Illinois Valley Watershed Council Regular Monthly Council Meeting Illinois Valley WC Office/ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order August 3,2023, by Katrina Poydack, Chair at 5:16 pm

# ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES

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| Carol Crawford | James Gurley |  |
| Janice Denney | Gene Merrill | Don Young |
| Katrina Poydack | Marcy Sowa | Joy McEwen |
| Patty Downing | John Bellville (SWCD Staff) | Bob Schmidt |
| |  | | --- | | Kevin O'Brien (Staff) | | Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff) | |  |  |

**SCRIBE**

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

Before the business meeting began and while a quorum was arriving, Rob Hambleton of Soul Canyon Training and Development was introduced to talk about the watershed Council’s Strategic Planning process. Council members present introduced themselves to Rob with a brief history of their service to the Council and or District. Rob then went over what he understood to be the Council’s goals and told the members he would be contacting each of them in the near future.

* **Minutes:** The minutes of the July,2023 meeting were presented to the council for review.
  + **Janice Denney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.**
  + **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
  + **The minutes were approved without dissent.**
* **Financials:** The Financial Reports for June 2023 and FY 2023 were presented to the Council for review.
  + **Carol Crawford made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
  + **Janice Denney seconded that motion.**
  + **The motion was approved without dissent.**

# OLD BUSINESS

* **Josephine County Update**

Kevin and John will strategize about how to go forward to get a seat at the table with planning and the commissioners to remediate the damage done by illegal grows in our valley. They are trying to develop a partnership.

* **Crooks Creek Project**

Kevin reported that there are about two days left of work on the project, during which four structures should be able to be completed on public land.

* **OWEB Passive Water Quality Monitoring Update**

There has been no word on this grant yet.

## NEW BUSINESS

* **OWEB 23-25 Capacity Award/2021-2023 wrap-up**

The wrap-up was tabled to the next meeting due to time constraints, but Kevin announced that this biennium’s award is $166,142.00 which is about $30,000 more than the initial 21-23 capacity amount and over $17,000 more than the adjusted 21-23 grant.

* **East Fork Illinois/Mendoza project**

There is a potential new project for bank stabilization on the east Fork of the Illinois River. It is likely that a grant will be applied for this fall without doing a technical Assistance Grant first, as there is some urgency in getting this done to save a home. Kevin plans to submit a proposal that includes a design that he hopes will allow OWEB to fund a Restoration Grant.

* **Strategic Planning**

This was discussed before the business meeting.

* **Forest Service partnership Update**

A new modification of $8000 for Outreach has been added to the current USFS grant, and there are plans for an additional $25,000 for habitat surveys. There is also a $250,000 culvert project that may be a separate modification.

## CONTINUING

* **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
  + Kevin said that he had reviewed everything in the agenda items.
  + Arlyse had nothing to add to her written report.
  + **Partnering Agencies:**

John Bellville spoke for the IV Soil & Water Conservation District. He did a site visit this week along with a few board members and partners in O’Brien where a beaver dam is clogging a culvert used for irrigation. He stated he hopes to get a small grant to help this situation. Grab Sampling will begin again on Monday for the Agricultural water Quality monitoring Project. Julie Sinemore with Trout Unlimited has expressed interest in partnering on conservation projects in the Illinois Valley, including irrigation and habitat restoration.

## NEXT MEETING·

The next meeting is to be held at 5:00 pm on **September 7, 2023**

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Chair, at 6:42 PM.

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

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