Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

331 E Cottage Park Drive Suite 1/ZOOM

June 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Webb at 6:03 p.m.

Meeting attendance Roster:

In-Person	Via Zoom Teleconference	Absent
Rhett Nelsen		John Bellville, Staff
Katrina Poydack		
Zachary Robinson		
Matthew Robinson		
Janice Denney		
Katherine Mechling		
Robert Webb		
Arlyse DeLoyola (Staff)		
Kevin O'Brien IVWC		
Maelagh Luckett-Baker, Staff		
Abie Diaz , Guest	Abie Diaz (partial)	
Lydia Robinson, 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.**
  - **Janice Denney seconded the motion.**
  - **The motion passed unanimously, with Webb, Nelsen, Poydack, Z Robinson, M Robinson, Mechling, and Denney voting in favor.**
- **Financial Reports:** The financial reports for May 2025 were presented to the board for review.
  - **Katrina Poydack made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented.**
  - **Kathy Mechling seconded the motion.**
  - **The motion passed unanimously, with Webb, Nelsen, Poydack, Z Robinson, M Robinson, Mechling, and Denney voting in favor.**
- **Old Business**
  - **Bio-Char Kilns:** One Kiln is still at Kelpie's. Bob will contact her to move it.
  - **Water Quality** Monitoring**:** Maelagh gave a thorough report on the status of our program. Sampling is occurring the second and fourth weeks of the month. Unfortunately, a grant that would have enabled the project to continue beyond this season was not awarded. Other avenues for funding are being sought, including private funding, which enabled the program to continue last year. Temperature monitors will be deployed next week and passive sampling is coming soon.

- **The motion passed unanimously, with Nelsen, Poydack, Z Robinson, M Robinson, and Denney voting in favor.**

- **Matthew made a motion to approve the updated fiscal policy.**
- **Zachary seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed unanimously, with Nelsen, Poydack, Z Robinson, M Robinson, and Denney voting in favor.**

- **Additional New Business:** Matthew presented a hard-bound copy of the Merck Index, Fifteenth Edition Encyclopedia of Chemicals, Drugs, and Biologicals for the District reference Library.

  Janice stated she had attended a water use workshop and has PDFs of the content available for anyone interested in the subject.

- **Staff Reports:**
  - John reviewed his written report and invited the board to attend the SIA Open House on June 2nd at Siskiyou Field Institute from 5-7pm. He is looking for people willing to speak about their experiences working with the District on projects.
    Two Rivers SWCD is beginning to transition duties over to our office. The banking access should be done Tuesday.
    A meeting was held on the 15th with Kellum of Refugium Consulting regarding Cannabis Clean-up, but no solid plans were formed.
    The Post Fire Project is finished.
    The Community Wildfire Defense project will conclude by the first of June with 80.5 acres treated. Participating Landowners will receive certificates.
    Seven habitat kits are being sent from the Xerxes society to be planted at the Thompson Creek Tract by November 30th.
    John re-submitted the Waldo Beaver Exclusion Device grant to ODFW Oregon Conservation & Recreation Funds opportunity.
  - Arlyse reviewed her report mentioning that there are training opportunities online available from SDAO for our board members.

- **Partnering Agency Reports:**
  - Bradley Stokes was invited to present a report for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He presented an update on the programs his agency is offering currently.
  - Arlyse reported for the IV Watershed Council that there would be a proposal evaluation team meeting for the Horse Creek Project next Tuesday. The team will review the proposals and select the contractor who will perform the work on the culvert replacement.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held June 26th at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved Minutes: [signature] **Date:** 8-26-25