Illinois Valley Watershed Council

Regular Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

Illinois Valley WC Office/ZOOM

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order January 27th 2022 by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:01 pm

**ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES**

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| William Reid | Patricia Downing | Robert Schmidt |
| Don Young | Marcy Sowa | Gene Merrill |
| Carol Crawford | Joy McEwen |  |
| Rhett Nelsen | James Gurley |  |
| Katrina Poydack |  |  |
| Janice Denney | Tracey Reed (SWCD Staff) |  |
| Robert Webb |  |  |
| Arlyse DeLoyola (staff) |  |  |
| Kevin O’Brien (staff) |  |  |
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| Cheryl Nelson, Guest |  |  |
| Bill Joerger, Guest | Jack Dwyer, Guest |  |

**SCRIBE**

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

* **Minutes:** The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were presented to the council for review.
* **Don Young made a motion to accept the minutes for November**
* **Marcy Sowa seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Financials**: The Financial Reports from July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021, were presented to the Council for review.
* **Katrina Poydack made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
* **Carol Crawford seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Financial Review** 
  + - Arlyse explained that she had looked in to whether there are requirements for the Council to have an annual financial review. She reported that though OWEB does not require it, when she queried other area Watershed Councils, they all advised that funders appreciated it and it was well worth the expense. Discussion followed and the question was raised whether the Forest Service or any other funders would require it and Arlyse was tasked with finding out that answer. A suggestion was made for Bi-annual financial reviews and Arlyse was asked to find out if there would be a cost savings with the accountant if we did that rather than annual.
* **Update on Organizational Restructuring/MOU**
* Kevin reported that work was continuing on the restructuring recommendation, explained again the “whys”, and stated that a new draft would be presented at the next meeting. He explained that all the concerns from the previous failed vote had been noted and would be addressed in the future draft.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Recommendation to resume monthly meetings:**

The question was asked whether the Council would like to resume monthly meetings as the District had .

* **A motion was made by Carol Crawford to resume monthly Council meetings.**
* **The motion was seconded by Bob Webb**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Strategic planning:**

Kevin explained the reasons the Council is in need of a new Strategic plan and the board discussed the previous process. Kevin requested the board consider allocating $5000 to hire a consultant to assist in the process of development.

* **A motion was made and subsequently amended by Marcy Sowa to authorize *up to* $5000 in unrestricted funds to pay for the creation of a strategic plan.**
* **The motion was seconded by Carol Crawford**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Annual update to Josephine County Board of Commissioners**

Kevin informed the board that this annual requirement would be met as he is scheduled to report to the commissioners at their business meeting to be held on March 1st via ZOOM.

* **Director Appointments**

It was announced that two council members were up for re-appointment this year. One was tabled to a future meeting due to absence.

* **A motion was made by Bob Webb to appoint Carol Crawford to another four-year term.**
* **The motion was seconded by Rhett Nelsen.**
* **The motion passed without dissent.**

**CONTINUING**

* **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
* Kevin gave his report, adding that he has signed up for a DEI (diversity, equity & inclusion) training offered by NOWC (National Organization of Watershed Councils). He also mentioned that he will be on a panel with the OSU Land Steward training later this quarter. He also introduced Bill Joerger, who talked about the Water Quality Monitoring program he had designed.
* Arlyse reviewed her report adding that she had applied (both organizations) for the state’s surplus property program and was awaiting approvals, which may be a less expensive way to replace the broken desks mentioned in the report.
* **Public Comment:**
* Jack Dwyer was introduced and commented that he was in attendance because of his concerns regarding “Corporate Cannabis” and the destruction of natural resources and water supply that the practice has created. He offered any help he could give as a volunteer to assist in remediating the issues. Chairman Reid thanked him and explained that though the Council is strictly non-regulatory, we hoped to be involved in the remediation and that the report currently being drafted by the district would be availed to the public as well as state legislators and officials. He was invited to come by the office any time to discuss volunteering, etc.
* Cheryl Nelson commented that she had spoken to the Watermaster and was told there is funding for additional personnel now and hopefully that means more attention to our valley’s issues.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on February 24th directly following the IVSWCD meeting at the office and via ZOOM. Details will be in your packets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned by Bill Reid, Council Chairman, at 7:00 PM.

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