

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 January 26, 2023 by Katrina Poydack, Director Zone 4 at 6:03 pm

ATTENDED IN PERSON ATTENDED VIA ZOOM ABSENT

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

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Katrina Poydack administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected directors, Bill Reid, Bob Webb, and Rhett Nelsen**
- **Chairman and Officers**
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to re-instate the officers as they were pre-election: Bill Reid Chair, Bob Webb Vice-Chair.**
 - **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the December meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**
- **Financials:** The financial reports were presented for review by the Board.
 - **Jim Gurley made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented.**
 - **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed without dissent.**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Brittany Mills, of Oregon Department of Agriculture gave a slide presentation regarding Agricultural Drainage Channels and the new legislation recently passed around the program. There was a brief question and answer session following the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Thompson Creek Tract: John reported that the new owner of the neighboring property was a friend of Bob Webb and access has been restored.

White Ditch Update: John reported that he and Kevin had met with the Whites and they were willing to pivot to the formation of a Ditch Association and thought they could get something formed by June. He informed the Board that the OWEB portion of grant funding had expired and could not be extended. The OWRD funds were extended but he is waiting to hear whether they are amenable to changing the focus of the project. He will contact the project manager.

Other Old Business: Chairman Reid wished to discuss Associate Directors and whether Watershed Council members should continue to automatically serve as Associate Directors, as has been the policy since formation of the Watershed Council.

- Bob Webb made a motion to continue the policy of all Watershed Council Members serving as Associate (non-voting) directors of the Soil & Water Conservation District.
- Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.
- Discussion was held and it was noted that this is already a policy, but it was the will of the Board to revisit the policy and either strike or re-affirm it.
- The motion passed with three Yes votes, two No votes and three abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

Bank Signers and Check the Checks Person: Arlyse reminded the Board that Umpqua Bank would be represented at the next Council Meeting to re-set signers on the bank accounts. Action is needed by the Board to name those with signatory authority.

- **Jim Gurley made a motion that only elected/appointed District Directors (Those with voting rights) be signatories on the SWCD Accounts with the exception of Katrina Poydack, who will check the bank statements monthly. (Those with voting rights) This includes Bill Reid, Bob Webb, Jim Gurley, Marcy Sowa, Rhett Nelsen, and Bob Schmidt.**
- **Current signers that will be removed are: Carol Crawford, Don Young, John Gardiner, and Gene Merrill.**
- **Marcy Sowa seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held.**
- **The motion passed with one abstention.**

Rogue Basin Region-Wide Initiative: John reported that he and Kevin had met with Randy White of Jackson SWCD regarding the Basin-wide initiative he presented at our Annual Meeting. He said it was a productive meeting. He was asked to facilitate the Local Area Advisory (LAC) meetings and told Randy he would consider it.

Budget Committee: Arlyse reminded the Board that it is time to hold a budget meeting. A meeting was set for February 13th at 10:00am. The meeting will be posted and notice will be sent to the newspaper.

CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**

- John reviewed his written report, noting that there was a Director orientation coming up in Central Point on February 22nd. Bill encouraged directors to attend as it is a good refresher. He also noted that the temperature monitors would be deployed in April for the Water Quality Monitoring Program.
The Stakeholder Engagement Grant is moving forward and we will host a “Coffee and Quail” event March 11 which will have a guest speaker.
John also asked the Board to be considering a 5-year plan for the Thompson Creek tract.

- Cheryl announced that we were not successful on our application for the AIM (Action, Implementation and Mitigation) grant we recently applied for. She also spoke about the outreach event coming up in March and encouraged attendance.
- Arlyse had nothing to add to her written report.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on February 23rd at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: W Reid

DATE: 3-20-2023