Illinois Valley Watershed Council

Regular Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

Illinois Valley WC Office/ZOOM

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order January 28, 2021 by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:00 pm

**ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES**

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| William Reid | James Gurley | Gene Merrill |
| Don Young | Marcy Sowa | Katrina Poydack |
| Robert Webb | Joy McEwen |  |
| Robert Schmidt | Kevin O’Brien (staff) |  |
| Janice Denney | Tracey Brandt (SWCD Staff) |  |
| Rhett Nelsen | Patricia Downing (applicant) |  |
| Carol Crawford | Mike Crawford (BLM) |  |
| Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff) |  |  |

**SCRIBE**

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

* **Minutes**: The minutes from the January meeting were presented to the Council for review.
* **Carol Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes for January.**
* **Bob Schmidt seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Financials**: The Financial Reports from July 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021 were presented to the Council for review.
* **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
* **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent without dissent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **New office**

Arlyse updated the board on the progress in the new building. The common areas and conference room still need to be finished but they are comfortably working in the new space. No change from last meeting.

* **OWEB Fire Response Grant Offering**

Kevin updated the board on the progress in the application for the Slater Fire grant. He said that there is now a deadline for submission. He plans to have a draft to the partners for review next week.

* **Website Update**

The new website is up and running. It is very easy to work on and Arlyse encouraged everyone to check it out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Applications for Council Members- Action Item**
* Members were asked to review two applications for the remaining two positions on the Council. Applicant Patty Downing was introduced and her application discussed.
* Bob Schmidt made a motion to select Patty Downing to serve on the Watershed Council
* Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.
* The motion passed without dissent.

Chairman Reid tabled the other application to the next meeting in hopes that Alex Ponder would be able to attend.

* **Four Way Foundation Grant**

Arlyse stated that she was working on a Four Way Community Foundation Grant to help with the cabinetry and storage in the office. Support from the board was requested. Questions were fielded.

* Carol Crawford made a motion to approve the grant application.
* Bob Webb seconded the motion.
* The motion passed without dissent.
* Council Self-Assessment

Kevin reminded the members that a self-assessment is required each biennium for the Capacity Grant. He noted that the last one we did was for last Biennium and asked that each board member complete the assessment and return it to Arlyse for compilation. Arlyse stated that those viewing on Zoom would receive theirs via email.

**CONTINUING**

* **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
* Kevin gave his report noting that he is one week out from surgery on his wrist and elbow. He is not certain when his knee will be done. He also noted that he would like to plan a New Director orientation very soon. Those interested should let Arlyse know of scheduling requests.

Kevin also said he had found a new tree planting program that could supply seedings for about 80 cents. He will get the information out.

Discussion was held on the Salmon Redd project and the potential sale of Bridgeview Vineyards.

* Arlyse reviewed her report with no additions.
* **Mike Crawford, Fisheries Biologist** of the BLM was introduced and gave a brief update on BLM’s activities in the area of late. He has funding he will be using to focus on Deer Creek and has wood available for structures is needed- mostly pine without root wads harvested from the Klondike fire. He has had difficulty getting contracting work done due to Covid and the fires, but still plans to do the work. He plans to reach out to Kevin and Tracey for planning on barrier removal.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on **May 27, 2021** at 6:00 PM- in the new conference room at the office and via ZOOM. Details will be in your packets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Bill Reid, Council Chairman, at 6:50 PM.

APPROVED MINUTES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_