

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday December 19, 2024, by Bob Webb, Chairman at 6:00 pm.

LIVE ATTENDEES

ZOOM ATTENDEES

ABSENTEES

Bob Webb	Eric Nusbaum, ODA	Gene Merrill (IVWC)
Jim Gurley		Marcy Sowa
Bob Schmidt		Rhett Nelsen
Katrina Poydack		Kevin O'Brien (IVWC)
Janice Denney		
Carol Crawford (IVWC)		
John Bellville, Staff		
Arlyse DeLoyola, Staff		
Maelagh Luckett-Baker , Staff		
William Reid		
Kathleen Strong		
Ted DeLoyola		
Larry Erbe		
Katherine Mechling		
Beth Pietrzak, ODA		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the November meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Jim Gurley made a motion to approve the minutes for November.**
 - **Katrina Poydack seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion carried.**
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from November 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

- **Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Two Rivers SWCD**
John announced that the IGA for next Biennium had been signed by both organizations. Discussion was held.
- **MOU with Community Wildfire Resiliency Coalition**
John brought up the pending Memorandum of Understanding with Community Wildfire Resilience Coalition, which will allow us to partner with this organization on the Thompson Creek Tract, pending the successful grant applications. The result would be an opportunity for a training and educational facility and the reduction of fire hazard on the District-owned property.

- Katrina Poydack made a motion to approve the proposed memorandum of Understanding.
- Bob Schmidt seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **At-Large 2 Position Vacancy**

An application for the vacant At-Large 2 position was received and approved by ODA for eligibility.

- Jim Gurley moved to accept the application and appoint Janice I Denney as At-Large 2 director.
- Bob Schmidt seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously.
- Janice was given the Oath of Office by Chairman Bob Webb and welcomed to the board.

- **Resolution for Annual Meeting**

Bob Webb read a proposed resolution to establish the date of the annual meeting for 2024.

- Jim Gurley made a motion to approve the Resolution.
- Janice Denney seconded the motion.
- The motion passed without dissent.

CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**

John reviewed his report, stating that the revised SIA will be submitted Friday 12/20, followed by a monitoring meeting. He submitted a final report for a 2 Rivers open grant, which will allow them to receive grant monies through OWEB again. A signed agreement has been received from Oregon State University for their project. John will have a draft Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP) to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by late January for the next sampling season.

John is helping plan the Connect Conference to be held in April in Florence. He is also coordinating with natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for his Conservation Planner training.

Arlyse had nothing to add to her written report.

- **Partnering Agency Reports:**

Eric Nusbaum spoke for Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) thanking the board for their willingness to help the Two Rivers SWCD. He stated that he has planned a four-hour for directors in January at Jackson SWCD. He will send details. He also noted that there is a grant available for website upgrades to ADA compatibility. He suggested that the District move to a .gov domain with this grant.

Beth Pietrzak, Water Quality manager for ODA gave an update on the progress of the SIA. 963 tax lots in the chosen area were evaluated with just one property categorized as High priority, 14 as Compliance opportunities, and 421 as Restoration Opportunities. The remaining 527 were categorized as Likely in Compliance with Agricultural Water Quality rules. The next step is letters to the landowners and the planning of workshops and more beginning in April.

Public Comment: Bill Reid, former Chair, stated that he is happy to see the District continuing to progress.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting is to be held on January 23 at 6:00 pm at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm and was followed by a pot-luck and White Elephant gift exchange.

APPROVED MINUTES: Rob W. Hall DATE: 1-23-25