

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

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 9:00-11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting/Held Via Zoom* (computer/smartphone/tablet etc.)
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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), Bruce Wheeler (Q), Jed Feffer (Q), Peter Danforth (Q), Meghan Rodier (Q until 9:20am), Katherine Sonnick, Dick Goff (Q at 9:20am), Ken Minck (Q, joined at 9:50am), (Q=toward quorum).

Staff: Dean Pierce, Dea Devlin, Wendy Ainsworth

Guests: Karen Bates, Branden Martin, Chris Rottler (joined at 9:37am, left at 10am).

Not Present: Sarah Hadd, Kent Henderson, Erin DeVries, Lauren Weston.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Peter Danforth called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Dean Pierce introduced Wendy Ainsworth, an intern at the Northwest Regional Planning Commission this year.

2. Review meeting protocol

Peter Danforth briefly reviewed the meeting protocol on a slide.

3. Review/adjust and approve agenda

Dea Devlin shared the meeting agenda with council members. Jed Feffer moved to approve the agenda. Brad Holden seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

4. Approval of Minutes (March 23 and March 30)

Brad Holden moved to approve the minutes of the meetings. Jed Feffer seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

5. Public comment not related to items on agenda

No public comment was offered.

6. Seating of any new reps or alternates(s) (if required)

Dean Pierce shared there is no update on this agenda item at this time.

7. Update on Deer Brook Gully Project

Dean Pierce shared that the Deer Brook Gully Project is no longer eligible for CWSP funding. Dean Pierce explained the interaction the project has with VTrans Right of Way and why this has made the project ineligible. Karen Bates and Branden Martin provided additional information about how the Friends of

Northern Lake Champlain are currently pushing forward on funding the project and funding sources. Karen Bates expanded on regulatory versus non regulatory projects when it concerns transportation projects.

8. High Cost, Low P Reduction Projects

Dean Pierce explained how cost effectiveness was originally considered by the DEC and CWSPs, and how that is shifting. Dean Pierce explained what the implication for what that means. Jed Feffer asked for clarification on what investing in project development of cost-effective projects means. Dean Pierce provided more detail. Brad Holden indicated interest in understanding more context surrounding project in addition to CWPS staff recommendations.

9. Annual meeting/Nominating Committee

Dean Pierce shared the options for elections, of which include a nominating committee. Peter Danforth shared he is open to remaining as chair for another year and that might reduce the group's need for a nominating committee.

Richard moves to forgo the nominating committee and instead conduct elections from the floor at the annual meeting. Jed Feffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Updates/Conclusion

Dean Pierce shared updates about master agreement and subgrant task awards. Dean Pierce also shared updates on the next call for applications, and another partner prequalification opportunity, which was issued last week.

Peter Danforth indicated interest in having a meeting prior to the in-person meeting. Jed Feffer asked to change the date of the in-person annual meeting. The group discussed issuing a doodle poll to find an alternate date.

Jed Feffer moves to adjourn. Dick Goff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.