

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 May 25, 2023 by William Reid, Chairman at 6:03 pm

ATTENDED IN PERSON ATTENDED VIA ZOOM ABSENT

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

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the March meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Webb made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting.**
 - **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**

- **Financials:** The financial reports were presented for review by the Board.
 - **Bob Webb made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented.**
 - **Katrina Poydack seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Water Quality Monitoring:**
 John Bellville announced that a team is doing a great job with sampling and transporting. We have purchased a PH meter and will likely begin using it in the June sampling. He has planned three community events to share the results and introduce the sampling team to the public. The first will be at the Kerby Art Guild on June 19th from noon to 3:00pm, the second June 21st at Wild River Pizza and he is working on confirming the third at the Dome School.
 He noted that two of the HOBOS have been stolen, one was deployed under the bridge at Dryden and the other at Old Stage Park. Discussion was held on possible tracking tags for the future.
 The theft of the equipment is prompting consideration for deployment of passive samplers on private lands to make theft less likely.

John also asked the board for their blessing to move to a four day work-week later in June. Arlyse mentioned that the job was initially posted as such so did not require a vote and no members expressed any concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Oregon Water Resources Survey:**

An email went out to all this afternoon regarding a survey to help update the strategy to inform Oregon water planning and policy. Kevin O'Brien noted that this was a great opportunity to assure that OWRD knows that we still have concerns in the Illinois Valley regarding illegal appropriation of water. He stated that he has seen estimates as much as 400% of the normal, sustainable cannabis cultivation for our valley. Cheryl shared her screen and showed directors where they could go to do the survey

- **Other New Business:**

Cheryl announced that on Tuesday, a prescribed burn will be taking place on one of the treated properties in O'Brien. (barring an active wildfire or ban by ODF) She invited all to attend and will share coordinates with anyone interested.

- **Staff Reports:**

- John reviewed his report stating that he is meeting with Bob Niedermayer next week to set dates for the Local Advisory Committee meetings. He gave a brief update on the Crook Creek project as well as Stakeholder Engagement. He and Kevin are continuing to seek a meeting with the Josephine County Commissioners, and have been seeking advice from experts regarding mitigation of damage done by illegal cannabis grows.
- Cheryl reviewed her report, adding that she has a volunteer signed up for events who will likely bring in others. The speaker that she had scheduled for the FROG meeting in June has postponed until July but she is seeking a replacement.
- She has begun a project management course and is enjoying it.
- She will table at the farmer's market twice per month. Katrina suggested that board members volunteer to attend with her.
- She announced that June 20th there will be an event at the Kerby Art Guild on Serpentine Ecology. She will send out details.
- She then gave a Power-Point presentation of the progress on her project.
- Arlyse reviewed her report and noted that she will be on vacation next week.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on June 22nd at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES:

William J. Reid

DATE: 6-29-23