

Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 331 E Cottage Park Drive Suite 1B, Cave Junction, OR 97523/ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order June 23, 2022 by Bill Reid, Board Chair at

ATTENDED IN PERSON ATTENDED VIA ZOOM ABSENT

William Reid	Marcy Sowa	Joy McEwen
Rhett Nelsen	Gene Merrill (WC)	Bob Schmidt
Janice Denney (WC)	Patty Downing (WC)	
Carol Crawford (WC)	Jim Gurley	
Don Young (WC)		
Bob Webb		
Katrina Poydack		
Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)		
Kevin O'Brien (WC Staff)		
Cheryl Nelson (Staff)		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes from the May meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Webb made a motion to approve the minutes for May.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
 - **Discussion was held**
 - **The motion was amended with a correction and carried without dissent.**

- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from July 2021- May 2022 were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Katrina Poydack seconded that motion.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Hiring Update:**

The hiring committee recommended the hiring of John Bellville to the Conservation Program Manager position.

- **Katrina Poydack made a motion to offer John Bellville the job effective August 15th**
- **Rhett Nelsen Seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held**
- **The motion passed with director Nelsen abstaining.**

- **Inland Rogue Ag Water Area Management Plan Review**
 - Bob Webb reported that he had attended the afternoon's meeting which went from noon to about 4:45. He said it was very interesting and well-rounded. He appreciated the opportunity to serve on the committee. Rhett Nelsen was unable to attend.
- **Farmer's Market**
 - Kevin noted that this week would be impossible due to the Page Creek Project being underway. He asked when would be a good time to do it. It was tabled until project season allows. Kevin reported that the tabling at Hathkapasuta went well with him taking the morning and Cheryl covering the booth in the afternoon. He mentioned also that an article for the newspaper was currently being written that would shed light on the community efforts that resulted in legislation.
- **Crooks Creek Update:**
 - Kevin stated that County permitting has become more difficult for projects on private land and he had contacted David Ferguson of NRCS for help, who referred him to an engineer who was too busy to be of assistance. He will spearhead the cooperation of area Watershed Councils and SWCD's to cooperate in making a standardized package for the counties to address. He asked Joey Howard, the engineer for Page Creek to look at the Crooks Creek plans and write a letter addressing the county's concerns. The BLM will be sending him the data. He added that the pre-bid site visit was completed with one contractor attending and that the landowners on the project are amazing to work with. He feels the project will be outstanding.
- **Goff Project**
 - Project was completed on time, thanks to Bob Webb working with the landowner.
- **White Ditch Update**
 - A meeting with project manager for OWEB, Mark Grenbemer determined that a shift of the budget to fund landowners forming a ditch association was possible. Kevin will work with our new Conservation Program Manager to set a meeting with Landowners possible in late August. He explained that a \$45,000 NOAA grant had been rescinded on White Ditch because it was meant for implementation only. This does not affect the current TA project.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Pay Review-** Arlyse asked whether the board needed to approve her pay increase in this meeting also since it was approved in the Watershed Council Meeting.
 - **Katrina Poydack made a motion to approve the same increase for the Office Manager as was approved by the Watershed Council.**
 - **The motion was seconded by Bob Webb**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**

CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**
 - **Kevin** reviewed his report
 - **Cheryl** reviewed her report and updated the board that she had buy-in from Fire to attend a Community Liaison training today in Happy Camp. She said she got a lot out of the training.
 - **Arlyse** had nothing to add to her report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on July 28, 2022 directly following the IV Watershed Council meeting at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: lu Reid

DATE: 2 Sept 2022

