

Euclid Creek Watershed Council Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Hosted Virtually on Go2Webinar

In Attendance: Jeff Filarski, Doug Metzong, Chris Cheraso, Mayor Ward, Mayor Brunello, Mayor Roche, Mayor Holzheimer Gail, Patti Schnell, Chris Vild, Jan Rybka, Elizabeth Hiser, Commissioner Zoghaib, Jennifer Heard

Voting Members: Mayor Ward, Mayor Roche, Mayor Gail, Mayor Brunello, Doug Metzong, Patti Schnell, Chris Vild, Commissioner Zoghaib

The Watershed Program Manager welcomed everyone and provided instructions for how to use the GoToWebinar platform, votes were placed using the polling tool. The meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order - Moved, Mayor Ward, 2nd, Mayor Brunello – All approved

The chair reviewed and proposed the use of a consent agenda for remote meetings to streamline the routine, procedural, informational and self-explanatory non-controversial items on the agenda. All consent agenda items were presented to council in a single motion for an up or down vote after allowing anyone to request that a specific item be moved to the full agenda for individual attention. Other items, particularly those requiring strategic thought, decision making or action, are handled as usual.

The chair proposed the use of one motion and vote for the following items during the meeting: Approval of the August 2019 Minutes, Approval of Chair and Vice Chair Nominations, Approval of the 2019 Work Plan and PIPE program Update, and Approval of the 2020 Work Plan.

Mayor Ward: Moved to approve the use of a consent agenda for these items during this meeting, Seconded by Mayor Roche – All approved

Chair Vild proceeded with consent agenda. The first item was the nomination of a chair and vice chair.

The Watershed Program Manager thanked Chris Vild and Mayor Roche for their many years of service to the Watershed Council. Mayor Ward and Mayor Roche complimented Mr. Vild on his years of service and Mayor Roche nominated Chris Vild for another term., Mayor Ward Seconded.

Mayor Roche offered to serve another term as Vice Chair.

With no other nominations, the consent agenda proceeded with a vote on consent agenda items:.

Approval of the August 2019 Minutes, Approval of Chair (Chris Vild) and Vice Chair (Mayor Roche) Nominations, Approval of the 2019 Work Plan and PIPE program Update, and Approval of the 2020 Work Plan – All approved

Chair Chris Vild introduced the next item, the proposed continuation of the program moving forward with an MOU for 2021-24. The MOU was drafted by the Watershed Program Manager for each communities council to review and approve continuation of the \$3,000 a year commitment to the Euclid Creek Watershed Council Program for another 4 years. Mr. Vild announced his support of the proposed MOU as written and opened it up to discussion. Mayor Roche asked if the MOU was the same as in past years. The Watershed Program Manager confirmed that the MOU was the same and that she would also reach out to neighboring communities to see if they would also like to participate. Mayor Roche asked when the MOU was due. The Watershed Program Manager confirmed the MOU would be due by the end of 2020 and that it would need to get approved through each community council and signed by the end of the year. The new MOU would start in 2021. Mr. Vild asked when the MOU document would be provided. The Watershed Program Manager offered to send the document to council after the meeting with the addition of the chair and vice chair to the MOU.

Mayor Ward moved to accept the MOU as presented to council with the new Chair and Vice Chair added. Mayor Roche seconded. – all approved

The Watershed Program thanked the council for their continued support. Chair Vild thanked everyone.

Chair Vild presented the last meeting item as additional business from Watershed Council Members. The group was asked to share their experiences dealing with Covid.

Mr. Vild discussed how Beachwood Public Service was handling things. “We historically divide crew up in November with a Night shift and weekend shift, that traditionally during spring we bring them back to the daytime shift, we have decided not to do that at this time, we are still a segmented department, hoping to keep portions of the department separated in case we do have an outbreak. We have further separated our crew and now have staggered start and lunch times. We are hoping that by deliberately keeping portions separate so that in the event we have an outbreak we will not all get sick or be in quarantine.”

The Watershed Program Manager presented an update for Friends of Euclid Creek. “They are still working hard behind the scenes on their projects. They are trying to keep members and public updated through monthly emails, social media and news articles. If anyone wants on their monthly email updates let me know and I will connect you with Kelly Butauski.”

Chris Vild – With no other additions, is there anything else that needs to be conveyed or taken care of.

The Watershed Program manager communicated that SWCD is still working from home, and continuing to work on PIPE programs, working to get creative with remote workshops, campaigns for individual acts of conservation. She indicated that all efforts can be tailored to each community.

Mr. Vild asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Mayor Ward, seconded Mayor Roche

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes compiled by Elizabeth Hiser, Watershed Program Manager

Reference:

Watershed Council Meeting was recorded and video is available for viewing at this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8022184576938745100>