

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order August 8, 2024, by Katrina Poydack, Chair at 5:04 pm.

ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Katrina Poydack	Gene Merrill	James Gurley
Janice Denney		Bob Schmidt
Carol Crawford		
Patty Downing		
Kevin O'Brien (E.D.)		
Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)		
Don Young		
Bill Reid		

#### SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the July 2024 meeting were presented to the council for review.
  - Kevin O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes.
  - Janice Denney seconded that motion.
  - The minutes were approved without dissent.
  
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports for June 2024 were presented to the Council for review.
  - Kevin O'Brien made a motion to accept the financial reports.
  - Patty Downing seconded that motion.
  - The motion was approved without dissent.

**Committee Reports:** The Policy Committee presented the draft Board member Application for Board review.

- Kevin O'Brien made a motion to accept the policy.
- Patty Downing seconded the motion.
- Discussion was held.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Katrina gave a report on the Budget Committee meeting. The Board reviewed the updated budget document. Discussion was held regarding the need to approve or not. Patty Downing asked for more clarity in the document. Kevin provided the full color, full page document to the board, as it was abbreviated for the packet.

- A motion was made by Carol Crawford to approve the interim budget.
- Patty Downing seconded the motion.
- The motion passed without dissent.

## OLD BUSINESS

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- **Harness Giving Renewal**

Kevin asked that the board approve the renewal of our contract with Harness Giving for another six months. With the donations and other fundraising, we have managed to pay for it over the course of this six months. Kevin feels we are just getting started and should see results in the coming months with increased use.

- Kevin made a motion to renew Harness Giving at the current level for six months.
- Carol Crawford seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

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- **Cookie Contest**

- Retired board member Don Young was introduced and asked to judge a cookie contest in honor of all of the cookies he baked and shared with the Council (and District) over his many years of board service. Attendees retired to the conference room for cookies and Don declared them all winners as they were all made with love, as his were for all those years. He was presented with retirement gifts from the Council and District and shared a few stories.
- Janice read an article she wrote for the Illinois Valley News on water and the IVSWCD AG Water Quality Sampling Program.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

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- Community Engagement is an area that needs focus.

## CONTINUING

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- **Staff and partnering agency reports:**

- Kevin reviewed his written report. He discussed several recent partner meetings including the new fish bio at the Forest Service and Applegate Partnership. He will be writing a few grants soon.
- Arlyse forgot to include her report in the packet in her haste to get it out last week.

- **Public Comment**

- Don Young told the Council that a new mineral had been named for a friend in the area and named for a friend of his. It is called Kitcherite. The Smithsonian has an article about it. He said it looks like green abresham and is very dense. They have a lot of demand for it.
- Bill Reid mentioned that there are historical issues of IV News that show fish being stocked into Sucker Creek in 1937.

NEXT MEETING:

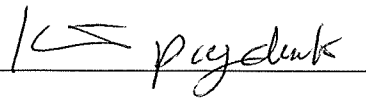
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The next monthly meeting is to be held at 5:00 pm on September 12, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Chair, at 7:05 PM.

Approved Minutes:

Signature 

Date 9-12-24

