

Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD)
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
USDA Service Center, Rutland
November 16, 2023

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

Also, Present: Nanci McGuire

Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes from the October 5, Meeting - A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Mike to approve the minutes. This was voted on and the motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Sean to approve the financial report. This was voted on and the motion passed.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

VT Envirothon Steering Committee Meeting – I participated in this meeting on October 30.

Topics for discussion:

2024 Current Issue – Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future

National Competition – Will be in Geneva, NY at Hobart, and William Smith Colleges on July 28 – August 3, 2024.

Registered Teams and Recruitment Efforts

Training Day Details and Educational Resources for Teams – Date and location to be determined.

Competition Day – Date and location to be determined. Most likely the location for the 2024 competition will be Kehoe Conservation Camp

Current Budget

2024 Proposed Budget

Skidder Bridges – We have (1) NEW bridge that is available to rent to loggers. I am working with Dave Wilcox, Watershed Forester with ANR to get the word out that we have a bridge to rent.

Spring 2024 Tree Sale – All trees and shrubs have been ordered. The only thing left to order is the berries.

GRANTS:

Tactical Basin Planning (TBP) –

Basin 3 TBP Update Kick-Off Meeting – The date for this meeting has been set for Thursday, December 7, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. via zoom. We will be receiving details of this meeting from Angie soon.

Basin Water Quality Council Meeting – I participated in this meeting on October 25.

Topics for discussion:

Project Status Update – Mike Winslow gave an update on projects that were funded with round 1 and 2 Clean Water funding.

Round 3 RFP for Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) Clean Water Projects – Mike reviewed the RFP with the group. The deadline to submit proposals is December 15, 2023.

VT Natural Resources Council (VNRC) Request for Funding – This request is for additional funding (\$305,400) needed for the Youngs Brook Dam Removal. After review and discussion this project was approved for funding.

Status Report from other CWSP's – Mike shared a report that he put together from other CWSP's in the state and the Otter Creek CWSPs is performing comparably to other CWSPs.

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

I submitted final deliverables to NRCC along with a final invoice. The deliverables were approved, and I am just waiting for the final payment.

FY22 LCBP Clean Water and Healthy Ecosystems Grant (Town of Proctor SWMP)

I participated in a meeting with the Town Manager, 3 Selectboard Members, Andres, and Kerrie on October 19, to discuss/review the top 10 projects out of the 36 that Watershed Consulting has identified to include in the SWMP and to review and discuss the top 4 sites where 30% designs will be completed.

The next step is to have another meeting with the Town to select the top 4 sites. Watershed Consulting has until May 1, 2024, to complete the 30% designs. Deadline on this agreement is August 31, 2024.

Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider, Clean Water Projects (Stormwater Master Plan for Clarendon River Watershed in the Town of West Rutland)

Frank with Fitzgerald Environmental met with Sean to discuss problem areas and identify potential project sites. Frank visited some of the sites that he and Sean identified.

The deadline on this agreement is June 30, 2025.

Round 3 RFP for Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) Clean Water Projects – (Sargent Brook-Cold River Floodplain Restoration/Berm Removal)

I am working with Alan and Shannon on an application for this project. The deadline to submit this application is December 15.

NRCS Update: Phyllicxia provided a written update.

Other Business:

Supervisor Elections – Legal Notice was published in the Rutland Herald on October 27. Petitions were due on November 7. No petitions were received.

Alan’s term expires December 31, 2023. Alan is interested in staying on the Board.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 9:30 at the Clarendon Grange Hall

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.