

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday August 26, 2021 by Tracey Reed, Conservation Tech at 6:05 pm

LIVE ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Rhett Nelsen	Marcy Sowa	William Reid
Katrina Poydack	Jim Gurley	Patty Downing (WC)
Janice Denney (WC)	Gene Merrill (WC)	Carol Crawford (WC)
Bob Schmidt	Tracey Reed (Staff)	Kevin O'Brien (Staff)
Don Young (WC)	Chris Hall (Staff)	Bob Webb
Arlyse DeLoyola (office mgr)	Joy McEwen (WC)	Alex Ponder (WC)
	Stan Dean- Jackson SWCD/OACD	
	David Ferguson- NRCS	

### SCRIBE

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Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes from the June meeting were presented to the Board for review.
  - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes for June.**
  - **Rhett Nelsen seconded that motion.**
  - **The motion carried without dissent.**
  
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from July 1, 2021– August 31, 2021 and July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 were presented to the Board for review.
  - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
  - **Rhett Nelsen seconded that motion.**
  - **The motion carried without dissent.**

### OLD BUSINESS

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- **Water Quality Subcommittee:**
  - Chris reported on the meeting with the Friends of the Eel River and other activities of the subcommittee. The mission of the group was read. Bob Schmidt expressed concern over funding for these activities.
  - **A motion was made By Jim Gurley to support the goals of the Water Quality Subcommittee**
  - **Katrina Poydack seconded the motion.** Discussion was held regarding support by the district of the goals of this Watershed Council Subcommittee
  - **The motion was tabled to the October meeting to allow time for review.**
  - **Farmer's Market:** Sign ups were done, but there has been no leadership to organize outings. Discussion was held and Chris will organize a booth for September 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Hiring report & Introduction of Community organizer:** Tracey re-introduced Chris.

## NEW BUSINESS

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- **LAC Action item:** Tracey described the group and invited interested directors to apply.
- **Resolution for Annual Meeting:** Arlyse read a proposed resolution to hold the annual meeting December 16, 2021.
  - **A motion was made by Katrina Poydack to pass a resolution to hold the annual meeting December 16, 2021**
  - **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion**
  - **The motion passed without dissent.**
- **MOA with NRCS:**
  - David Ferguson explained the Memorandum of Agreement between the SWCD and NRCS. Tracey spoke to the origins of SWCDs and the importance of partnerships. Discussion on the privacy act portion of the agreement was held.
  - **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to sign the MOA with NRCS**
  - **Jim Gurley seconded the motion**
  - **The motion passed without dissent.**
- **Advocacy Policy:**

Chris introduced Stan Dean of Jackson SWCD and the OACD and explained the need to adopt an Advocacy Policy. Stan's suggestion was to first adopt position statements, either those provided by OACD or an amended version, then create policy for what members of the board and staff are authorized to do, then choose two or three people who could be authorized to advocate on behalf of the district.

  - **A motion was made by Katrina Poydack to form a subcommittee to review and rework the sample position statements and advocacy policy for presentation to the board.**
  - **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion**
  - **The motion passed without dissent**
  - Katrina Poydack, Janice Denney, Rhett Nelsen and Chris Hall volunteered to be on the committee.
- **Water Quality Monitoring:**

Tracey reported that she and Chris had spoken with Ellen Hammond of the ODA regarding Water quality monitoring in our watershed. She suggested starting with a limited area, possible Deer Creek, using Scope of Work Funds. Later applying for a grant in April. She suggested testing for just a few things which could include coliform bacteria, phosphates, nitrates, and caffeine. Temperature monitoring at different stages could be done as well. Tracey noted that if the board chose to go forward with monitoring, it would take some time away from her other duties. Discussion on available existing data was held.

  - **A motion to begin water quality monitoring was made by Marcy Sowa**
  - **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion**
  - **The motion passed without dissent**
- **DEQ rules:**

OACD has asked SWCDs to submit comments on the draft rules for the Climate Protection Program. Tracey asked that interested board members review the draft and advise if action is merited.

## CONTINUING

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

Tracey reviewed her report. She also mentioned the FARMWATCH program has a Farm School for anyone interested.

Chris gave his report.

Arlyse reviewed her report and added that a volunteer would be needed to take minutes at the October meeting as she will be on leave.

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting is to be held on October 28 at 6:00 PM at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm**

APPROVED MINUTES: W Reid

DATE: 9-23-2010