

**Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2019**

Supervisors Present: Bridget Bowen, Mike Pedone, Bob Smith and Alan Shelvey

Also, Present: Nanci McGuire and Stefano Pinna

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

Minutes from the October 24 Meeting were approved.

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

NACD Dues – A motion was made by Mike Pedone to pay \$200 for FY2020 NACD dues this was seconded by Bob Smith. The motion was then voted on and the motion passed.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

Discussion on:

NRCC Full Board Meeting 12/3/19 – I handed out copies of the minutes from this meeting.

VT Envirothon Current Issue (Drinking Water) – I handed out copies of this.

Supervisor Elections – We received no petitions.

Spring 2020 Tree Sale – Everything has been ordered and order forms should be ready to be mailed and emailed by the beginning of January.

Letter to Towns for Support – I sent letters out to all Towns in our District on December 2, 2019 along with a summary of our FY2019 Annual Report for the Towns to include in their Town Report. In the past 3 years 10 towns have contributed. I received notices from the towns of Danby, Mendon and Ira saying that they need a petition signed by a percentage of voters in the Town.

Draft RFP Structure and CWSP Selection Criteria – I handed out copies of this.

VT Agricultural Water Quality Partnership Strategic Plan 2019-2024 – I handed out copies of this.

GRANTS:

ERP FY2017 Cold River Berm Removal – Ruane's have agreed to close on the easement but this is not possible until we receive an amended contract from DEC. I emailed a request for an extension over a month ago and have not heard anything or seen anything from the business office. Shannon has been emailing the business office and is not receiving any response.

ERP FY2018 Moon Brook SWMP – I have received a DRAFT final SWMP along with (3) conceptual designs (Heritage Family Credit Union, VT Achievement Center and Ocean State Job Lots) from Watershed Consulting Associates. All deliverables have been submitted to Angie Allen along with a FINAL invoice. Angie has reviewed and approved all deliverables and invoice and has forwarded to the ANR Business Office.

LCBP Best Management Practices for Pollution Reduction: Implementation and Planning Grants – The District was informed that we will be awarded funding to implement two projects identified in the Brandon SWMP.

#1. Pearl Street project is a series of bio-swales along the entire length of Pearl Street.

#2. Café Provence project is for a bioretention practice along the edge of the parking lot and removing a small amount of parking as currently runoff flows directly to the Neshobe River.

I submitted a work plan and now we wait for an agreement between LCBP and the District.

Ag Specialist Update: (Stefano Pinna)

Reports, Trainings and Meetings:

Wetland training in Montpelier with DEC (Nov 14th)

Wetland Committee on Wetland rules in Bridport (Nov 20th)

CCA conference in Syracuse (12/3 & 4).

Nutrient Management Planning and Implementation:

Farmers FAP payments.

CEAP grant and VHCB grant. Funding eligible for equipment and for farmstead projects. Submitted application for 1 no till planter, 1 manure stacking pad, 1 BMP project (barnyard). 1 PSWF in progress, 1 this coming week.

2 application for RCPP (1 Bennington, 1 Windham).

NMP related:

- Soil sampling in corn fields before winter.
- 2 manure loads weight with scales.

Report for AgCWIP 2 and migration of data on Partner Database.

Other:

Tile drain sampling at OCNRCD, PMNRCD.

FSA Update: Nanci handed out copies of a written report provided by Tina Williams.

Other Business:

Supervisor Election – A motion was made by Alan Shelvey to appoint Bridget Bowen to another term this was seconded by Bob Smith. This was then voted on and the motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.