

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order July 6, 2023, by Katrina Poydack, Chair at 5:06 pm

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

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

Before the business meeting began, a presentation was made by Matt Sager of Harness Giving. He explained the programs they offer for donations. There are a few different levels of service, as described, and the Council was asked to consider them for future action.

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the May,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 May 2023 and July 1, 2022 – May 31,2023, 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

- **Strategic Planning:**

Kevin reported that Rob of Soul Canyon Development & Training is currently in Hawaii, but plans to begin the process when he returns and will be looking for advance input from the Council members. He encouraged anyone who has not contacted Rob yet to do so as soon as possible.

- **Josephine County Update**

No word has been received from the commissioners regarding our desire to work together. Arlyse mentioned that Bob Webb had spoken to a County representative during an action at his neighbors' property and was met with some resentment due to a misunderstanding of what was written in the Grants Pass Courier. She said that Bob had tried to dispel the notion that the Council had meant any disrespect and assured the party that the goal was to work together in remediating the damage caused by illegal activities in the valley.

Kevin will continue to reach out to the commissioners and will add others to his correspondenc

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discuss Harness Giving presentation**

Discussion was held on the opening presentation. The Council agreed that there is a need for non-traditional funding and that we also need more social media presence. Kevin stated that this should be part of the Strategic Planning process, and could be implemented at a later date, after consideration.

CONTINUING

- **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**

- **Kevin gave his verbal report.** He told the Council he has been having some heart issues but is monitoring the situation closely and will seek treatment if needed.
- He is working in the field currently on the BLM Good Neighbor/ OWEB Deer CI Phase 3 (Crooks Creek) project, as John's plate is full with Water Quality Monitoring and other projects. They are currently about half way through the project. The contractor is doing good work on the two private pieces and will move into public land after those are finished and work there until the funds are depleted.
- He noted that he'd met with the US Forest Service recently and there are plans for the Council to take on a few projects for them in 2023-2024. There will be a habitat survey, culvert replacement, and other work done in the partnership. Agreements are being written and will be put in place soon.
- **Arlyse** reviewed her report and added that we have been given an online subscription to the Grants Pass Courier by the Four Way Community Foundation and that board members were encouraged to take advantage of it by checking in with her for credentials.
- **Partnering Agencies:**
John Bellville spoke for the IV Soil & Water Conservation District, mentioning the Oregon State University and Southern Oregon University were both interested in the Water Quality Monitoring program, and he would be in contact with them going forward.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at 5:00 pm on **August 3, 2023** at the office and via ZOOM. Details will be in your packets.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Chair, at 6:15 PM.

APPROVED MINUTES: KS Poydack

DATE: 8-03-23