Illinois Valley Watershed Council

Regular Monthly Council Meeting

Illinois Valley WC Office/ZOOM

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order May 26th, 2022, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:03 pm

**ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES**

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| William Reid | Patricia Downing | Carol Crawford |
| Don Young | Marcy Sowa | Rhett Nelsen |
| James Gurley | Gene Merrill | Joy McEwen |
| Robert Webb |  |  |
| Katrina Poydack |  |  |
| Janice Denney |  |  |
| Cheryl Nelson (SWCD Staff) |  |  |
| Arlyse DeLoyola (staff) |  |  |
| Kevin O’Brien (staff) |  |  |
| Bob Schmidt |  |  |
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**SCRIBE**

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

* **Minutes:** The minutes of the April 28,2022 meeting were presented to the council for review.
* **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes for April.**
* **Jim Gurley seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Financials**: The Financial Reports from July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022, were presented to the Council for review.
* **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
* **Jim Gurley seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Strategic Planning Update**
* Kevin reported on the status of strategic planning. He plans to submit a grant to the Ford family Foundation next week to cover the shortage between the approved expenditure and the estimated cost of the contractor. Discussion was held on other options including copying other Council plans. Patty emphasized there is equal value in the process than in the document itself and that hiring outside help is proven successful. Kevin agreed to do more investigation on facilitators and report back next month. Upon further discussion a committee was formed including Katrina Poydack, Bob Webb, Bob Schmidt and Patty Downing. A meeting is scheduled for Monday June 6th at 10:00.
* **Council Self-Assessment**
* Kevin reminded the board that a self-assessment is required each biennium and that the form was included in the meeting packet. He emphasized taking time to consider all the questions carefully and not feel pressured to make the Council look good. He asked that they be completed by next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Personnel Policy Manual**
* The Council does not have one and defers to the SWCD Manual. It was agreed that one should be developed.

**CONTINUING**

* **Staff and partnering agency reports were presented to the board:**
* Kevin gave his report noting that he will be meeting with commissioner Fowler tomorrow about “plan B” after the new ordinance was repealed. Following that he will meet with the County planners regarding permitting for Crook Creek and future projects. He also forewarned the board he would be requesting a pay increase in the near future. Patty emphasized that a retirement program would need to be looked at for the council as well.
* Arlyse reviewed her report with no additions.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

* Katrina asked about plans for tabling at Hathkapasuta next month. Kevin explained that plans are underway, and volunteers are needed.

 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on June 23rd 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 7:07 PM.

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