

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Came to Order Thursday, January 22, 2026 6:00 p.m.

LIVE ATTENDEES	REMOTE ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
John Bellville, Staff		Katrina Poydack
Matthew Robinson		Rhett Nelsen
Zachary Robinson		Arlyse DeLoyola, Staff
Bob Webb		
Janice Denney		
Kathy Mechling		
Lydia Robinson, public		

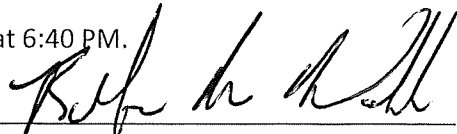
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Notes were taken by John Bellville. Meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

- There were no minutes nor financial reports to review and approve.
- No old business.
- New business: SWCD Staff Pay Increase
 - Zachary Robinson moved that we raise staff pay rates by 5% if doing so does not increase health insurance costs 20%+.
 - Janice Denney seconded the motion.
 - Matthew Robinson, Zachary Robinson, Bob Webb, Janice Denney, Kathy Mechling voted in favor. No abstentions or votes in opposition.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- New business:
 - John Bellville reviewed a proposal brought to him by the Illinois Valley Watershed Council earlier in the day. This proposal involves the Illinois Valley SWCD splitting the cost of a push-button ADA door with the Illinois Valley Watershed Council to help boost our accessibility, especially in the aftermath of Arlyse's accident. The door would cost approximately \$5,000 to install.
 - After some discussion, it was generally decided that it would be good to ask Arlyse before committing to this purchase.
 - Bob Webb motioned that we split the ADA door with the Illinois Valley Watershed Council if Arlyse thinks that it will be helpful and, if not, that we do not pursue this project.
 - Kathy Mechling seconded the motion.
 - Matthew Robinson, Zachary Robinson, Bob Webb, Janice Denney, Kathy Mechling voted in favor. No abstentions or votes in opposition.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- John Bellville reviewed his staff report. During the report, he agreed to coordinate the initial Thompson Creek Tract Steering Committee meeting. He explained ODA's push for us to hire an additional staff member specializing in landowner technical assistance in the North Illinois Valley SIA and the need to rein in our scope to primarily agricultural water quality projects at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes Approved: _____

 Date: _____ 2/26/26 3-26-26

