

WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Minutes (Draft) of January 17,2017 held at the WNRCD Office in Berlin, VT

Present:

Supervisors – Rick Hopkins, Jeff Cueto, Lawrence Rowley, Paul Hartshorn

Associate Supervisor – Don Hipes

District Staff – Corrina Parnapy, District Manager

Other-

Jeff called meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

Group Sharing:

Group discussed issues related to funding for cleaning up Lake Champlain. It was announced that the 2016 DEC report was out for everyone to review. Members further discussed later in the meeting the concerns of farmers on the new RAP's and how they would impact small farms. It was requested that we have Ryan Patch from the Agency of Ag come to the next Board meeting to present on the RAP's.

Business Items.

Election of Officers

The election took place with the following voted into offices; Chair: Rick, Vice Chair: Jeff, Treasurer: Lawrence, Secretary: Paul.

Paul made motions to accept the slate of officer, Rick seconded. Motion carried.

District Meeting Minutes from December 2016

Motion made by Rick to accept the minutes.

Seconded by Lawrence. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Please refer to the financial report submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. By this reference that report is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Comments included in these minutes are met to supplement or update that financial report.

Motion by Lawrence to accept the financial report. Seconded by Rick. Motion Carried.

Project & Grants Updates

Please refer to written report entitled Staff Project Updates submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. By this reference this report is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Comments included in these minutes are met to supplement or update the submitted report.

Staff highlighted projects as follows.

Holly: (not in attendance)

Corrina: Spoke about the road salt reduction initiative of which two grants have been received one from the Lake Champlain Basin Program and another from the VT DEC LaRosa Partnership, interest from VTDEC on applying jointly for an additional EPA grant, partnership from Sea Grant/ UVM Extension on a workshop and a potential grant. The House Committee of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife has asked Corrina to come testify on the impacts from Road Salt on the environment. The work is gaining local, regional and national attention. Board Chair Rick mentioned pursuing product storage and staying focused as the issue is vary broad .

Tree and Trout Sale Update:

The pickup locations were discussed to potentially have contingencies in place if the anticipated move of offices was scheduled before the event.

Other Business Discussed:

The Board decided to send a card to staff Bookkeeper to get well.

The Board decided that the next meeting will be 2-21-17 with a slimmed down agenda to allow time for Ryan to discuss the RAP's.

Motion by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 AM. Seconded by Lawrence. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Corrina Parnapy, District Manager