

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 August 24, 2023, by Bill Reid, Board Chair at 6:00pm

ATTENDED IN PERSON ATTENDED VIA ZOOM ABSENT

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

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

Alex Lopez of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Geologist and Public Affairs (DOGAMI) was given the floor ahead of the meeting for a presentation explaining what his agency does. He stated that most extraction in Oregon is aggregate. His agency also regulates oil and gas extraction, and they have a geothermal division. Funding for that part of the agency comes from permit fees. The second arm of the agency does geological surveys and works around hazards including earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, volcanoes, debris flows, and channel migration. They also do geologic mapping coordinating with other agencies. That work is generally grant-funded through NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.). They also provide data on historic mining, fossils, minerals, and gems and provide LIDAR mapping on their website. A brief question and answer session followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes-

The minutes were presented in the meeting packet.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting.**
- **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

Financial reports-

The financial reports for July were presented in the meeting packet.

- **Marcy Sowa made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented.**
- **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

Water Quality Monitoring Report-

John Bellville gave a report on the AG Water Quality program. The second week of sampling for the month has been completed. There are four months' worth of temperature data from six sites collected. John will put those results on the website. There was substantial theft and vandalism of the loggers. 12 were re-deployed with better cover last week. Chairman Reid suggested putting together a newspaper article regarding the temperature loggers and how important they are to the health of the watershed.

Draft Contract Review-

An updated version of the Contract Policy was presented in the packets with minor revisions to what was approved at the last meeting.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to adopt the policy.**
- **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Conservation Program manager Title Change request

Bill Reid stated that during his annual review, John Bellville requested that his title be changed to District Manager to depict his work more accurately.

- **Jim Gurley** made a motion to change John's title to District Manager.
- **Marcy Sowa** seconded the motion.
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

Safety & Security Grant-ESET quote (cybersecurity)

Arlyse DeLoyola mentioned that SDAO (Special Districts Association of Oregon) is offering a grant of 50% of the cost of cybersecurity measures taken by districts and she has already applied for it. She has received a quote from SSO VAR for ESET Protect Software and training for five years. After the proposed grant and splitting the cost with the IVWC by a number of devices protected, the cost to the District would be approximately \$656 for the five-year term. Without the grant, \$1312.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to accept the proposal from SSO VAR for ESET**
- **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

CONTINUING

Staff & partnering Agency reports-

John Bellville reviewed his written report. He noted that his Garden Club presentation was moved to the October meeting. The small grant team is now kicking off. He has finished drone training and will take a test next week. He is awaiting his NRCS laptop and will work on his Conservation Planner Certification once he receives it. He met with a representative from the Oregon Department of Forestry regarding possibly applying for a Community Wildfire Defense Grant specifically for the Thompson Creek Tract which is owned by the District. He will be applying for the grant, due October 31st and also would like to create a Conservation Plan for the property.

Cheryl Nelson reported that she was listening in on the Smith River Complex Fire public meeting while our meeting was going on. A short discussion followed on the fire and then she reviewed her written report.

Arlyse DeLoyola stated that she was working closely with the accounting firm on the annual review.

No Partnering Agency Reports were given.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on September 28th, 2023 at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: W Reed

DATE: 8 NOV 2023