

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday July 25, 2024, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:00 pm.

LIVE ATTENDEES

ZOOM ATTENDEES

ABSENTEES

Bill Reid	Kevin O'Brien (WC Staff)	Gene Merrill (WC)
Katrina Poydack	Eric Nusbaum- Oregon Dept. Ag.	Patty Downing (WC)
Rhett Nelsen	Shannon Clark- Two Rivers	
Bob Schmidt	SWCD	
Jim Gurley		
Bob Webb		
Janice Denney (WC)		
Carol Crawford (WC)		
Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)		
John Bellville (Staff)		
Beth Pietrzak- Oregon Dept. Ag.		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes from the June meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes for June.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion carried.**
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from June 2024 were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Bob Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded that motion.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Water Quality Update:** John Gave an update on the status of the project. All lab work is now being done in-house. Jim Gurley suggested that RCC may be able to assist with learning to run the gas chromatograph.
- **Contracting with Two Rivers SWCD**
Shannon Clark, Chairperson of Two Rivers SWCD was introduced. She extended her appreciation for the board's consideration of the proposal for IVSWCD to assist Two Rivers with compliance items for the remainder of the biennium. Eric Nusbaum explained the potential options and number of hours needed.
 - **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to contract with Two Rivers SWCD to provide staff services up to eight hours per month until the next capacity grant payment is received- in approximately 13 months.**

- **Bob Webb seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held. The topic of a potential staff share for the next biennium was also discussed and tabled.**
- **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **John and Arlyse will meet with Eric and Shannon to draw up a contract as soon as possible.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **H.R. Committee Recommendation:**

The Human Resources committee, having met previous to this meeting, recommended a new classification of employee be created to re-employ our water sampling team. The proposed classification is Casual. A casual employee is not guaranteed a specific schedule or number of hours. They do not accrue annual leave. They do accrue sick leave as required by law. The Casual employee may opt in to the retirement program at the same benefit level as other employees after six months of employment, but they will not receive a match.

- **A motion was made by Katrina Poydack to create a Casual position and hire the current team at their current wage.**
- **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held.**
- **The motion carried.**

- **Proposed Service Award**

John proposed that the District give Don Young an award to commemorate his decades of service as an associate director on the SWCD Board. It was noted that he resigned from both boards at of the last Watershed Council meeting.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to approve the staff purchase a gift for Don Young's retirement.**
- **Bob Webb seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held and suggestions made.**
- **The motion carried.**

CONTINUING

Partnering Agency Report- Oregon Department of Agriculture- Beth Pietrzak

Last week in the IVSWCD office a meeting regarding potential 2024 Strategic Implementation Areas (SIA) was held. Several ODA employees were present as well as representatives from Trout Unlimited, IV Watershed Council, and IV Soil & Water Conservation District. Which watershed(s) to focus on was the main topic of discussion. Suggestions were made and will be taken into consideration before a final decision is made within the next few weeks.

Staff Reports:

John reviewed his report: He has been working on fundraising and now has a live “Donate” button on the website and has also made the URL more logical for searching.

He is getting excited for the 2024 SIA Grant.

The Cannabis Cleanup Guide is moving along well and should debut around Halloween. There may be some sort of video game along with it. The Water League, C.R.O.P. and others will join the conversation on the issue. The next meeting is August 19th. We are looking for potential sites.

He submitted the final pricing proposal to the USFS for the Seed collection/weed survey.

Site prep is complete on the Post Fire project.

Cheryl Nelson has been contracted for Community Engagement on that grant through January.

The CWDG contract has been awarded and no JoCo LUCs permit is needed as it all will be done through the Oregon Department of Forestry. Work will begin after fire season.

Julie Cymore (Trout Unlimited) has been working with us on potential irrigation improvement project grants. Match will be applied for soon through WaterSmart.

He is working toward his Conservation Planner Certification.

ODF is likely to award us the CWDG grant for the Thompson Creek Project this year, as it barely missed last time and the one issue has been addressed.

Arlyse reviewed her report noting she had just passed her five year anniversary with the District.

IVWC- Kevin noted that they have been very busy working on their policies, board recruitment and board member application. They have a Budget committee meeting next week.

He has no in-stream project this year, so is trying to focus on building revenue outside the grant process.

Partneriing Agency II-

Beth reviewed her previous comments and answered a few questions.

Eric thanked the board for their willingness to assist Two Rivers.

Public Comments:

Rhett asked if we had a current Long-range Plan. John said he would be working to update that starting winter 2024-25.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on August 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: W Reid DATE: 8-27-24

