

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 April 27, 2023 by William Reid, Chairman at 6:00 pm

ATTENDED IN PERSON ATTENDED VIA ZOOM ABSENT

William Reid	Jim Gurley	Gene Merrill (WC)
Katrina Poydack	Cheryl Nelson 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		
John Bellville Staff		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Kelpie Wilson was introduced and gave a talk on the benefits of Bio-Char. She showed a power point and answered the board's questions.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Water Quality Monitoring:**
 John Bellville announced that a team was in the process of being hired, and one had already been sampling this go-around. Janice suggested that the Youth Conservation Corps might be a good source for samplers. John noted that one of the techs would be working with the data input specifically.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Possible change of Payroll Platform:**

Arlyse stated that the District might be in a good position to move to the same Payroll Platform as the Council moved to on January 1st. She explained that SDAO was partnering with SAIF to provide members Worker's Comp. Insurance rates as of July 1st, which coincides with the new biennium and would be a logical time to make a change. This platform would save the District approximately \$1200 annually, but does mean that funds are taken directly from the bank for payroll, rather than a check being written and mailed later.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to change to the same platform for payroll as the IV Watershed Council has.**
 - **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
 - **Discussion was held.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**
- **Other New Business:**
 - Bob Webb asked how much it would cost to add testing for aluminum to our water quality monitoring. John said he would check and get back to him.
 - Kevin O'Brien asked if the District would provide a Letter of Support for the Council's Water Quality Monitoring Grant
 - **Katrina Poydack made a motion to provide the letter of support for Water Quality Monitoring by the IV Watershed Council.**
 - **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**

CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**

- John reviewed his report and announced that he would be scheduling a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) in the near future. He also has completed the preliminary coursework for the NRCS Conservation Planner Course.
He noted that the April sampling was complete and the tech he trained would be able to train others for future sampling.
For Stakeholder engagement he has scheduled bi-weekly updates with the Project manager at OWEB. IVFROG is doing strategic planning.
We did not get funded for the partnership TA Grant which would have linked with the Stakeholder Engagement grant. It was approved, but was just below the funding line.
He is working on the grant agreement for the Community Wildfire Resiliency Grant and hopes to begin on the ground work in the fall.
John made note of the fact that the IV Watershed Council had asked the Four Way Foundation for a grant to purchase a media production drone. This drone would be below the required size to be permitted and licensed. It will be of use in making project videos and other promotional uses.
The next grant deadline is for ODA Water Quality, as well as OWEB's Water Quality Grant. The district is seeking the ODA grant to continue the current program of grab sampling and analysis, and the Council will submit a grant to OWEB for passive sampling. The District and Council are working on the grants together and have hired Christopher MacKay to assist on both submissions. Those grants are due May 1st and 3rd. Once that is clear, the Capacity Grant deadline is May 31st for the 23-25 Biennium.
- Cheryl reviewed her report via ZOOM. She wanted to thank Kelpie for her presentation. She noted that it may be too late in the fire season to plan a BBQ and Bio-Char event, but that was an idea they had for another engagement event.

- Arlyse reviewed her report and noted that the edits had come in from SDAO and HR Answers on the Employee Handbook and she would be going through them as soon as possible.
- **Public Comment:**
 - Kevin O'Brien noted that this agenda item used to include Partnering Agencies along with Public Comment. The board agreed this should be included and it will be fixed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on May 25th at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: *W Reid*

DATE: 6-19-23

