



Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023 9:00 - 12:00pm
In Person: Berlin Office + Zoom Option

Attendees:

In Person: Casey Spencer (WNRCD District Manager), Kat Lewis (Agricultural Specialist), Johan Desrochers (NRCS), Rick Hopkins (Chair Supervisor), Russ Barrett (Vice Chair), Nancy Everhart (associate supervisor)
Online: Jeff Cueto (Associate Supervisor), Rich Turner (Treasurer)

9:07 Meeting Called to Order

9:08 NRCS Update

- Civil rights compliance review to take place at the central zone NRCS office on August 31st
 - Must be a WNRCD board member to speak on our behalf during this compliance review. Review to happen in person or online. Will discuss the MOU and make sure we are meeting all of the worker rights.
- Contract report for RCPP FY23 to be available soon for WNRCD to review

9:16 Business Items

- Table June minutes until September meeting → Casey to change minutes wording to not include notes from the executive review session
- Tabled employee handbook changes to rewrite the paragraph in Section I surrounding annual performance reviews
- Tabled FY23 financial report, July financial report, and FY24 financial budget

10:15 Supervisor and Staff Sharing Opportunity

- Casey provided project updates to the Hands Mill Dam. Dam was partly washed out due to July flooding. Casey to meet with many stakeholders in coming weeks to discuss next steps. Hope that WNRCD can play a role in supporting projects to restabilize the slopes above and below the dam.
- Discussion with how the WNRCD is playing a role in flood relief across our district. There is a need for more direct funding to us as staff to support homeowners in getting access to resources and allow us time to communicate and visit these residents.
- There is board member interest to discuss bigger overarching issues within our district during board meetings.

10:45 Staff Updates

10:53 Meeting Adjourned and headed to Shady Rill for a site visit with Ned Swanberg of DEC.

- Took note of flood damage to Shady Rill picnic area WNRCD project for reporting to DEC.