

**Lamoille Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES**

Thursday, March 30, 2022, 9:00-11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting/Held Via Zoom* (computer/smartphone/tablet etc.)
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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

Attendance:

Brad Holden (Q), Jed Feffer (Q), Kent Henderson (Q), Richard Goff (Q), Peter Danforth (Q), Erin DeVries (Q), Lauren Weston (Q), Meghan Rodier (Q=toward quorum).

Staff: Dean Pierce, Dea Devlin

Guests: Staci Pomeroy, Parker Eversoll, Alison Spasyk, Branden Martin, Karen Bates

Not Present: Bruce Wheeler, Sarah Hadd (by prior notification)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Peter Danforth called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Dean Pierce offered the opportunity for people to introduce themselves.

2. Review meeting protocol

Dean Pierce briefly shared the meeting protocol on a slide.

3. Review/adjust and approve agenda

Dean Pierce shared the meeting agenda with council members.

4. Approval of Minutes

Dean Pierce suggested the group defer action on this agenda item since the committee did not have time to review the minutes for the last meeting.

5. Public comment not related to items on agenda

Staci Pomeroy introduced herself as a Vermont ANR river scientist.

6. Continued Discussion of Funding Request Regarding Deer Brook Gully Project

Kent Henderson shared some of the historical context for the Deer Brook Gully Project. Dean Pierce expanded on the phosphorus reduction calculation for the project. Branden Martin shared information about current phosphorus loading and pollutants other than phosphorus that the project will reduce entering the gully. Staci Pomeroy provided additional information about the project circumstances, the cost and phosphorus crediting.

Dean Pierce shared that the BWQC may wish to consider adopting a motion asking DEC to provide flexibility for complex project applications such as the Deer Brook Gully project. The currently low cost effectiveness of the application would be improved if phosphorus reduction of the entire project could be considered.

Jed Feffer asked about the remaining funding if this project is approved, which Dean Pierce shared would come out to around \$68,000.

Branden Martin shared that the bid for contractors for this project will likely not be until 2024.

Lauren Weston moved to approve the Deer Brook Gully Erosion project based upon the CWSP analysis and the feedback and review of the Lamoille BWQC. Erin DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried with one recusal from Kent Henderson as noted by Dean Pierce.

7. Schedule for next Call for Application(s)

Dean Pierce sought feedback on the length and timing of the next round for project applications. Meghan Rodier expressed preference for taking time between application rounds and Kent Henderson expressed interest in quarterly application rounds. Peter Danforth expressed a preference for rolling applications. The meeting ended due to a loss in quorum at 10:06am.

8. Updates

This agenda item was skipped due to loss in quorum.

9. Conclusion

This agenda item was skipped due to loss in quorum.