

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 December 21,2023 by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:04 pm

ATTENDED IN PERSON	ATTENDED VIA ZOOM	ABSENT
Bill Reid	Marcy Sowa	Robert Schmidt
Katrina Poydack		Gene Merrill (WC)
Rhett Nelsen		Patricia Downing (WC)
Jim Gurley		
Robert Webb		
Carol Crawford (WC)		
Janice Denney (WC)		
Don Young (WC)		
John Bellville- staff		
Kevin O'Brien (WC)		
Cheryl Nelson- staff		
Arlyse DeLoyola- staff		
Ted DeLoyola- Guest		
Kathy Mechling- Guest		
Joy McEwen- Guest		
Eric McEwen- Guest		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for review.

- **A motion to accept the minutes for November was made by Rhett Nelsen.**
- **The motion was seconded by Bob Webb.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

The financial reports were presented for review.

- **Rhett Nelsen moved to accept the financial reports.**
- **Robert Webb seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-

Budget Meeting Report- tabled to January Meeting

CONTINUING

Staff Reports:

John Bellville reviewed his report:

Marcy Sowa asked about the possible beaver project in O'Brien. John stated that he was looking to apply for a small grant next offering cycle.

On-the-ground work should begin soon in the Post-Fire project and a good response to the mailer was received for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant.

Cheryl Nelson reviewed her report noting she is coming to the end of her grant tenure and IVFROG is gaining momentum to sustain itself as a 501c3 which she will continue to support. She mentioned that the District would always be credited with helping to create the cohort and being the first fiscal sponsor.

Arlyse DeLoyola added to her report that the office phone has been down but is now operational again. Email was down also but was fixed as well.

She noted that the Annual Report was in everyone's file folders but without binders, which have suffered a shipping delay. Those who wished to have theirs bound may leave them in the office.

Partnering Agency reports:

IV Watershed Council: Kevin O'Brien wished all the best for the Holiday season and praised the district for its work and continued growth under the leadership of John Bellville. He added that the Council is also poised for growth and that he is also writing a grant under the current offering.

Eric and Joy McEwen of Diggin' Livin' Farms and Apiary were introduced and gave a presentation on their experiences as beekeepers, authors, equipment suppliers, and resident experts in the field. A lively discussion was held regarding the current state of pollinators in our area.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and was followed by a meal and White Elephant gift exchange.

APPROVED MINUTES: W Reed

DATE: 2-8-2024