

**Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
USDA Service Center, Rutland
October 5, 2022**

Supervisors Present: Alan Shelvey, Mike Pedone, and Sean Barrows

Also, Present: Nanci McGuire, Rachael Burt, Ag Specialist, Phyllicia Moore, NRCS District Conservationist

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

Minutes from the August 31 Meeting were approved.

Financial Reports for August and September were reviewed, discussed, and approved.

NRCS Update: (Phyllicia Moore)

NRCS has finished FY22 and has moved to FY23 as of Oct. 1st.

In planning for FY23, there will be an all employees meeting Oct. 24th and Oct. 25th, with partners encouraged to attend Oct. 25th. Deadline to RSVP is this Friday, Oct. 7th.

The State Technical Committee meeting originally scheduled for Oct. 19th has been moved to Nov. 2nd.

Please let us know if/when there are events that NRCS can collaborate and provide support.

Thank you for the RNRCD Annual Workplan of FY22 successes.

The NRCS website will transition to a new platform and is scheduled to go live Oct. 21st. District information will be updated and included.

We now have a State Outreach Coordinator and an Acting Public Affairs Specialist on detail assisting with these efforts.

NRCS EQIP/AMA program application consideration cut-off date is **Nov. 18th**.

CSP application consideration cut-off date is **Oct. 21st**.

A flyer will be created by our Outreach Coordinator and sent in the coming weeks.

Ag Specialist Update: (Rachael Burt)

Rachael reported that she is:

Finishing up soil sampling.

Attending DEI Training today.

Ag Forestry Tour in New Haven on Oct. 7.

Attending NRCS Staff Meeting on Oct. 25.

Working with Jenn Alexander on planning a Teff & Sudex Workshop at a farm in Poultney.

Working on a newsletter.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

District Manager Meetings – I participated in meetings on September 12 and September 26

Tactical Basin Planning – I participated in an Otter Creek Basin Water Quality Council Meeting on September 28

Topics for discussion:

Draft By-Laws – Were approved

Officers – We now have a chair and a vice-chair

Brainstorming on desired trainings

Next Meeting - October 26, at 2PM

FY2023 Tactical Basin Planning Agreement – The District has received a fully executed copy of this agreement.

NRCC Core Services Agreement for FY2023 – The District has received a fully executed copy of this agreement.

Stafford Technical Center Natural Resources & Forestry Class – Mark Raishart announced to the Advisory Committee that he has accepted a job with the VT Housing & Conservation Board starting in January.

GRANTS:

LCBP Best Management Practices for Pollution Reduction: Implementation and Planning Grants (Rutland PCP) – We received final payment from LCBP and have made payment to Fitzgerald Environmental. This grant is closed.

NRCC Design & Implementation Block Grant 2021 (Stormwater Facility on West Seminary St., Brandon) – Watershed Consulting Associates is working on preparing 60% design plans/specifications by January 1, 2023. The deadline to complete this project is April 15, 2023.

FY22 LCBP Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems Grant (Town of Proctor SWMP) – Watershed Consulting Associates have drafted the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), and this has been submitted to LCBP for approval. Once the QAPP has been approved we will have a kick-off meeting with the Town.

ERP FY2017 & ERP FY2018 (Cold River Berm Removal) – We received final payments from ANR and have made payment to K.T. Hathaway. This grant is closed.

FY23 LCBP Request for Proposals for Clean and Healthy Ecosystems Projects – The Town of West Rutland is interested in having a Stormwater Master Plan completed for the Clarendon River Watershed in the Town. I provided information to the Town Manager and have the Town's support to apply. The deadline to submit this application is October 12, at 12pm. I have begun working on this application.

Tree Planting in Wallingford

Sadie and I met on site with the Stafford Technical Center Natural Resources and Forestry Class on September 28 to plant a mix of shrubs and perennials on a perennial stream that runs through private property at 264 South Main St., in Wallingford. This planting was done to help with the eroded banks and sediment deposition. This was a great educational experience for the students and the landowner was very pleased.

NRCC 2022 Clean Water Design & Implementation Block Grant – Application deadline is October 24.

Other Business:

Supervisor Elections – Sean's term expires December 31, 2022.

Deadline to send Legal Notice to Rutland Herald is October 17.

Petitions must be completed and mailed to the District office by close of business on November 4. If we receive any petitions an election will be held on December 14.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, at 9:30 at USDA Service Center

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.