

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 October 26,2023, by Bob Webb, Vice- Chair at 6:03pm.

ATTENDED IN PERSON ATTENDED VIA ZOOM ABSENT

Robert Webb	James Gurley	William Reid
Katrina Poydack	Marcy Sowa	Gene Merrill (WC)
Don Young (WC)	Kevin O'Brien (WC)	Janice Denney (WC)
John Bellville- Staff	Rhett Nelsen	Patricia Downing (WC)
Cheryl Nelson- Staff		Robert Schmidt
Arlyse DeLoyola- Staff		Carol Crawford
Maelagh Baker- Contractor		
David Ferguson- NRCS		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for review.

- **A motion to accept the minutes for August was made by Jim Gurley.**
- **The motion was seconded by Katrina Poydack.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

The financial reports were presented for review.

- **Marcy Sowa moved to accept the financial reports.**
- **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

Water Quality Monitoring Report:

- Maelagh Baker and John Bellville gave a presentation on the Ag. Water Quality Monitoring program. They relayed data and reviewed the things they have learned over the past year of sampling.

Thompson Creek Tract:

- David Ferguson showed photos and shared data from his visits to our 171.78 acres tract of land on Thompson Creek. He gave suggestions for how to proceed with the tract.
- John is in the process of writing a grant to begin thinning and making the property more fire resilient.
- The board discussed options.

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute Note-Taker:

- A substitute note-taker will be needed for the November 16th meeting. Bob Webb will take care of it.

Other business:

- Janice Denney relayed that the Garden Club was very pleased with the presentations that John and Cheryl have made to them.

CONTINUING

Staff Reports:

John Bellville reviewed his report:

The OACD meeting he attended was excellent. He made a lot of connections and learned that Ag. Producers may be moving to electric and hydrogen powered equipment in the near future.

He and Kevin will meet with Alex Lopez of DOGAMI to begin the process of creating guidelines for property owners/managers for illegal cannabis site clean-up and rehabilitation.

He has one more signature to get before beginning on the ground work on the Post-Fire Recovery Grant.

Cheryl reviewed her report and encouraged everyone to attend one of two upcoming Workshops on “Burn piles, biochar and fire ecology” a flyer was included in the meeting packet. Registration is online. She also spoke about her recent DEIJ training experience in partnership with Southern Oregon Land Conservancy.

Arlyse reviewed her report, adding that in an effort to free up space for everyone’s migrating emails on her computer, some of her QuickBooks files were accidentally removed. She was able to buy a piece of software to restore lost files and will be working on that next week. The migration to Business 365 is still hampered by the lack of information on who’s in charge of our DNS.

Partnering Agency reports:

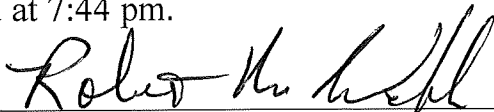
IV Watershed Council: Kevin O’Brien gave a report congratulating the SWCD on a great meeting. He relayed that he is working to get several grants in by next week’s deadline for OWEB.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on November 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: 

DATE: 12.7.23