

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday September 26, 2024, by Bill Reid, Chairman at 6:01 pm.

LIVE ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Bill Reid	Kevin O'Brien IVWC	Bob Webb
Jim Gurley	Marcy Sowa	
Rhett Nelsen	Shannon Clark, Two Rivers SWCD	
Bob Schmidt	Justin Ferrell, Lakeview SWCD	
Katrina Poydack		
Carol Crawford (IVWC)		
Janice Denney (IVWC)		
John Bellville, Staff		
Arlyse DeLoyola, Staff		
Eric Nusbaum, ODA		

### SCRIBE

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Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

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

### OLD BUSINESS

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- **Two Rivers Discussion**

Eric Nusbaum of the Oregon Department of Agriculture thanked the board for approving the short-term assistance to Two Rivers SWCD that has been in effect since August 1. He suggested the board discuss possible shared staffing between the two districts beginning next biennium. (July 1, 2025) He introduced Justin Ferrell of Lakeview SWCD, who described how shared staffing works for Lakeview and Fort Rock-Silver Lake SWCD. A question-and-answer session was held which included Shannon Clark, Chair of Two Rivers SWCD.

- **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to begin negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding for shared staffing between IVSWCD and TRSWCD.**
- **Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed without dissent.**

The guests left the meeting- Justin planned to email some sample documents for review.

- **Ag Water Quality**  
John gave a brief report on the Water Quality project, which included the deployment of two sonde water quality monitoring stations in cooperation with Oregon State University's Forest Ecohydrology and Watershed Science (FEWS) Lab. The team will retrieve and send the data monthly to OSU to help develop their Wildfire Water Security Project.
- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
A brainstorming session was held earlier today to begin planning for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was suggested by Chairman Reid that we add "Diamond Jubilee" to any advertising.
- **Bio-Char Kiln Move Update**  
There has been no action on moving the kilns.
- **District Manager Training Update**  
It was determined that now was not a good time for John to do the Conservation Planner Training. He is continuing his HAZWOPER course and will attend the OACD Conference next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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- **Re-Set Annual Meeting**  
Due to a publishing error last fall, there is a need to re-schedule the Annual landowner Meeting.
  - **A motion was made by Bill Reid to approve the required resolution to hold the meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**
  - **Jim Gurley seconded the motion.**
  - **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Budget Committee Recommendations**  
John relayed that the Budget Committee had approved a wage increase, but because Katrina Poydack had to leave this meeting early and Bill was not present for the committee meeting, he asked that the subject be tabled until a later date.
- **Farm Bill Question**  
Janice Denney requested information on the proposed Farm Bill which is before Congress. Discussion was held.
- **MOU From Community Wildfire Resiliency Coalition**  
Chairman Reid reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the IVSWCD and the Community Wildfire Resiliency Coalition. He found several areas that needed improvement or edit. The MOU will be edited and re-submitted at a later date.
- **Clear Creek Lab Lease**  
Chairman Reid expressed concern over a proposed lease agreement for the Clear Creek Lab space. Discussion was held and the document will be revised.

## **CONTINUING**

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- **Staff Reports:**  
**John** reviewed his report. The SIA mapping has begun and he will be working with ODA to address areas of concern.  
**Arlyse**- no additions to her written report.
- **Partnering Agency Reports:**  
Kevin O'Brien announced that the "All Council Engagement and Fundraising Strategy Session" has been moved to November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon.

**Public Comment: None**

**NEXT MEETING**

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**Annual Meeting for 2023 will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

The next monthly meeting is to be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:10 pm at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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APPROVED MINUTES: William Reid DATE: 10-24-2024