Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting

SWCD Office/Zoom

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order Thursday March 24, 2022, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 7:57 pm

It was preceded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service Annual Local Working Group Meeting , led by David Ferguson.

**LIVE ATTENDEES ZOOM ATTENDEES ABSENTEES**

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| William Reid | Marcy Sowa | Gene Merrill (WC) |
| Katrina Poydack | Jim Gurley | Bob Schmidt |
| Janice Denney (WC) | Patty Downing (WC) |  |
| Carol Crawford (WC) |  |  |
| Don Young (WC) | Cheryl Nelson (Staff) |  |
| Bob Webb |  |  |
| Rhett Nelsen |  |  |
| Kevin O’Brien (WC Staff) |  |  |
| Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff) |  |  |
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**SCRIBE**

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

* **Minutes**: The minutes from the February meeting were presented to the Board for review.
* **Bob Webb made a motion to approve the minutes for February.**
* **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**
* **Financials**: The Financial Reports from February 1-28,2022 were presented to the Board for review.
* **Katrina Poydack made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
* **Bob Webb seconded that motion.**
* **The motion carried without dissent.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Hiring Update:**

The office has received one application. A hiring committee meeting was set for Monday, March 28th at 10:00am to review possible interview questions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Water Theft/Cannabis next steps:**Kevin asked the board what their next steps regarding the work on the water quality project recently completed by the Community Organizer. Discussion on the report and resulting changes was held. The board opted to re-activate the joint Water Quality Committee. Serving on this committee are Katrina Poydack & Marcy Sowa (IVSWCD), Janice Denney (IVWC), AND Kevin O’Brien and Arlyse DeLoyola (staff). A meeting will be set in the near future.
* **Volunteer Agreement/Policy** Kevin stressed the urgent need to draft a volunteer agreement for the former Community Organizer, who has volunteered to continue in a limited capacity. A policy on volunteer work was also suggested to minimize risk to the District. Drafts will be presented at a future meeting
* **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice** Kevin referenced his recent training, encouraged the board to avail themselves any training they might find on the subject, and continue be aware and walk forward.

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**CONTINUING**

* **Staff Reports:**

**Kevin** reviewed his report adding that he had heard from Water Rights Examiner, Scott Fein and hoped to hand off his report to the engineer very soon. Crooks Creek project is moving forward and groundwork for permits is being laid. He also plans to re-submit a Partnership Technical Assistance grant to augment the current Mobilization grant.

**Cheryl** reviewed her report and updated the board on the grant she is working under. She extended invitations to all interested Board Members to attend upcoming T.E.L.E. training\*, indicating that Associate Director Janice Denny has already RSVP’d. All told, 16 hours of facilitated instruction (with limited assigned homework) strategically spread out over a specified time to accommodate Stakeholders’ obligations. Tentatively between May 2nd and June13th.

**\*Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

* Bob Webb was thanked for removing the old storage units from the City compound.
* Kevin thanked Cheryl for her enthusiastic work so far on the IV Collective Mobilization for Fire & Fish grant.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on April 28th, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_