



Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2020 9:00-12:00pm
Teleconference meeting on Google Meet

Attendees: Gianna Petito, Kristen Balschunat, Rick Hopkins, Paul Hartshorn, Jeff Cueto, Rich Turner, Russ Barret Marybeth Whitten (NRCS - provided brief update at the start of the meeting)

9:02 Meeting Called to Order

9:03 NRCS Updates: Phased re-opening of offices (first to more staff, then opening to the public). Operating under all new programs for contract development. Forest management plans have been pre-approved and half have been obligated, most other programs will be delayed. Gianna asked about the timeline for the annual ranking question survey - Marybeth said guidance is still pending.

9:12 NRCC Updates: Hired new finance manager who will start remotely in the next few weeks. Council members are scheduling Zoom meetings with partners to coordinate.

9:14 Supervisor and Staff Sharing: Rich asked if changes in state funding will impact EAB assessments - Gianna replied that our work will not be impacted by that since we have signed contracts.

9:15 Minutes: Paul motions to approve the minutes as amended from the March 2020 meeting. Seconded by Jeff. All in favor. Motion passes.

9:17 Financial Updates:

- Many overdue payments have been paid out, so we are in the green this month.
- Motion by Rich to approve the April 30, 2020 financial report. Second by Paul. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Discussion about FY21 working proposed budget. A final proposal will be shared for the June meeting for a formal vote.
- Motion by Paul to cancel annual dinner for FY21 due to covid. Seconded by Rich. All in favor. Motion passes.

9:36 Staff Progress Report Highlights: (see handout)

- See report
- Discussion about how to comment on strategic plan
- Shady Rill Implementation Procurement discussion: Watershed Consulting's bid was under \$10,000 and was selected.
- Morse Farm Procurement discussion: Watershed Consulting's estimate for a 100% design is under 10K if they are contracted to do the work

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - 9am - Video Call - Link will be provided later

11:55 Adjourn Motion to adjourn by Paul. Seconded by Russ. All in favor. Motion passes.