



Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

331 E Cottage Park Drive Suite 1/ZOOM

September 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Webb at 5:56 p.m.

Meeting attendance Roster:

In-Person	Via Zoom Teleconference	Absent
Rhett Nelsen		Kevin O'Brien, IVWC
Katrina Poydack		
Zachary Robinson		
Matthew Robinson		
Robert Webb		
Katherine Mechling		
Janice Denney		
Katrina Poydack		
John Bellville, Staff		
Arlyse DeLoyola, Staff		
Lydia Robinson, Guest		
Bob White, Guest		

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the board for review.
 - **Rhett Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented.**
 - **Zachary Robinson seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed unanimously, with Webb, Nelsen, Z Robinson, Mechling, Poydack, Denney, and M Robinson, voting in favor.**
- **Financial Reports:** The financial reports for August 2025 were presented to the board for review.
 - **Kathy Mechling made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded the motion.**
 - **The motion passed unanimously, with Webb, Nelsen, Z Robinson, Mechling, Poydack, Denney, and M Robinson, voting in favor.**
- **Old Business**
 - **Thompson Creek Plan:** John presented his new draft of the Thompson Creek Plan, which the board reviewed.
 - **Rhett Nelson made a motion to have Kathy Mechling and Bob Webb finalize the plan with edits as discussed.**
 - **Katrina Poydack seconded the motion.**
 - **Discussion was held and the motion was stricken.**
 - **A motion was then made by Rhett Nelson to pass the plan as written with the additions of “diverse community members including youth” where appropriate.**

- Janice Denney seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously, with Webb, Nelsen, Z Robinson, Mechling, Poydack, Denney, and M Robinson, voting in favor.
- **Water Quality Monitoring Updates**
John updated the board. The Passive units were deployed last week at three sites. After the second rain event, they will be removed and analyzed. This is a pilot project, unique to our district and will be interesting data, which will be put into a manuscript at the end of 2026.

- **New Business**

There was no New Business

- **Staff Reports:**
 - John reviewed his report noting that Abie reported having a good experience as our intern.
 - He completed the Small Grant team application process yesterday.
 - There will be a meeting with Trout Unlimited in November regarding the irrigation efficiency grants. Zach Robinson stated his concern about landowners' diminishing water rights with programs such as this. He asked if Julie Cymore would be available to speak at a future meeting.
 - Arlyse reviewed her report apologizing for the elevated temperature in the building. The landlord will be repairing the A/C soon.
- **Partnering Agency Reports:**
There were no partnering agencies present.
- **Public Comment:**
 - There were no public comments.
 - **NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held October 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved Minutes: _____ **Date:** _____