

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday October 24, 2024, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:01 pm.

LIVE ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Bill Reid	John Bellville, Staff	Bob Webb
Jim Gurley	Marcy Sowa	Carol Crawford (IVWC)
Rhett Nelsen	Katrina Poydack	Gene Merrill (IVWC)
Bob Schmidt		Kevin O'Brien (IVWC Staff)
Janice Denney (IVWC)		
Arlyse DeLoyola, Staff		
Bill Joerger		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Jim Gurley made a motion to approve the minutes for September.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion carried.**

- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from September 2024 were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Jim Gurley made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded that motion.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Annual Meeting Re-Do**
 The required second notification was not printed in the IV News, so the rescheduled Annual meeting had to be postponed. An emergency meeting was called for October 13, 2024 and a resolution passed to move the meeting to November 21 at 6:00 pm.
- **Bio-Char Kiln Move Update**
 Still working on logistics. CWDG will get on the ground this month and might need their use. Janice will retrieve one.
- **District Manager Training Update**
 John updated the board that he is still working on the HAZWOPER training and that the recent conference attendance was an excellent networking and educational event.
- **Community Wildfire Resiliency Coalition MOU**
 John emphasized this is not urgent but is laying the foundation for working with this group in the future. Discussion was held/no action.
- **Clear Creek Lab Lease**
 A meeting was held this Tuesday between Chairman Reid, the property owners and the SWCD employees. It was decided that we are not at a point that we need to have laboratory space. Staff will begin removing our equipment from the property as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Committee Recommendations**

The committee presented its recommendations as approved at their meeting Tuesday. The first was a draft capacity budget for 2025-2027.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to approve the capacity budget for 2025-2027.**
- **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion followed.**
- **The motion passed without dissent**

The second recommendation was to approve a 25% raise for regular staff (John/Arlyse) effective January 1, 2025. Budgeting charts were presented with the recommendation.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to approve the Budget Committee Recommendation for a Wage Increase January 1st, 2025.**
- **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
- **Discussion was held.**
- **The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Proposed Public Meeting Policy**

Arlyse explained that SWCD's are required to have a Public Meeting Policy on file and presented one for board approval.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to approve the Public Meeting Policy as presented.**
- **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

- **Chairman Resignation- (addition to agenda)**

Chairman Reid presented a letter of resignation from the IVSWCD Board, effective November 15, 2024 due to his upcoming relocation. Members of the board and staff expressed their thanks for his many years of service and sadness to see him leave.

CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**

John reviewed his report. The SIA sampling plan is being worked on. John and Arlyse met with Shannon Clark of Two Rivers earlier today to share ideas for the future of the districts coordinating efforts.

Arlyse- no additions to her written report.

- **Partnering Agency Reports:**

There were no partnering agencies present.

Public Comment: There was discussion on well and surface testing, initiated by William Joerger.

Janice Denney noted that the Garden Club would like to do "Project Specific" funding, and asked if that might be possible. Water Quality Monitoring was suggested.

NEXT MEETING

Annual Meeting for 2023 will be held November 21st at 6:00pm

The next monthly meeting is to be held on November 21st at 6:10 pm at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES:



DATE: 11.21.24