meeting Agenda *April 11, 2024*

- I. **5:00 PM: Call to Order**
- II. **5:02 PM: Acceptance of Minutes**
- III. **5:05 PM: Acceptance of Financial Reports**
- IV. **Committee Reports**
  - Policy
- V. **5:25 PM: Old Business**
  - a. DEIJ Policy Vote
- VI. **5:40 PM: New Business**
  - a. Discussion on Executive Director Voting
  - b. Potential Fundraising/Partnership Ideas (Gene)
  - c. Denney reappointment
  - d. By-Laws amendment- formation date correction
- VII. **6:10 Strategic Plan Check-In**
  - a. Review of actions completed.
- VIII. **6:15 PM: Council Updates & Staff Reports**
  - a. Kevin report
  - b. Arlyse report
  - c. Board Action Items/Homework
- IX. **6:30 PM Partnering Agency Reports**
  - a. Illinois Valley SWCD
  - b. Others
- X. **6:45 PM: Public Comments** (Relating to this agenda or IVWC Operations)
- XI. **7:00 PM: Adjournment**

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order March 14, 2024 by Katrina Poydack, Chair at 5:06 pm.

ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Carol Crawford	John Bellville (IVSWCD)	
Janice Denney	Gene Merrill	
Katrina Poydack		
Patty Downing		
Bob Schmidt		
Don Young		
James Gurley		
Kevin O'Brien (board & staff)		
Aryse DeLoyola (staff)		
Kate Dwyer (presenter)		
Kenny Houck (public)		
Bob Webb IVSWCD		

### SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Aryse DeLoyola

The meeting began with Guest Speaker Kate Dwyer of the Four Way Community Foundation. She started by introducing herself and asking the attendees to do so as well, then described the work her foundation does in the communities they serve. Her next topic was defining and discussing the importance of having a DEIJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice) Policy. She invoked lively discussion around the subject and offered her opinion of the draft policy presented to the board for review and discussion next month. Kate was thanked for her valuable input.

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were presented to the council for review.
  - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes.**
  - **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
  - **The minutes were approved without dissent.**
  
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports for February 2024 were presented to the Council for review.
  - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
  - **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
  - **The motion was approved without dissent.**

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Human Resources-**

Kevin reported that he will have his job description ready soon. The committee has been meeting.

- **Policy Committee-**

Patty Downing reported that minor changes had been made to the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and it is submitted to the board for approval at this meeting. There is a draft DEIJ policy included in the packet for board review and consideration for next meeting, The next policies that will be considered by the committee are Harassment and Board Roles and Responsibilities.

There were no other committee reports.

## OLD BUSINESS

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- **Treasurer Replacement**

Janice Denney has requested to be replaced as treasurer,

- **Jim Gurley Made a motion to appoint Carol Crawford to the position of Treasurer.**
- **Gene Merrill Seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed seven votes to one.**

- **Tabled Proposals**

Patty reminded the board that she had requested that two of her proposals be tabled to this month for consideration and possible adoption.

- **A motion was made by Patty Downing to change the Watershed Coordinator's title to Executive Director.**
- **Carol Crawford seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held.**
- **The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- **Patty made a motion to make the non-probationary Executive Director a voting member of the Board of Directors.**
- **Carol Crawford seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion followed.**
- **A poll vote was held with four ayes, three nays and one abstention for conflict of interest reasons (O'Brien).**
- **The motion passed.**

- **Conflict-of-Interest Policy**

The board reviewed the proposed, updated Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Changes were requested and noted.

- **Kevin O'Brien made a motion to accept the policy with noted changes.**
- **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

## NEW BUSINESS

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- **The Big Picture**

Kevin reviewed an article written by the Executive Director of the Non-profit Association of Oregon regarding the changes in the non-profit world.

- **Other New Business**

Kevin asked the board to review the Draft DEIJ Policy they had been given and to please send any comment to him, Patty or Arlyse so we can be ready for approval next meeting.

- **Bob Webb to WC Board**

- **Bob Schmidt made a motion to bring Bob Webb onto the Council Board.**  
The motion died for lack of a second after the process for onboarding was explained. Bob

Webb was provided with an application, a set of By-Laws and the Strategic Plan to review and consider.

**CONTINUING**

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- **Strategic Plan Check-In:**

Kevin reviewed the timeline in the plan and determined we were mostly ahead of schedule.

- **Staff and partnering agency reports:**

- Kevin reviewed his written report. He attended meetings today online regarding the Pacific Forest Accord grant offerings and was not encouraged that we would be funded in our requests. The meetings will continue tomorrow.
- In good news, he and John plan to make some media blasts next week to be used in our fundraising marketing.
- Arlyse announced she had been successful in taking down the old PayPal account and starting a new one that she and Kevin have access to.

- **Partnering Agencies:**

John Bellville reviewed the IVSWCD's recent activities. He has been very busy with numerous projects. He did announce that he had heard that the FAA had just ruled that the type of drone we have will not be legal to fly in the future. (!)

- **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next monthly meeting is to be held at **5:00 pm** on **April 11, 2024**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Chair, at 7:34 PM.

**Approved Minutes:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Valley Watershed Council

4/2/2024 1:13 PM

Register: Checking Account

From 03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
03/01/2024			IVWC PayPal	Funds Transfer	0.23	X		66,790.25
03/05/2024	1072	Pacific Office Autom...	Accounts Payable		79.57	X		66,710.68
03/05/2024	1073	CRYSTAL FRESH	Accounts Payable		28.50	X		66,682.18
03/07/2024	ACH	Cardinal-Employee ...	Accounts Payable		2,273.28	X		64,408.90
03/07/2024	ACH	Cardinal-Tax Impound	Accounts Payable		1,108.10	X		63,300.80
03/07/2024			Stripe Account	Funds Transfer		X	9.42	63,310.22
03/08/2024	ACH	Cardinal Business Se...	Accounts Payable		50.00	X		63,260.22
03/12/2024			Undeposited Funds	Deposit		X	35.00	63,295.22
03/13/2024	ACH	Slavic 401K Fund	Accounts Payable	retirement	555.28	X		62,739.94
03/18/2024	1075	IV DATA CENTER	Accounts Payable		21.25	X		62,718.69
03/19/2024	1077	IV DATA CENTER	Accounts Payable		450.00			62,268.69
03/19/2024	1078	A+ Storage	Accounts Payable		102.00			62,166.69
03/19/2024	1079	US Cellular	Accounts Payable		62.45			62,104.24
03/25/2024	ach	Cardinal-Employee ...	Accounts Payable		2,463.89	X		59,640.35
03/25/2024	ach	Cardinal-Tax Impound	Accounts Payable		1,281.15	X		58,359.20
03/25/2024	ach	Cardinal Business Se...	Accounts Payable		50.00	X		58,309.20

## Illinois Valley Watershed Council

## Profit &amp; Loss

04/02/24

March 2024

Cash Basis

	<u>Mar 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions Received	
Contributions - Unrestricted	36.46
Total Contributions Received	36.46
Total Income	36.46
Gross Profit	36.46
Expense	
Fundraising Expense	299.00
Other	
Copier Lease	79.57
Dues & Subscriptions	135.00
Internet Services	21.25
Payroll Fees	100.00
Rent Expense	552.00
Software	20.00
Telephone	62.45
Total Other	970.27
Salaries & Wages	
401K Automatic Contribution	163.76
Employee Contributed 401K	-254.52
Employer Matching Funds 401K	163.76
Employer Paid Payroll Taxes	704.25
Tax Withholding- Employee	0.01
Salaries & Wages - Other	6,904.44
Total Salaries & Wages	7,681.70
Supplies & Materials	28.50
Total Expense	8,979.47
Net Ordinary Income	-8,943.01
Net Income	<u><u>-8,943.01</u></u>

**Illinois Valley Watershed Council**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 July 2023 through March 2024

	Jul '23 - Mar 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Contributions Received</b>	
Contributions - Unrestricted	612.09
<b>Total Contributions Received</b>	612.09
<b>Fee For Service</b>	3,492.00
<b>Grants Received</b>	
Foundation Grants	1,008.28
Government Grants	52,073.30
Grants Received - Other	23,233.00
<b>Total Grants Received</b>	76,314.58
<b>Total Income</b>	80,418.67
<b>Gross Profit</b>	80,418.67
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Contracted Services</b>	
Grant Administration	21.91
Contracted Services - Other	3,213.46
<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	3,235.37
<b>Corporation Fees- OR Non-Profit</b>	50.00
<b>Fundraising Expense</b>	598.00
<b>Insurance</b>	
Executive Protection & EPL	1,249.75
General Liability Insurance	2,483.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	3,732.75
<b>Other</b>	
Bank Fees	15.31
Copier Lease	706.94
Dues & Subscriptions	799.00
Food & Water	389.51
Internet Services	280.25
Payroll Fees	943.00
PO Box Rent	113.00
Rent Expense	4,845.50
Software	2,203.70
Telephone	690.70
<b>Total Other</b>	10,986.91
<b>Project Expenses</b>	
Travel - Mileage	387.77
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	387.77
<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	
401K Automatic Contribution	3,062.59
Employee Contributed 401K	236.76
Employer Matching Funds 401K	3,176.47
Employer Paid Payroll Taxes	6,371.81
Tax Withholding- Employee	1,968.46
Workers Comp Insurance	219.40
Salaries & Wages - Other	64,813.42
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	79,848.91



**Illinois Valley Watershed Council**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**July 2023 through March 2024**

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	<u>Jul '23 - Mar 24</u>
<b>Supplies &amp; Materials</b>	
Postage, Mailing Service	5.08
Supplies & Materials - Other	6,104.67
<b>Total Supplies &amp; Materials</b>	6,109.75
<b>Taxes</b>	90.00
<b>Training and Associated Travel</b>	
Lodging	496.08
Per Diem	13.58
Training and Associated Travel - Other	3,097.10
<b>Total Training and Associated Travel</b>	3,606.76
<b>Total Expense</b>	108,646.22
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-28,227.55
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Refunds	249.75
<b>Total Other Income</b>	249.75
<b>Net Other Income</b>	249.75
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-27,977.80</u></u>

Illinois Valley Watershed Council  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2024

	<u>Mar 31, 24</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Checking Account	58,309.20
Stripe Account	36.46
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>58,345.66</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Undeposited Funds	-35.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>-35.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>58,310.66</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>58,310.66</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Credit Cards</b>	
Umpqua Bank CC IVWC	504.00
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<u>504.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>504.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	504.00
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	85,784.46
Net Income	-27,977.80
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>57,806.66</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>58,310.66</u></b>



**April 2024 Executive Director's Report**  
(04/03/2024)

**Crooks Creek Project:** Ultimately and unfortunately, the project fell below OWEB's funding line for the cycle and will not be recommended by OWEB Staff for funding at this month's OWEB quarterly Board meeting. The evaluation comments/staff action document for the project follows my report in this packet. It is important to remember that the Regional Review Team recommended to OWEB Staff that the project be fully funded. I will discuss status, next steps, and recommendations at the meeting.

**Strategic Plan:** Recent implementation project funding decisions are confirming in my mind that we are likely best served in 2024 plowing forward into a discovery process to locate and secure capacity funding ASAP so we can recruit and hire our Community Engagement Coordinator and have capacity for me to devote adequate time to Committee leadership, fundraising, and policy and HR needs.

**Restoration Partnership Initiative/Strategic Alliance with Josephine County:** The consultant contracted with to research and develop the assessment and treatment guidebook as well as attempt to broker preliminary meetings with key local officials is underway now. John gave a good report on this during last week's SWCD meeting. I have furnished the Contractor all information she requested of me during John and my kickoff meeting with her.

**Water Quality Monitoring Program:**

After our recent virtual meeting with OWEB monitoring and regional lead staff, John and I have decided to follow our impressions by having the District apply for wqm funding to cover the grab sampling program while the Council re-applies for funding an initial passive wqm project. Further details and discussion at the meeting if you would like. This will give a strong indication of their support for either or both types of wqm moving forward.

**IV Country Club Restoration Project with ODFW:**

The evaluation comments/staff action document for the project follows my report in this packet. I'll discuss status, next steps, and recommendations at the meeting.

**East Fork Illinois River – Phase 1:**

Unfortunately, the project fell below OWEB's funding line for the cycle and is not being recommended by OWEB Staff for funding at this month's OWEB quarterly Board meeting. The evaluation comments/staff action document for the project follows my report in this packet. It is important to remember that the Regional Review Team recommended to OWEB Staff that the project be fully funded. I will discuss status, next steps, and recommendations at the meeting.

**Four Way Community Foundation 2024 Offering:**

We applied to purchase laptops to replace our outdated and struggling units. We should know their decision this month.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Kevin O'Brien, Executive Director

# Open Solicitation-Open Solicitation Fall 2023 Restoration

Southwest Oregon (Region 2)

**Application Name:** 224-2006-23286

**Project Type:** Restoration

**Project Name:** Crooks Creek Large Wood Structure Placement

**Applicant:** Illinois Valley WC

**Region:** Southwest Oregon

**County:** Josephine

**OWEB Request:** \$136,622

**Total Cost:** \$172,673

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**Application Description** 1) The project is located approximately 7 miles East of the town of Selma on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on Crooks Creek within the Deer Creek watershed. The project reach is immediately upstream of the 23 engineered LWM structures constructed during 2023 along the adjoining downstream 1.5 mile reach that involved private partnering lands as well as public lands.

2) The Deer Creek watershed is listed in the BLM Western Aquatic Restoration Strategy (2015) as a focus area in which priority actions are needed to address legacy impacts. Legacy impacts such as loss of Large Woody Material (LWM) in this system has accelerated sediment transport from the project area and has resulted in a significant loss of storage capacity.

3) The proposed project seeks to construct 13 engineered LWM structures instream using approximately 52 logs and other available LWM pieces along a 0.5 mile reach of Crooks Creek. The proposed work – in conjunction with the extensive work accomplished in 2023 immediately downstream of the project reach – is considered vital to fully realizing desired instream LWM levels for the watershed.

4) Project partners include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (Medford District, Grants Pass Field Office), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), and the applicant (Illinois Valley Watershed Council (IVWC)).

## Review Team Evaluation

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### Strengths

- The instream winter and summer habitat in Crooks Creek is important for steelhead, Endangered Species Act-listed coho, and cutthroat in the Illinois basin.
- The application presents a clear connection between climate change concerns and the project goal of restoring natural processes that build climate resilience.
- The project approach is technically sound with materials and placement approaches tailored to site conditions with an emphasis on low impact to the riparian area during implementation.
- The applicant has capacity and relevant experience to oversee the project.
- The project team has a consistent track record for implementing similar high-quality projects.

- The project is ready for implementation with final designs and permits in place along with materials and contractors secured.
- The handwritten letters of support were helpful and communicate a strong connection with landowners and their support and ownership in the project and its deliverables, indicating long-term sustainability of the investment.

### **Concerns**

- The application lacked site photos and photos depicting examples from previous work that would help provide visual context to match the application narrative.
- The application lacked information describing the condition of the riparian areas.
- The tax lot maps included in the application do not adequately describe site conditions.

### **Concluding Analysis**

The installation of large wood will improve spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids and other aquatic organisms. Adding large wood to Crooks Creek will increase the sinuosity and complexity of stream channel characteristics and enhance fish habitat and restore floodplain and stream function.

### **Review Team Recommendation to Staff**

Fund

### **Review Team Priority**

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### **Review Team Recommended Amount**

\$136,622

### **Review Team Conditions**

N/A

### **Staff Recommendation**

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### **Staff Follow-Up to Review Team**

N/A

### **Staff Recommendation**

Do Not Fund; falls below staff-recommended funding line

### **Staff Recommended Amount**

\$0

### **Staff Conditions**

N/A

# Open Solicitation-Open Solicitation Fall 2023 Technical Assistance

Southwest Oregon (Region 2)

**Application Name:** 224-2021-23366

**Project Type:** Technical Assistance

**Project Name:** Illinois Valley Country Club Restoration Project

**Applicant:** Illinois Valley WC

**Region:** Southwest Oregon

**County:** Josephine

**OWEB Request:** \$86,482

**Total Cost:** \$99,682

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**Application Description** The proposed restoration project area is located within the boundary of the Illinois Valley Country Club, owned by the City of Cave Junction. Multiple salmon-bearing streams are within the project area including George Creek and Brooks Creek (and unnamed tributary). All provide habitat for coho salmon (ESA-listed), winter-run steelhead, coastal cutthroat trout, and sculpin. Brooks Creek and its unnamed tributary flow into George Creek, which in turn empties into the Illinois River at river mile 54. The main factors limiting fish habitat potential are simplified, straightened stream channels lacking in-stream complexity, poor quality riparian vegetation, inadequate fish passage, and disturbed hydrology. Most existing stream crossings either do not meet fish passage criteria or are undersized. All the stream channels were likely subjected to straightening and clearing decades ago and are devoid of instream structure needed for juvenile rearing habitat, or to retain spawning substrate. Riparian habitats require significant restoration due to the overwhelming presence of Himalayan blackberry throughout much of the project area. Streamflow is also limited because of development encroaching on stream corridors, where wetland habitats that likely once provided surface flow have become fragmented. This Technical Assistance grant would provide the funding to: 1) design stream crossing structures that meet fish passage criteria, 2) develop a riparian plan to increase shade potential and plant diversity, 3) explore the possibility of remeandering and enhancing stream channels to increase sinuosity and habitat complexity, and 4) gain a thorough understanding of surface and groundwater flow to ensure that George Creek captures as much water as possible to provide high-quality juvenile rearing habitat, and potentially adult spawning habitat. Project partners include the City of Cave Junction, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and River Design Group.

## Review Team Evaluation

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### Strengths

- While the habitat has been greatly simplified and disconnected, the habitat in the upper portions of George Creek has potential for spawning and rearing for ESA-listed coho. The proposed project would complement similar restoration planned in other tributaries nearby.
- The project location has potential for outreach to the community to promote watershed health awareness.
- The satellite imagery and drawings were helpful to understand the property in its watershed context.

- The applicant has retained the services of an experienced engineering firm.

### **Concerns**

- The application is unclear regarding how much flexibility there is with the current land use and the ability to create sufficient space for functional riparian and habitat areas. It is unclear if the City of Cave Junction is still spreading wastewater on the golf course and if so, where on the property that activity is occurring.
- It is unclear which stream crossings are proposed for restoration designs.
- It is unclear whether there is water in all the ditches and channels proposed for restoration designs and, if water is present, when the water is there.
- Information on water rights, including a map, would have been helpful to understanding the volume of water on site and clarify whether fish passage upgrades are warranted. The application noted that it's going to be difficult to meet federal fish passage requirements for the proposed culvert designs.
- The budget did not include a specific line item for the riparian plan.

### **Concluding Analysis**

Restoring simplified stream and riparian habitat on George Creek and improving access for salmonids to potential spawning and rearing habitat has value but having a better understanding of the potential for meaningful restoration actions is important prior to investing in design development.

### **Review Team Recommendation to Staff**

Do Not Fund

### **Review Team Priority**

N/A

### **Review Team Recommended Amount**

\$0

### **Review Team Conditions**

N/A

### **Staff Recommendation**

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#### **Staff Follow-Up to Review Team**

N/A

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Do Not Fund

#### **Staff Recommended Amount**

\$0

#### **Staff Conditions**

# Open Solicitation-Open Solicitation Fall 2023 Restoration

Southwest Oregon (Region 2)

**Application Name:** 224-2008-23313

**Project Type:** Restoration

**Project Name:** East Fork Habitat Enhancement and Channel Stabilization

**Applicant:** Illinois Valley WC

**Region:** Southwest Oregon

**County:** Josephine

**OWEB Request:** \$203,906

**Total Cost:** \$421,524

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**Application Description** 1) The project is located along the East Fork Illinois River about 4.7 Rivermiles upstream of Highway 199 near Cave Junction. The project reach extends along about a 900-foot-long reach and is within the Southern Oregon Coastal Basin, a priority basin.

2) This area provides critical habitat for Coho Salmon, an ESA listed species. Mining, past timber harvest, road construction, and channel modifications within the watershed have impacted aquatic habitat along river. The channel within the project reach has incised and migrated to the west resulting in a loss of riparian vegetation along the bank and reduction in morphologic complexity. The river lacks riparian canopy along the bank and bank and channel habitat complexity. The proposed project is the first phase of a larger East Fork Illinois River habitat enhancement and restoration project. The success of this project will be used to demonstrate the benefit of these actions to other landowners along the East Fork Illinois River.

3) Project work includes installing large wood structures, excavating a portion of a gravel bar to reactivate a side channel, and planting riparian vegetation along the westerly streambank. The nine large wood structures will be placed along the west bank to reduce velocities along the bank and stabilize benches that will be planted with cottonwoods and willows. These large wood structures will provide cover and create and maintain scour pockets for aquatic organisms including Coho Salmon. The structures provide refuge from high velocities, increase bed material sorting and increase bed complexity. Three large wood structures placed on the east side of the primary channel to direct flow into side channels increasing inundation frequency increase habitat availability and access to a broader range of habitats.

4) Project partners include landowners, City of Cave Junction, Josephine County, OWEB, DWPP, IVSWCD, ODSL, ODFW, NOAA, USACE, BLM, USFS, and the applicant (IVWC).

## Review Team Evaluation

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### Strengths

- The proposed project complements instream habitat improvements made by the United States Forest Service higher in the watershed.
- The project unites agency partners working with the landowners and an experienced engineer to develop workable solutions to address stream function degradation and bank erosion issues.



- The landowners are motivated and looking for a solution to the rapidly eroding stream banks, making the work timely and likely to be maintained over the long term.
- The project will provide an outreach opportunity for other landowners in the system experiencing similar erosion problems, presenting solutions that provide habitat restoration rather than traditional rip rap bank hardening approaches.
- The proposed large wood structures are intended to redirect flows, creating scour pools that provide more complex habitat and improve hyporheic flow through trapped substrate which will help cool water temperatures. Activation of the side channels will improve juvenile coho rearing habitat opportunities.

### **Concerns**

- The project treats a small reach of the stream and addresses symptoms of degradation rather than causes.
- Other alternative restoration solutions were not explored as thoroughly as they could have been due to the desire for less reliance on heavy equipment to minimize the impact from equipment.
- Taking a systemic approach through a technical assistance offering would provide the ability for larger scale planning and the potential to address larger stream reaches with a better understanding of the system's hydrologic drivers and factors impacting the stream and riparian area.
- This stream reach has dried up in the past, making it hard to quantify fish benefits that could be realized during summer months. Lack of willingness in the area to allow access to private lands for fish survey work has resulted in no historical data.

### **Concluding Analysis**

This river system has been heavily altered through historic mining and land use activities. It is flashy with flow events that quickly erode banks, transport sediment and debris, and scour riparian vegetation. Finding workable solutions within the current land use pattern to help restore more natural stream processes and function is important to the future of the fisheries in the system and this project provides a highly visible opportunity to demonstrate solutions that address the needs of the ecosystem and the property owners.

### **Review Team Recommendation to Staff**

Fund

### **Review Team Priority**

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### **Review Team Recommended Amount**

\$203,906

### **Review Team Conditions**

N/A

## Staff Recommendation

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### Staff Follow-Up to Review Team

N/A

### Staff Recommendation

Do Not Fund; falls below staff-recommended funding line

### Staff Recommended Amount

\$0

### Staff Conditions

N/A

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY  
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Acknowledgement of the membership and makeup of the JOSEPHINE COUNTY ILLINOIS VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL )  
 ) Resolution No. 96 - 40  
 )

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners that there is a need for clarification to be made with regard to the membership and makeup of the Josephine County Illinois Valley Watershed Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 1996 action was taken at the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District special session stipulating that "Those who shall serve as the Illinois Valley Watershed Council shall be the seven (7) elected Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Directors and the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District associate directors as appointed by the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Josephine County Board of Commissioners concurs with the current makeup of the Council as set out by the above mentioned action of the Josephine County Illinois Valley Watershed Council; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the following persons be recognized as members of the Illinois Valley Watershed Council.

**ELECTED DIRECTORS**

Clayton Fincher  
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Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Bill Pfohn  
P.O. Box 1038  
Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Keith Nelsen  
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Kerby, Oregon 97531

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Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Lew Krauss  
261 Deer Creek Road  
Selma, Oregon 97538

Doyle Troutt  
127 Patton Bar Road  
Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

**APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS**

Jim Heern  
5601 Rockdale Road  
Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Larry Leseman  
2612 Holland Loop Road  
Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Bob Pergeson  
1963 Althouse Creek Road  
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5701 Deer Creek Road  
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Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Tim Stetz C/O City Hall  
222 Lister Street  
Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

**DONE and DATED** this 17th day of April, 19 96.

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Harold L. Haugen, Chair

  
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Fred Borngasser, Vice Chair

  
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Irvin R. Whiting, Commissioner



**Arlyse DeLoyola**  
*Office Manager*  
Staff Report- April 2024

**GENERAL ADMIN**

- Payroll submitted.
- Payroll accrual tracked.
- Grant specific expense tracking in QuickBooks and Excel.
- Preparations for board meeting (pre-meeting packet assembly, QB reporting, coordinating agenda, minutes).
- Kept up with partnering agencies' newsletters and memos.
- Reconciled QB to bank account for March.
- Voicemails, email and phone calls.

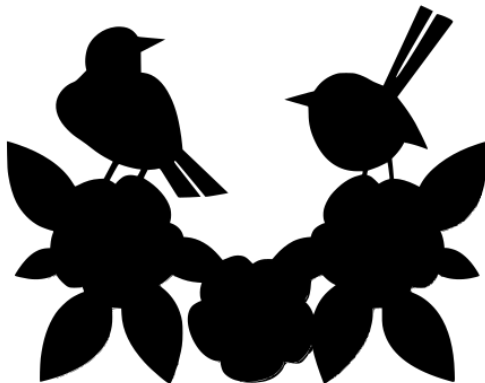
I did some more work on the website and encourage you to take a look. Tell your friends.

April brings Earth Day and Bottle Drop is once again offering a 20% match for all bags dropped between April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, so gather up your cans and bottles and we'll arrange to get them hauled in. We'll work around them for a while.

I will be out of town from the evening of April 16<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> if all goes well (back in time for the SWCD meeting, hopefully) and then off again the following Tuesday April 30 through May 9<sup>th</sup>, our meeting night. I will need a sub for meeting notes, as I'll be flying in that night. If you have agenda items for that meeting, be sure to get them to me early.

Not much else going on, just trying to figure out how to get everything done between trips!

Arlyse



# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Reopens Public Comment Period on Proposal to list both Species of Western Pond Turtle under the Endangered Species Act

Apr 3, 2024

**For immediate release**

**Media Contact: Olivia Beitelspacher, [olivia\\_beitelspacher@fws.gov](mailto:olivia_beitelspacher@fws.gov)**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reopening the public comment period seeking input on a [proposal](#) to list the northwestern pond turtle, which occurs in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and northern and central California, and southwestern pond turtle, which occurs from Monterey County south to Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties into northern Baja California, Mexico, as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The public comment period will now be open for an additional 30 days, closing May 5, 2024.

The Service is committed to having a robust public engagement process as it considers a proposal to list the two western pond turtle species. Reopening the public comment period gives all interested parties additional time to provide comments.

The Service is also seeking comments on a 4(d) rule that allows activities that support conservation of both species, including wildfire suppression and management, maintenance of existing livestock ponds, habitat restoration, and non-native species removal. The 4(d) rule would allow land managers and others to carry out these activities without the risk of violating the Endangered Species Act on their properties because they are expected to have beneficial or negligible impacts to pond turtles and their habitat.

The Service reviewed the best available science to evaluate the status of both species by preparing a Species Status Assessment, including information provided by species experts, to inform the proposed listing rule.

The assessment found that although the southwestern pond turtle and northwestern pond turtle are likely to sustain populations in the wild in the near term, both species have increasing risks of extinction due to population losses, decreased genetic diversity, and a reduced ability to adapt to changing environmental conditions in the next half century, thus warranting listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Ongoing threats to both species include worsening drought conditions, habitat loss and fragmentation, and predation by invasive species such as non-native bullfrogs. The Service encourages any interested parties to provide input and substantive comments during the reopened public comment period. The notice is available in the [Federal Register](#) under docket no. FWS-R8-E8-2023-0092.

*The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service works with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. For more information, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov) and connect with us on social media:*

*[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) (formerly known as [Twitter](#)), [LinkedIn](#), [Flickr](#), and [YouTube](#).*

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Ends**

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