

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order February 12, 2026 at 5:03 pm by Carol Crawford, Chair.

ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Carol Crawford	Patty Downing	Gene Merrill
Kevin O'Brien, E.D.	Bill Joerger	
Arylse DeLoyola Staff		
Katrina Poydack arrived 6:10 pm		

#### SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arylse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the January 2026 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 December 2025-January 2026 were presented to the Council for review.
  - **Bill Joerger made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
  - **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
  - **Discussion was held.**
  - **The motion was approved without dissent.**

#### Committee Reports:

The Outreach committee reported on the upcoming "Movie Night" They have met a couple of times but are postponing the event due to the Tree Sale postponement and a huge grant submission that has a short deadline. It was noted that they are zeroing in on a theme and the event would likely be held in the Library.

The RDC committee met just prior to this meeting and Kevin presented their recommendations. The committee recommended renewal of Carol Crawford's term and did not recommend renewal of Gene Merrill's term, due to his current work circumstances.

The board discussed their findings.

- **Bill Joerger recommended renewal of Carol Crawford's term for four (4) years.**
- **Patty Downing seconded the motion**
- **The motion was approved two to one, with Carol voting no.**

The board chose not to act on the Gene Merrill recommendation until more solid communication had been received and options for later meetings offered.

The Human Resources committee will meet February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am along with the committees from the two SWCDs to discuss the Office Manager position.

## OLD BUSINESS

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- **SIA March Event**

The event will happen on a smaller scale. IVWC will assist with it. Postcards will be mailed and hung on gates as needed to inform North IV landowners to attend. There will be refreshments and information, along with networking, including ODA representatives.

- **Mining Position Paper**

Kevin shared a “position” paper with the board that was not specifically about mining, but laid out what the WC does and what it does not do. It was more of an explanation of who we are. The board discussed it, but wanted more time to review. Patty suggested we adopt some sort of electronic voting policy. All were tabled for discussion next month.

- **Review of Temporary Board Composition Policy**

Kevin reminded the board that we are operating under a temporary board composition policy, as our by-laws require six directors. In the temporary policy, a requirement to review monthly exists.

- **Patty Downing made a motion that the review of the temporary board composition policy be held every six (6) months, rather than monthly.**
- **Bill Joerger seconded the motion.**
- **The motion carried unanimously.**

- **Recruitment update**

Kevin shared some recruitment “spots” that could be used on Social Media or in the paper. Patty suggested that our Facebook page needs to become a member of several other community pages for more coverage. By next month it was agreed that some recruitment article needs to be in the IV News.

## NEW BUSINESS

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- **Hiring Committee:**

It was noted earlier that the committee will meet February 24 at 10:00am here in the office.

## CONTINUING

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- **Staff and Partnering Agency reports:**

- a. Kevin’s report

Kevin noted he will be attending an applicant lab for the grant he is working on. He informed the board it is a national offering, but that our area meets all of the criteria. He will talk more with Steve from the US Forest Service about strategy.

- b. Arlyse’s report

Arlyse reviewed her report.

**Board Actions/Homework:**

Review Kevin’s hand outs.

**Partnering Agency Reports:** John. Bellville from IVSWCD sent word that NRCS will be conducting local working group meetings this spring

**Public Comments:**

Katrina was asked if there were any mining updates. She had none. She noted that KS Wild and the Motherline were both working on the subject.

**NEXT MEETING**

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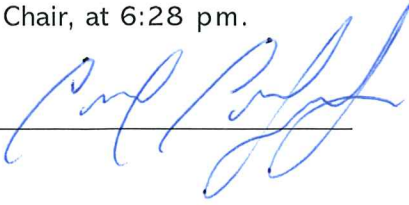
The next monthly meeting is to be held at 5:00 pm on March 12, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Carol Crawford- Chair, at 6:28 pm.

Approved Minutes:

Signature



Date

3.12.26