

Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRC D)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
USDA Service Center, Rutland
June 21, 2023

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

Also, Present: Nanci McGuire

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

Minutes from the May 9, Meeting - A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Mike to approve minutes. This was then voted on and the motion passed.

Financial Report – The report for May was reviewed and discussed.

Tree and Trout Sale Financial Reports – These reports were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Lee to approve the May financial report and the tree and trout sale financial reports. This was then voted on and the motion passed.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

District Manager Meetings - I participated in a meeting on May 15.

Next District Managers Meeting is June 26.

2023 Spring Trout Sale – Pick up was on Saturday, May 20 and everything went well.

Skidder Bridges – I have been in contact with Dave Wilcox, Watershed Coordinator with the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation regarding the Districts interest in receiving a skidder bridge. Dave said that he could possibly have (2) bridges delivered to Gagnon Lumber by the end of this month.

I spoke with Ken Gagnon, and he said that he is happy to continue to be the host site for these bridges. The bridges were built by Fontaine Lumber in Montpelier with Clean Water Funding.

The bridges will be delivered to Gagnon Lumber by Fontaine Lumber and Dave will coordinate the delivery.

Dave and I will work together on outreach to loggers.

GRANTS:

Tactical Basin Planning (TBP) –

FY24 TBP Workplan – The approved workplan was reviewed and discussed.

NRCC Design & Implementation Block Grant 2021 (Stormwater Facility on West Seminary St., Brandon)

Watershed Consulting is working on the 100% plan/specifications. Once this is complete, we will meet with the Town Selectboard to get their approval.

Watershed Consulting has until the end of July to complete the 100% plan/specifications and provide bid documents for construction with costs and permit documentation. The deadline on this agreement is October 1, 2023.

Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider, Clean Water Projects

(Stormwater Master Plan for Clarendon River Watershed in the Town of West Rutland)

We received (2) bids that were reviewed and ranked by the Town, Alan, and me. I notified the consultant that was selected on June 14 and am currently working on a contract between the District and the consultant. Once the contract is signed the next step is to have a kick-off meeting with the Town.

The deadline on this agreement is June 30, 2025.

Wallingford Elementary School Stormwater BMP Project Implementation – I am working on coordinating a meeting with Andres with Watershed Consulting, Sandi Switzer, the Town Administrator, Tim Harte, Director of Maintenance for the school and others to look at the design and discuss the details.

Sandi has suggested that we meet the end of July or sometime in August. No date has been set yet.

Other Business:

RNRCD FY24 Draft Budget – This was reviewed and discussed. Approval of the budget was tabled until the next meeting pending further research.

RNRCD FY24 Draft Annual Work Plan – This was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Sean and seconded by Mike to approve the Work Plan. This was voted on and the motion passed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 9:30 at the USDA Service Center

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.