

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order June 13, 2024, by Katrina Poydack, Chair at 5:01 pm.

ATTENDEES	ZOOM ATTENDEES	ABSENTEES
Katrina Poydack		Gene Merrill
James Gurley		Janice Denney
Don Young		
Patty Downing		
Carol Crawford		
Bob Schmidt		
John Bellville (IVSWCD)		
Kevin O'Brien		
Arlyse DeLoyola		

SCRIBE

Notes were taken by: Arlyse DeLoyola

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the May 2024 meeting were presented to the council for review.
 - Bob Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Carol Crawford seconded that motion.
 - The minutes were approved without dissent.
- **Financials:** The Financial Reports for May 2024 were presented to the Council for review.
 - Carol Crawford made a motion to accept the financial reports.
 - Kevin O'Brien seconded that motion.
 - The motion was approved without dissent.

Committee Reports: The Policy Committee presented the draft Harassment Policy for Board review. Several amendments were suggested.

- Kevin O'Brien made a motion to accept the policy as amended.
- Don Young seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

The budget committee will meet June 25th at 3:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- **M.O.U. (Memorandum of Understanding)**
 - Kevin has finished writing it and has presented it to John for review. Hopefully will have a memorandum of Agreement by next meeting.
- **Hanby Block Party Wrap-Up**
 - Event was a success. The planning committee came up with the idea of a raffle and garnered donations from the Treesort and Rusk Ranch for overnight stays. Tickets

are being sold through Hathkupasuta June 22nd and winners will be drawn at that event. Kevin asked that every board member please take some tickets and commit to selling a few before the drawing.

- **Oregon Community Foundation Grant Update/ Discussion**
 - We received \$15,000 in funding of our \$30,000 ask on this grant so we are still short half of what we were looking for to fund another employee for grant-writing and/or engagement. Work continues to locate another funding source.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Hathkupasuta River Festival**
 - Volunteers are desperately needed to man our booth and sell raffle tickets June 22 from 10 am to 4 pm. Kevin is the only staff from either organization able to attend. Several board members have prior commitments, so if you have a few hours you are encouraged to volunteer.
- **Network of Oregon Watershed Councils Update**
 - Kevin explained that N.O.W.C. has had no executive director for some time, having lost theirs due to a lack of capacity to retain them. He suggested that in addition to our regular dues, we offer a donation from unrestricted funds to help them out as they are responsible for so many of the advances Councils have seen in past years.
 - A motion was made by Kevin O'Brien to donate an additional \$600 to NOWC when paying our annual dues of \$400.
 - Carol Crawford seconded the motion.
 - Discussion was held.
 - The motion passed without dissent.
- **East Fork Community Engagement**

Kevin asked the board to consider approving a \$1000 budget for Community Engagement to support a Technical Assistance grant ask for the East Fork of the Illinois River. This might include direct mailing and town hall type meetings to assess just what the folks that live on this stretch of the river want to see happen.

 - A motion was made by Jim Gurley to approve a \$500 budget for Community Engagement for the East Fork Project.
 - Carol Crawford seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- Working in all areas of the plan.

CONTINUING

- **Staff and partnering agency reports:**
 - Kevin reviewed his written report. He has been using the Grant Station membership for the past 2 ½ days to search for grants.

He reviewed with the board his intent to fund the Council with less dependence on grants and more on fundraising and programs.

He asked John Bellville to report on the S.O.S. program developed earlier in the week as he was leaving. A joint venture between the Council and District to try and salvage the Water Quality Monitoring Program, the fundraising campaign was launched via the Council's Harness Giving site to attempt to raise the needed \$64,000 to finish out the sampling season.

Other ideas for funding were suggested by the board such as corporate sponsorship and associations who may sponsor also.

John also reported that he and Kevin met with some County reps recently regarding clean-up of Cannabis sites through our contracted guide writer. He stated the meeting was cordial and went well.

- Arlyse had nothing to add to her written report.

- There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting is to be held at 5:00 pm on July 11, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Katrina Poydack, Chair, at 6:56 PM.

Approved Minutes:

Signature



Date

7/11/24