

Franklin County NRCD Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

In attendance: Daton Fleury (Chair), Doug Lantagne (Supervisor), Jeannie Bartlett (Manager), Phil Parent (Supervisor); Richard Noel (Treasurer)

50 S. Main St., St. Albans, VT 05478

minutes recorded by Jeannie Bartlett

Minutes:

9:50 Meeting called to order

9:51 Richard makes a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Doug seconds. Approved.

9:52 Discussion of proposed budget. Supervisors expressed appreciation that the budget breaks down separate grants and shows a net income. Richard makes a motion to approve the budget as proposed. Doug seconds. Approved.

9:53 Richard brings up that Grand Isle has not submitted any grant proposals, and wonders whether Franklin should offer to assist or merge. Discussion of agricultural industry in the Islands – low on dairy, but has some leading vegetable and egg farms and wineries, and is leading in agritourism. Jeannie shared recent conversations she's had with Grand Isle NRCD chair Roger Rainville. Supervisors expressed desire to be collaborative with Grand Isle whether we merge with them or not. Supervisors asked Richard to find out at Council what we need to know.

10:08 Discussion of pay scale now being used at VACD, performance of our Conservation Specialist, and recommended pay raise for him. Approved for \$18.00/hr. Supervisors directed to keep agricultural water quality focus of position.

10:19 Review of financial policies and procedures. Minor changes made at last meeting. Doug makes a motion to approve the financial policies and procedures as found in the packet. Phil seconds. Approved.

10:22 Next meeting set for October 3, 9:30-11:30.

10:25 Jeannie advised board of upcoming Local Food, Local Places event being put on by the Healthy Roots Collaborative.

10:27 Board asked how the Local Working Group went. Notes in back of Board Packet.

10:28 Doug leaves.

10:30 Jeannie advised board of upcoming State House to Farmhouse event. Discussion of strengths of two local representatives who are being good advocates for agriculture and clean water.

11:00 Richard asks for notes to bring to Council meeting.

11:30 Adjourned.

Follow up: