

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order October 9, 2025 at 5:06 pm by Carol Crawford, Chair.

ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Katrina Poydack 5:16		Gene Merrill
Carol Crawford		
Bill Joerger		
Patty Downing		
Kevin O'Brien, E.D.		
Arlyse DeLoyola Staff		
Bob Webb, IVSWCD 5:30		

#### SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

The first item in new Business, Project Updates, was moved to the beginning of the meeting to allow for more board members to arrive.

Patty presented a Power Point on community-based stewardship of Watersheds, including a short video about a successful program on the Amazon River where community involvement was integral to the program's success. She initiated discussion on how we could better involve our community in our work.

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the September 2025 meeting were presented to the council for review.
  - **Patty Downing made a motion to approve the minutes.**
  - **Bill Joerger seconded that motion.**
  - **The minutes were approved unanimously.**
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports for September 2025 were presented to the Council for review.
  - **Bill Joerger made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
  - **Patty Downing seconded that motion.**
  - **The motion was approved without dissent.**

#### Committee Reports:

Kevin passed out a draft Social media policy for the board to review. Patty explained it should be reviewed and voted upon next month.

It was noted that with the resignation of Janice Denney last month, the board is now below the required threshold of members according to the by-laws.

- **Patty Downing moved to pass a resolution allowing for a smaller board composition until recruitment is complete.**
- **Bill Joerger seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed unanimously. (Katrina was present for this vote)**

#### OLD BUSINESS

**a. Logo-**

No report

**b. Project site visits-**

Kevin polled the board on availability and desire to reschedule visits to project sites. November 1<sup>st</sup> was selected for Crooks Creek pending landowner approval. The board will be updated.

*It was determined that due to leave schedules, the November meeting needs to be moved. After discussion, the board agreed to hold the November meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, in advance of the SWCD Meeting.*

**c. West Fork Mining**

Both Bill and Katrina had informational handouts for the board. Discussion was held on what action(s) we might take, including publishing an opinion or position paper once more information is gathered. All were encouraged to continue looking into the matter.

**d. Savings Account update**

After much frustration, the account is now open. Some confusion resulted in \$25 less being moved than was planned. Arlyse does not have the authority to transfer funds.

**e. Board Recruitment Update**

Discussion was held on how best to recruit new board members. It was decided that tabling at the Farmer's market on October 24<sup>th</sup> might be a good opportunity for engagement. Kevin is to look into it and schedule.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**There was no other New Business**  
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• **Staff and Partnering Agency reports:**

**a. Kevin's report**

Kevin will meet with Denise Hoffert regarding the Partnership Technical Service grant offering to determine whether it is a good fit. He feels it may be a better time for a large ask to a private foundation to support our succession plan. He feels the focus should move to succession first and an engagement coordinator secondarily. He has been actively researching succession planning. Patty added that as it is new to the Council to apply to foundations for grants, she advises there are two things foundations require of applicants: a DEI Policy and a plan for funding the positions in the future. They want to see that ahead of funding any grant. She suggested a donation jar at the Farmer's Market.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is still interested in doing a project at the Golf Course.

**b. Arlyse's report**

She apologized for forgetting to do reminder calls this week. She has been re-structuring expense reports at the request of OWEB. It is more work now but will make life easier for the next person on the job.

**Board Actions/Homework:**

- Review Social Media Policy and come prepared to discuss and act on it at our November meeting.

**Partnering Agency Reports:** Bob Webb reported that IVSWCD has a lot going on. He and John had just returned from picking up pollinator plants from the Xerces Society. The plan is to put them in on the Thompson Creek Tract. He also noted that the District may need to make a different approach to Community Engagement, emphasizing that they are non-regulatory.

**Public Comments:**

Bob Webb reported he had cleaned up a few abandoned cannabis sites. It was discussed that BLM used to provide vouchers for dumping refuse picked up on their lands. No one was aware of whether this is still available or not.

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next monthly meeting is to be held at 4:30 pm on November 20th, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Carol Crawford- Chair, at 6:49 pm.

Approved Minutes:

Signature



Date

11-25-25

