

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order September 22, 2022, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:01 pm

ATTENDEES

ZOOM ATTENDEES

ABSENTEES

William Reid	Marcy Sowa	Joy McEwen
Don Young	Gene Merrill (6:19)	
Bob Schmidt	Arin Carmack, Cardinal Services	
Rhett Nelsen		
Katrina Poydack		
Janice Denney		
Patricia Downing		
Robert Webb		
Carol Crawford		
James Gurley		
Kevin O'Brien (Staff)		
Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)		
John Bellville (SWCD Staff)		
Cheryl Nelson (SWCD Staff)		
David Ferguson NRCS		
Heather Medina-Sauceda NRCS		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

Council Chair Reid began the meeting with condolences to Rhett Nelsen on the loss of his father, Keith Nelsen, former member of the Council and District.

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the August 25, 2022 meeting were presented to the council for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction. He asked that the record be amended to show he was not in attendance due to connectivity issues on ZOOM.**
 - **Bob Webb seconded that motion.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

- **Financials:** The Financial Reports for August 2022 and July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022, were presented to the Council for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
 - **Discussion was held.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Strategic Planning Update**
 - Kevin reported that he had spoken with Rob Hamilton and expected a draft by October 17th and a final by the 24th. There will be a meeting of the committee Monday the 26th at 10:00 and another October 24th. Bob Schmidt was recognized and presented a “minority report” from the committee with his suggestions on how to proceed with the Strategic

Planning, including hiring a facilitator to assist over a weekend. He questioned the necessity of spending so much money on a strategic plan. Discussion was held and no further action taken, as the committee has not determined the best course of action.

- **Cardinal Services Review**
 - Arin Carmack, Cardinal Business Services CEO, presented two options that could be alternatives to our current Co-Employment contract. A brief question and answer session was held. No action was taken, but Arin was asked to provide a side-by-side cost/benefit comparison for a future meeting. He was thanked for his presentation.

- **Council Vacancy**
 - The vacancy on the Council was discussed. Kevin will approach Mayor Martell to see if there is interest from staff or City Council in joining us. Gene Merrill noted that the High School now has an AG Teacher again and perhaps that would be an appropriate person to join the council.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Retirement Plan Discussion**
 - Arlyse reminded the Council that a few years ago a law had passed requiring businesses of all sizes to offer some form of retirement plan. She noted that initially all staff had waived their rights, but at this time, Kevin would like to begin one. The District plan was reviewed, but no action was taken.

- **Meeting Notes Substitute**
 - Kevin asked the Council to designate a substitute note-taker for meetings for when Arlyse is unable to attend. Patty Downing volunteered.

- **Update on Water League**
 - Kevin and John updated the Council on their recent meeting with members of The Water league. They reported it was a very good meeting. Mention was made of an email from the league inviting cooperation on a clean-up activity slated for November. Discussion was held.
 - **A motion was made by Rhett Nelsen to share the event on our Facebook page and possibly the website.**
 - **The motion was seconded by Janice Denney**
 - **The motion passed with one nay and one abstention.**

- **Degraded Lands Restoration**
 - Patty Downing explained that she had asked that the document and links be included in the packet as information addressing regeneration, preservation and sustaining our planet. She added that we need to be proactive in helping our community in regenerative processes.
 - **Other Business**
 - Bob Schmidt asked the Council to address his alternative plan for Strategic planning. Discussion ensued and no action was taken.

CONTINUING

- **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
 - Kevin reviewed his report. He added that he and John had met with Joseph Flaherty regarding creating a pollinator garden at the site of the old city swimming pool. Discussion was held and no action was taken.
 - Arlyse reviewed her report.
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