

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order February 2, 2023, by Katrina Poydack, Interim Chair at 6:02 pm

ATTENDEES **ZOOM ATTENDEES** **ABSENTEES**

Katrina Poydack	Marcy Sowa (6:22)	Carol Crawford
Don Young	Gene Merrill	Joy McEwen
Bob Schmidt	James Gurley	Bob Schmidt
Patricia Downing		
Janice Denney		
Kevin O'Brien (Staff)	John Bellville (SWCD Staff)	
Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)		
Bob Webb		
Bill Joerger		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the January, 2023 meeting were presented to the council for review.
 - **Janice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.**
 - **Gene Merrill seconded that motion.**
 - **Patty Downing asked for a correction in the strategic planning update, changing the words “the team” to “the facilitator.”**
 - **The minutes were approved with the correction.**

- **Financials:** The Financial Reports for December 2022 and July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, were presented to the Council for review.
 - **Don Young made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Janice seconded that motion.**
 - **Discussion was held, and it was noted that the check register was not in the report. Arlyse then presented the check register and made copies and emailed it to the ZOOM members.**
 - **The report was approved with the addition of the check register.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Strategic Planning Update**
 Kevin reported that the FORD grant will be submitted soon. He has had contact with the Foundation, and they have been supportive.
 He also advised board members to relax and know that everything is where it needs to be in the process. He re-read the letter from OWEB project manager mark Grenbemer offering his

support for the initiative. Patty Downing added that the last meeting of the committee was very insightful and enjoyable.

- **Budget Committee Report**

- Katrina reported that the budget committee had met and reviewed the salaries and the CPI for 2022 and are suggesting a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 6.2% to the employees.
- Don Young made a motion to implement the 6.2% COLA based on the example presented.
- Patty Downing seconded the motion.
- The motion passed without dissent.

- **Bank Signatories- TABLED**

- **Water Quality Monitoring**

- Kevin and John informed the board that both organizations would be involved in Water Quality Monitoring in potentially different aspects. A pre-application call is scheduled with Mark Grenbemer and Ken soon. Questions regarding “Ghost-busting” and passive sampling will be asked.
- John explained that there is a process for passive sampling that does not involve grab sampling, but leaves a device submerged for a time period that can later be analyzed and a timeline done.
- Kevin and John are engaging with Science Department leaders of Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University in an attempt to establish a lasting partnership for the program. IVWC and IVSWCD hopes to use RCC students for 2023 sampling.
- The Water League was represented by Bill Joerger, who invited all to their event at the Medford Library Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 a.m.
- He stated that the League would like to involve the community in working toward better water quality.

- **Pomeroy Dam Update**

- Kevin shared correspondence received from WaterWatch which announced that a landowner agreement had been obtained for the removal of Pomeroy Dam. Plans are for removal in 2024. This news will not be published due to privacy concerns of the partnering private landowners.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Don Young Appointment**

- Janice Denney made a motion to re-appoint Don Young to the Watershed Council for a four-year term.
- Patty Downing seconded the motion.
- The motion passed without dissent.

- **Next Budget Committee Meeting-** scheduled for February 13, following the SWCD Budget meeting. Committee members are: Marcy Sowa, Katrina Poydack, Bob Webb, and Don Young.

- **Appoint Liaison to SWCD- Stricken since the acting WC Chair is a director on the SWCD and will be at all meetings.**
- **Other new Business:**
 - Patty Downing shared that she had recently visited Arcata, California, where their wastewater is cleaned by a wetland. She would like to be able to hear about how Cave Junction deals with its wastewater. Kevin agreed to call the City and find out if they would be willing to tell us about their operations at one of our upcoming meetings.

CONTINUING

- **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
 - Kevin reviewed his report, adding that he thinks the District, Council and the Water League will find common ground over time to be good partners for the community.
 - Arlyse had nothing to add to her report.
 - Discussion was held on whether a wetlands inventory could be done in the area.

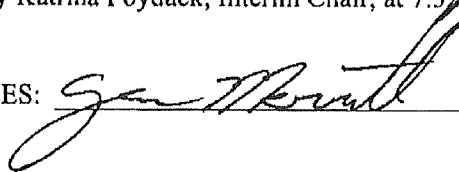
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at 6:00 pm on March 2, 2023 at the office and via ZOOM. Details will be in your packets.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Interim Chair, at 7:32 PM.

APPROVED MINUTES:



DATE: 3/14/23

