



Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023 9:00 - 12:00pm
In Person: Berlin Office + Zoom Option

Attendees:

In Person: Casey Spencer (WNRC District Manager), Rick Hopkins (Chair Supervisor), Russ Barrett (Vice Chair), Nancy Everhart (associate supervisor), Paul Hartshorn (Supervisor)

Online: Jeff Cueto (Associate Supervisor), Rich Turner (Treasurer), Adelaide Dumm (Conservation Specialist), Kat Lewis (Agricultural Specialist)

9:05 Meeting Called to Order

9:06 NRCC Update- Rick Hopkins

- Distributed FY24 grant agreements to all districts
- FY25 budget already in development
 - Board meetings in action → 4 subcommittees
- Interest in relooking into statue with VACD and council

9:08 Business Items

- June minutes approved as amended
 - Motion to approve made by Paul, seconded by Rich.
- August minutes approved as amended
 - Motion to approve by Paul, seconded by Russ
- June 2023 Financial Report Approved
 - Motion to approve by Paul, seconded by Russ
- Proposed FY24 Budget Approved as amended
 - Motion by Paul, seconded by Rich
- July and August Financial Reports Approved
 - Motion by Paul, seconded by Russ

10:01 Strategic Planning and FY25 Base Funding Discussion

- Review materials from district manager's Action Circles retreat
 - The question is if NRCD's would be willing to take on the responsibility of completing this work?
 - Work would include a focus on environmental justice and working with marginalized communities.
 - Do districts have the capacity to take on this work?
 - We are already involved in much of this work with community engagement but is there funding to cover our time?

- Are any board members strictly opposed to this work? This planning is still very much in the planning phase but need to make sure nobody is strictly opposed to it moving forward.

11:48 Staff Updates

- Adelaide is back!
- Casey provided Handsmill Dam updates as seen in Staff Updates document

12:11 Meeting Adjourned