

# **Lamoille Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) Meeting Draft Minutes**

Friday, November 17, 2023 9:00 -11:00 AM  
Virtual Meeting/Held Via Zoom\* (computer/smartphone/tablet etc.)

Meeting video posted at <https://youtu.be/ZEJImDvQSU>

**Attendance:** Peter Danforth (Q), JoAnn Hanowski (Q), Richard Goff (Q), Sarah Hadd (Q), Lauren Weston (Q), Sai Sarepalli (Q) Kent Henderson (Q), Meghan Rodier, Ken Minck.

(Q=toward quorum)

Staff: Dean Pierce, Sara Gratz

Guests: Karen Bates, Adelaide Dumm

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Peter Danforth opened the meeting as Chair at 9:02 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

## **2. Meeting protocols**

Peter Danforth reviewed the meeting protocols.

## **3. Conflict of interest declarations, if any**

Richard Goff stated that he would abstain from voting for the proposed budget adjustments.

## **4. Review/adjust and approve agenda**

Lauren Weston moved to approve the agenda. Richard Goff seconded. Motion adopted.

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

JoAnn Hanowski motioned to approved the minutes from the last meeting. Lauren Weston seconded. Motion adopted. Sarah Hadd and Kent Henderson abstained.

## **6. Public comment not related to items on agenda**

No comments were made.

## **7. Seating of any new reps or alternate(s)**

No new reps or alternates were seated. Discussion followed to seat Adelaide Dumm as alternate to Lauren Weston at the next meeting.

## **8. Budget adjustment requests (two projects)**

Dean Pierce discussed two projects that were requesting budget adjustments and recommended both for approval.

Meghan Rodier explained the need for the budgets to be adjusted on both projects.

Kent Henderson motioned to approve the budget adjustments. Sarah Hadd seconded. Richard Goff abstained. Motion adopted.

## **9. Policy on Budget Adjustments**

Dean Pierce shared a policy on budget adjustments that has been implemented in the Basin 5 BWQC, and discussed in the Basin 6 BWQC.

A discussion followed with suggestions on how the policy could be adjusted to limit the amount that can be approved by CWSP staff without Council input, accommodate different funding needs in various phases of project development, and allow for projects to access additional funds in a timely manner to prevent delays.

A decision was made to have a policy proposal ready for vote at the next meeting in January.

## **10. Training regarding Cultural Resource Assessment**

Dean Pierce gave a brief presentation on the Cultural Resource Assessment and discussed the process for project review.

A discussion followed regarding frustrations with the review process being slow and hampering project progress.

## **11. Updates and Conclusion**

Dean Pierce provided an update on a future funding round that will open in February, with projects that will be seeking approval at the meeting in March. He also gave an update on the amount of funding that is still available for projects and budget adjustments, and discussed DEC's Guidance Chapters that track CWSP progress.

Lauren Weston asked about a policy on public participation and a discussion followed regarding increasing public involvement.

Lauren Weston motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:29. Richard Goff seconded. Motion adopted.