

**Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2019**

Supervisors Present: Bridget Bowen, Ted Grembowicz and Alan Shelvey

Also, Present: Nanci McGuire and Stefano Pinna

Meeting called to order at: 9:40 a.m.

Minutes from the July 24 Meeting were approved.

Financial Report for July was reviewed, discussed and then approved.

Grant Financials through July were reviewed, discussed and approved.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

Discussion on:

NRCC Sub Agreement for FY2020 – I reviewed this with the Board. This was then signed by Bridget as Co-Chair. I will email this to Kerry O’Brien so that she can get it to Rick Hopkins for his signature.

NRCC AgCWIP Proposal for FY2020 – This proposal was submitted to VAAF on August 2. This is a statewide grant for Ag work. The Southwest region total funding is \$16,250 and will fund Stefano and some of Jennifer’s work. Jill also submitted a proposal for this funding for VACD employees. Stefano spoke about the additional work that is being proposed in this application.

S96 Act 76 – I have been receiving MANY emails regarding this and Alan and I attended a Skype meeting on August 15. In my opinion I don’t think that anyone in the Otter Creek Basin feels comfortable about signing up to be a Clean Water Service provider at this point and time as there are not enough DETAILS.

GRANTS:

NRCC Block Grant Project Development – Bridget signed this Agreement. Total grant \$3,374. I will upload this to the NRCD Team Drive.

ERP FY2017 Cold River Berm Removal – I am going to set up a meeting with Ruane’s, VRC and Shannon for the week of August 26.

ERP FY2018 Moon Brook SWMP – I did a site visit with Zapata (Wetlands Specialist) at the Killington Ave and Westview property and she said that this project is a NO GO as this is a class II wetland.

LCBP Best Management Practices for Pollution Reduction: Implementation and Planning Grants – I am currently working on this RFP due October 3. This will be to implement 2 projects identified in the Brandon SWMP.

Ag Specialist Update: (Stefano Pinna)

Discussion on:

Nutrient Management Planning and Implementation:

NMP related work (manure loads weight, soil sampling, moisture test reading)

NMP record updates and soil tests updates

Farm visits to address field management questions

Farm visit to assess hemp field, fertigation system and fertilization plan

Other farm visits

Other:

Tile drain sampling

LaRosa stream sampling

Working on a newsletter regarding corn harvest management and to promote cover crops.

FSA Update: (Tina Williams)

Tina provided a written report.

NRCS Update: (Marian Jordan)

Marian provided a written report.

Other Business:

MOU with NRCS – Nanci handed out copies of the second draft of this MOU along with a copy of comments that Alan wrote up. Nanci uploaded comments to the NRCD Team Drive.

Local Work Group – Wednesday, August 28 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. here at the USDA Service Center.

RNRCD FY2020 DRAFT Budget – This was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ted and seconded by Alan to approve the budget as presented. This was then voted on and the motion passed.

RNRCD FY2020 Annual Work Plan – This was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Ted to approve this Work Plan as presented. This was then voted on and the motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

District Manager Performance and Contract Review – After the meeting Bridget and Alan reviewed these documents and completed a performance evaluation. There was one change made to the Contract. These documents were then signed by Bridget, Alan and Nanci