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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order December 14, by Katrina Poydack, Chair at 5:00 pm

ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES

Carol Crawford	John Bellville	Gene Merrill
Janice Denney		
Katrina Poydack		
Patty Downing		
Bob Schmidt		
Don Young		
James Gurley		
Bob Webb (SWCD)		
Kevin O'Brien (staff)		
Arlyse DeLoyola (staff)		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were presented to the council for review.
 - o Don Young made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - o Carol Crawford seconded that motion.
 - o The minutes were approved without dissent.
 - **Financials:** The Financial Reports for October 2023 were presented to the Council for review.
 - o Carol Crawford made a motion to accept the financial reports.
 - o Janice Denney seconded that motion.
 - o The motion was approved without dissent.

OLD BUSINESS

• Strategic Planning

The Council met December 3rd to finalize the by-laws changes and the strategic plan. Revised documents have been emailed to all with that capability for review and potential approval next meeting. Patty and Katrina worked on the portion below the mission statement. Katrina will pass it by the tribal representatives. She hoped to get it finalized and to Arlyse by January 4th. She also was working on a proper land acknowledgement to potentially be included at meetings and events.

Meeting Date

A review and discussion of the meeting date schedule was held. No changes were made.

• Open Season

Kevin met with the insurance company and advised the board of the cost of coverage for 2024.

- o A motion to award a bonus to cover the cost of insurance was made by Patricia Downing.
- o Janice Denney seconded the motion.
- o The motion passed without dissent.

Harness Giving

Kevin and Arlyse presented the answers to the questions the board had regarding the fundraising platform. Discussion was held.

- O A motion to purchase six months of the mid-range of Harness Giving services was made by Janice Denney.
- o Patricia Downing seconded the motion.
- o The motion carried 6-1, with Bob Schmidt voting no.

• Migration/email issues and Kelley Connect

Kevin explained that the migration had finally been completed and email is now working after an outage since last week.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting important:

The Council was advised that the January meeting would include the election of officers, adoption of updated by-laws and the Strategic Plan.

CONTINUING

- Staff and partnering agency reports:
 - o Kevin reviewed his written report. He is currently in grant-writing mode until the end of the year.
 - o Arlyse relayed the email and migration issues had mostly been solved. A budget meeting is set for January 9th at 2:00pm.

• Partnering Agencies:

John Bellville thanked Arlyse for her work on the Microsoft migration. He congratulated the Council on its tentative completion of the Strategic Plan. He then asked Council members for letters of support for the SWCD's current grant proposal, Private Forest Accord.

John also asked that anyone living along a stream contact him if they are willing to host a passive water quality monitoring site.

IV FROG met here yesterday and are working toward establishing a 501C3 non-profit.

The Community Wildfire Defense grant letters mailed recently are garnering a lot of inquiries. 27 landowners have responded of the 118 letters mailed out. Work could be on the ground sooner than anticipated due to the positive response.

• Public Comment

No public comments were made.

NEXT MEETING.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Chair, at 6:37 PM.

Approved Minutes:

Signature pyshuk

Date |-11-24