

**Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019**

Supervisors Present: Ted Grembowicz, Mike Pedone, Alan Shelvey and Bob Smith

Also Present: Nanci McGuire, Jennifer Alexander and Stefano Pinna

Meeting called to order at: 9:45 a.m.

Minutes from the January Meeting were approved.

Financial Reports for January and February were reviewed, discussed and then approved.

Alan Shelvey made a motion seconded by Mike Pedone to pay \$238 for workers compensation. This was then voted on and the motion passed.

Grant Financials were reviewed, discussed and approved.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

Discussion on:

Vt Agricultural Water Quality Partnership Meeting – Ted attended this meeting on February 22 at VTC.

RRPC Advisory Group Meetings – March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, September 17 and October 15, November 19 and December 17. All of these meetings will be held in the late afternoon at the RRPC office downtown and are for all Otter Creek Watershed Municipalities and stakeholders in the Otter Creek watershed.

VT Natural Resources Conservation Districts 2018 Annual Report – I handed out copies of this report.

District Manager Meeting – I attended this meeting on February 1 at the USDA Service Center in WRJ.

VT Envirothon Steering Committee Meeting – I attended this conference call on February 5.

FY2018 Highlights and Summary of Legislative Objectives – This document was created by NRCC (Kerry O'Brien) and VACD (Jill Arace).

Article in Rutland Herald - February 5, regarding Basin Planning in the Otter Creek Watershed.

Green Mountain Water Environmental Association – Annual Spring Conference will be May 23 at the Killington Grand Hotel. The PMNRCD and RNRCD have been asked to present information regarding Stormwater Planning. I have asked Andres from Watershed Consulting to be part of this and he has agreed. He has a presentation already put together and will add information on the Bioretention project at Giorgetti Park.

Town of Rutland Flow Restoration Plan – Andres with Watershed Consulting asked if the District would be interested in being part of an MOU between the Town and the Rutland RPC. The RPC would contract with the District to do public education such as: tree planting, rain barrel making, storm drain stenciling, etc.

Otter Creek TBP Partners Meeting – Alan and I attended this meeting on March 12 at Angie's office.

GRANTS:

ERP FY2018 Homer Stone Brook – This project has been completed. DuBois & King provided a Final Report with details on the existing conditions and the evaluation design alternatives to mitigate flooding of the Homer Stone Brook between Homer Stone Road and the Brooks railroad crossing.

ERP FY2018 SWMP Wallingford – I attended a meeting with Watershed Consulting Associates, the Town of Wallingford Select Board and the Town Road Crew on Tuesday, February 12 to discuss projects selected for 30% design and next steps. This project is now FINAL we have received the Final SWMP for the Town of Wallingford.

P3 Partner Grant Kick Off Meeting – Alan and I attended this meeting via telephone on January 31.

Since this meeting Alan has provided a lot of feedback to Andres with Watershed Consulting Associates.

Ted Grembowicz signed the MOU with WCA for the District to do outreach. Nanci will scan and email this to WCA.

NRCC Block Grant for TBP Final Report – Kerry O’Brien submitted this report to DEC on January 14, 2019.

Ag Specialist Update: (Stefano Pinna)

Stefano Reported on:

Reports that he has been working on.

Trainings and Meetings that he has attended.

Nutrient Management Planning and Implementation.

Continued Education.

Growing Hemp in VT Workshop – April 8 from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Rutland Free Library.

SARE Grant – Deadline is April 23. Stefano is currently brainstorming projects.

Other.

ACAP Update: (Jennifer Alexander)

Jennifer Reported on:

Meeting that she and Stefano had with Angie Allen in February to discuss the Ag section of the Otter Creek TBP.

Partners Data Base Training.

PMNRCD is looking for office space due to Green Mountain College closing in May 2019.

Nutrient Management Commission coordinated by VAAF, Jennifer is part of this committee.

Assisting UVM Extension for a “Fine Tuning your Crops and Soil Program” March 27 at the Castleton Fire Dept.

Other Business:

RNRCD 2019 Annual Meeting – Monday, May 13 at Clarendon Grange Hall from 5:30 until 7:30 or 8:00 p.m.

1 hr. presentation regarding Growing Hemp in VT

Presentation on Districts FY 2018 program/projects.

FSA Update: Tina Williams provided a written report.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.