

Missisquoi Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 11:00-1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting/Held Via Zoom* (computer/smartphone/tablet etc.)
<https://youtu.be/dg3AnUS-po8>

**A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NRPC
YOUTUBE CHANNEL.**
**THE WRITTEN MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE
MEETING. MOTIONS ARE AS STATED. MINUTES WILL BE SUBJECT TO
CORRECTION BY THE COUNCIL. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN
THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Council Members: Barry Lampke (Q), Sarah Downes (Q), Dan Seeley (Q), Lauren Weston (Q), Ellen Fox, Beth Torpey (Q), Tucker Malone (Q), Lindsey Wight (Q), David Allerton, Kent Henderson joined at 12pm (Q), (Q=toward quorum).

Staff: Dean Pierce, Dea Devlin

Guests: Karen Bates

Voting Members not present: Allaire Diamond (Alternate present), Edwin Ted Sedell

1. Welcome and Introduction

Lauren Weston opened the meeting as BWQC Chair at 11:02. Everyone on the call introduced themselves.

2. Review Zoom meeting protocol

Lauren Weston reviewed the Zoom norms.

3. Review/adjust and approve agenda

No adjustments offered to the agenda. Lindsey Wight moved to approve the agenda as presented, Beth Torpey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Lindsey Wight moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting with two adjustments: changing the date to January 4th, **2023** and correcting the attendance where Barry Lampke was marked as present when he was in fact not at the meeting. Sarah Downes seconded the motion. Barry Lampke abstained due to absence at last meeting. Motion carried with one abstention.

5. Public comment not related to items on agenda

No public comment was offered.

6. Seating of any new reps or alternates if required

Dean Pierce shared that there is a change in the representation for the Orleans Conservation District, but this will be addressed in a future meeting when that representative is present.

7. “How-to” relating to online Application form.

Dean Pierce explained that this meeting will be shorter because of the anticipated additional meeting surrounding prioritization that will follow the project application deadline happening next week. Dean Pierce also shared a new FAQ page that is online at: <https://www.nrpcvt.com/services-programs/water-resources/project-application-faq/>. Dean Pierce reviewed some requirements for completing the online application for projects.

8. Scheduling of next meeting (to prioritize projects)

Dean Pierce shared the results of the poll for scheduling out the next meeting, indicating that there was a larger response for a meeting time on March 22nd. The group settled on a special meeting of the Basin Water Quality Council on Thursday, March 23rd from 11:30-1:30pm.

9. Updates:

- a. Compensation of BWQC representatives and alternates.**
- b. Prequalification of partners and subcontractors.**
- c. DEC Guidance/ emerging Operations and Maintenance policy.**
- d. Public Engagement Policy and Committee.**

Dean Pierce shared updates that alternates can be compensated for attending meetings even in the event that they do not vote at said meeting.

Dean Pierce shared that the master agreement is under legal review for the prequalification of contractors and partners and that the DEC has communicated they will get it out as soon as possible.

Dean Pierce shared that the DEC has released some clarification on the CWIP funding policy. Dean Pierce shared there is a comment period released by the DEC for Chapter 6 which closes on March 16th. Dean Pierce shared that Operations and Maintenance is being given its own chapter.

Dean Pierce shared that the NRPC is still reviewing the Public Participation Policy internally and hopes that it can be discussed at the next regular meeting of the BWQC.

10. Conclusion

Beth Torpey moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Downes seconded the motion. Motion carried.