

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 July 27, 2023, by Bill Reid, Board Chair at 6:00pm

ATTENDED IN PERSON    ATTENDED VIA ZOOM    ABSENT

<b>William Reid</b>	<b>Jim Gurley</b>	<b>Bob Schmidt</b>
<b>Katrina Poydack</b>	<b>Rhett Nelsen</b>	<b>Joy McEwen (WC)</b>
<b>Bob Webb</b>	<b>Kevin O’Brien- WC Staff</b>	<b>Gene Merrill (WC)</b>
<b>Janice Denney (WC)</b>	<b>Marcy Sowa</b>	<b>Don Young (WC)</b>
<b>Carol Crawford(WC)</b>		
<b>John Bellville- Staff</b>		
<b>Cheryl Nelson - Staff</b>		
<b>Arlyse DeLoyola Staff</b>		
<b>Dan Van Dyke, ODFW</b>		

#### SCRIBE

Notes were taken by John Bellville (pre-meeting) and Arlyse DeLoyola

Dan Van Dyke of Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife was given the floor ahead of the meeting for a Question-and-Answer session with the meeting attendees. Highlights included:

- Beavers are doing well in the bear Creek Sub Basin and the Illinois Valley is a beaver habitat Emphasis Area.
  - ODFW works to preserve more than just Salmon, although Salmon are part of a multi-species conservation plan.
  - eDNA sampling is a tool used to identify the presence of rare, invasive, or exotic species in a watershed (through water monitoring)
  - New Zealand Mud Snails were detected in the IV Watershed years ago. It would be interesting to conduct another study to see how that may have changed.
  - Biologists have been linked to the spread of invasive species while conducting their research. Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is one example.
  - Temperature Data is critical in Water Quality Monitoring. Exotic species can often survive in warmer temperatures and out-compete our colder water dependent native species.
  - The Pike Minnow used to exist in the West Fork of the Illinois, but not the East Fork. Dan would encourage its eradication.
  - Water Watch seems to be working on the removal of Pomeroy Dam.
- Dan was thanked for his attendance and input.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Minutes-

The minutes were presented in the meeting packet.

- **Jim Gurley made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting with a correction to be made to attendance.**
- **Bob Webb seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

## Financial reports-

The financial reports were presented in the meeting packet.

- **Katrina Poydack made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented.**
- **Bob Webb seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

## Water Quality Report-

John Bellville gave a report on the AG Water Quality program. August 7, 2023 will be the first round of sampling on the new grant. There will be some changes in laboratories used. Southern Oregon University is interested in providing some interns starting next year.

## Draft Contract Review-

Bill reminded the board that they had received the draft at the last meeting and were asked to review it. John suggested tabling it to next month so he could make some changes.

- **Bob Webb made a motion to adopt the policy and update as needed.**
- **Katrina Poydack seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed with one nay vote and one abstention.**

## NEW BUSINESS

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### (Not on Agenda)

**Janice Denney** noted that Cheryl Nelson had given a presentation to the Garden Club and “Rocked It” especially since the other speaker(s) had to cancel at the last minute. It was a successful outing and about half in attendance signed up for her program.

**Bob Webb** asked if we had written a letter to the County regarding helping with the clean-up of the illegal grows. Kevin and John have reached out but will do so again in earnest in the fall, after in-stream work is finished.

- Rhett Nelsen made a motion that we write a letter to the commissioners.
- The motion died for lack of a second.

## CONTINUING

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### Staff & partnering Agency reports-

**John Bellville** reviewed his written report.

**Cheryl Nelson** reported that she had been in Jacksonville that day for a meeting on Wildfire resiliency and met Sarah from Rogue basin partnership. She is also working on a project management course.

**Arlyse DeLoyola** stated that she was still working on wrapping up the ODA Capacity Expense report for the biennium.

### Partnering Agency Reports:

**Kevin O’Brien** gave an update on the Crooks Creek project (Deer Creek Phase 3).

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

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There were no public comments.

## NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting is to be held on August 24, 2023 at 6:00pm

## ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES:

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DATE:

8-24-23