

Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Thursday February 27, 2025, by Bob Webb, Chairman at 6:10 pm.

LIVE ATTENDEES

ZOOM ATTENDEES

ABSENTEES

Bob Webb	Gordon Lyford, Guest	Gene Merrill (IVWC)
Rhett Nelsen		Carol Crawford (IVWC)
Katherine Mechling		Patty Downing (IVWC)
Katrina Poydack		W Joerger (IVWC)
Janice Denney		
Zachary Robinson		
Matthew Robinson		
Julie Cymore, Trout Unlimited		
Lydia Robinson, guest		
Bill Reid, Guest		
John Bellville, Staff		
Arlyse DeLoyola, Staff		
Geoffrey Gerdes, ODFW		
Bob White, Guest		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by Arlyse DeLoyola

The meeting began with a presentation on irrigation efficiency by Julie Cymore of Trout Unlimited. Julie was followed by Geoffrey Gerdes of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, who spoke about his current project on the Oxbow Ranch.

Presentations ended at 7:22 pm.

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Rhett Nelsen made a motion to approve the minutes for January.**
 - **Kathy Mechling seconded the motion with corrections to be made, listing the votes by name where not unanimous.**
 - **The motion carried unanimously.**
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports from January 2025 were presented to the Board for review.
 - **Katrina Poydack made a motion to accept the financial reports.**
 - **Rhett Nelsen seconded that motion.**
 - **The motion carried without dissent.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Scheduling of 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting**
No date was set. Discussion was held. Arlyse to provide meeting information when available.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Connect Conference**

Arlyse proposed the board approve 50% of her expenses to attend the Connect Conference in April, splitting with the Council. John is unable to attend. Several board members expressed interest, but it was not in the budget this time.

- **Rhett Nelsen moved to approve the District pay 50% of Arlyse's expenses for Connect Conference in April.**
- **Kathy Mechling seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed unanimously.**

- **List of Director Skills/Equipment**

Chairman Webb asked that board members with specific skills or access to equipment who are willing to afford them to the District to let him know. A list could be compiled.

CONTINUING

- **Staff Reports:**

John reviewed his report. He has a meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday.

Post Fire project planting has begun, and 900 trees have been planted so far.

The funding for the Seed Collection and Weed remediation project is in question at this time.

He will have a Sampling Analysis Plan revision turned in tomorrow for the IV water Quality Monitoring program.

The CWDG grant project work will begin in March.

Arlyse attended a three-hour Public Meeting Law training this morning and was sorry that no directors were able to attend. It was presented by Oregon Government Ethics Commission. Directors expressed interest in attending future trainings.

- **Partnering Agency Reports:**

Kevin O'Brien of IV Watershed Council announced that the Council is holding a Riparian planting event at the Page Creek Project site March 1st at 10:00am. John has prepared willow, elderberry, and dogwood cuttings, and Janice will teach volunteers to make hardwood cuttings from on-site trees to be planted along the stream. On March 8th they will hold a tree giveaway at Grocery Outlet, and there will be a second one March 22nd at Jubilee Park in conjunction with the Seed Swap.

On March 20th the Council will participate in a planting event at ten old public swimming pool. All of these events will be celebrated on April 5th at the IV Library in an event hosted in part by IVFROG as part of the Post Fire project.

Public Comment:

Katrina Poydack mentioned that there is current legislation in the works regarding the monitoring of private wells. Attendees were encouraged to research this.

Bill Reid was presented a special award for his many years of service to both the District and Council. Plaques were available for retiring directors Marcy Sowa and James Gurley as well, neither in attendance. Bill spoke briefly about how much serving on this board has meant to him.

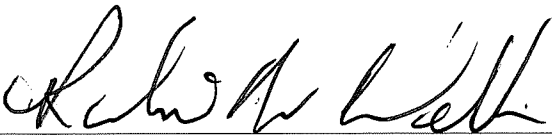
He also noted that March 10th is the deadline for contesting the Fire Map issued by the state and encouraged attendees to visit the informational website undo762.org.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 27th at 6:00 pm at the Illinois Valley SWCD Office and via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED MINUTES:  DATE: 3.27.25