

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday May 23, 2024, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:00 pm.

LIVE ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Bill Reid	Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)	Gene Merrill (WC)
Katrina Poydack	Marcy Sowa	Patty Downing (WC)
Bob Schmidt		Don Young (WC)
Jim Gurley		
Bob Webb		
Rhett Nelsen		
Carol Crawford (WC)		
Janice Denney (WC)		
John Bellville (Staff)		
Kevin O'Brien (WC Staff)		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes from the April meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes for April.**
 - **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion carried.**

- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from April 2024 were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Jim Gurley seconded that motion.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Water Quality Update:** Maelagh Baker, Team lead was introduced and gave an in-depth update on the Ag Water Quality Monitoring project. They are currently still testing 19 sites twice a month with a two-person team, but may move to a one-person team to stretch the funds further into the summer months, as the grant is only scheduled to last through June. Discussion was held on what could be done at the donated laboratory space and how that could help save money for future testing. Other methods of funding are being sought.

- **Election Materials Available**
 Arlyse reminded the board once again that election materials were now available on the ODA website. All the information and deadlines are available and some items have been changed from past years so be sure to check carefully. There are four positions available this election year. At large 1, Zone 1, Zone 4 and Zone 5. Signature sheets and applications are available at the office for anyone who wants them.

- **Planning for Hanby Block Party**

Discussion was held regarding next week's block party. A meeting was held just prior to this board meeting and plans were laid out. All board members were encouraged to attend.

- **Committee for the 75th Anniversary Celebration**

Discussion was held the 75th anniversary celebration. John suggested we have a fund-raising dinner in December for our Annual meeting and then host a concert event for the actual celebration. Committee members are Janice, Bob Webb and Katrina.

NEW BUSINESS

Irrigation Upgrade Grants:

John is working with several local folks regarding irrigation upgrade grants. Some of these clients are members of this board or are related to members of this board. It was suggested there may arise a conflict-of-interest issue, as the projects must be voted on and approved by the board. The issue was discussed and determined that as long as the grants were made available to the public with no preference to board members there would be no conflict.

- **A motion was made by Jim Gurley to move ahead with the current, viable irrigation grants as long as the grants through Oregon Water Resource Department are advertised to the public by June 1st.**
 - **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion**
 - **Directors Reid, Gurley, Sowa and Schmidt voted in favor and directors Nelsen, Poydack and Webb abstained due to potential conflict-of-interest.**
 - **The motion carried.**
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CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**

John reviewed his report and it was discussed by the board.

Arlyse added to her report that she hoped to be well enough to return to the office next week after being sick this week.

- **Partnering Agency Reports:**

Kevin O'Brien spoke for the Illinois Valley Watershed Council-Nothing new this meeting.

- **Public Comment:**

Bob Webb mentioned that she has heard that people are buying soil that is coming in with bugs in it and asked if anyone else had heard anything. Discussion was held.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on June 27th at 6:00 pm at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: _____

W Reid

DATE: _____

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