



Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018 – 2:00–4:00 P.M.

CRJC Offices, 10 Water St. Lebanon, NH

Minutes

Present: Steven Lembke, Jason Rasmussen, James McClammer, Jennifer Griffin.

Approve April 2, 2018 EC Minutes – Motion to approve Comm. McClammer, seconded by Comm. Lembke. Vote: Unanimous.

April 2018 Financials – Motion to accept Comm. McClammer, seconded by Steven Lembke. Vote: Unanimous

Year end FY17 – Year end financials were reviewed and will be put on the agenda for June Joint Commissions meeting for adoption.

Follow-up / April Joint Commissions Meeting – Discussion followed on selection of the topic for the June meeting. Forestland Management was considered. Possible speakers from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and VT VNRC could be possible speakers. We will check on State Foresters and Jamie Fidel or Brian Shupe at VNRC. Jason can contact these final two individuals.

Executive Committee will meet to discuss a strategic plan for the coming year. Discussed doing the survey first and then follow up on an EC retreat goals for the new fiscal year.

Proposed annual budget for FY19 – Comms. Lembke moved, and Comm. McClammer seconded a motion to recommend the proposed budget with changes to administrative support on Task 1, line 1, reduced to 8 rather than 16 hours. Vote: Unanimous
UVLSR{C staff will be managing the administrative and fiscal management as well as the local river subcommittee staffing. They have adjusted their billing rate to reflect this change and all hours will be billed at the same rate charged to their member communities, \$60. The adjustment provides a more realistic cost and time estimate, but following discussion, the Commissioners acknowledged that this was a bare bones

budget. Discussion of a request for increased state funding followed.

NBRC Planning Grant – Staff reported that the NBRC grant and Mascoma Foundation grant applications were submitted. If the NBRC Planning Grant is awarded additional matching funds will also have to be raised.

FERC Relicensing – Status Report – Comm. McClammer noted that many stakeholders commented on the supplemental erosion study report including the NH DES and farmers. The comments were universally critical of the study’s conclusion that project operations do not contribute to erosion. There will be some instream flow meetings in June and July. FERC has to issue their determination letter and then if additional information is needed, GRH will prepare those.

Local Subcommittees Update Corridor Management Plans – It might be possible to obtain a grant to assist the process of working on the LRS updates to River Corridor Management Plans. The local river subcommittees will need guidance and should conduct the appropriate level of outreach and all the subcommittees should be working on updates simultaneously. How to proceed should be a topic for future Joint Commissions meetings

DEC Invasive Species Workshop – Comm. Lembke moved and Comm. Griffin seconded a motion to support the workshop and assist BRAT with the paperwork.

Nomination of Officers for FY 2019 – Tara Bamford is working on the VT side. Jennifer Griffin will be doing that for the NH side.

June Joint Commissions Meeting Agenda – State Caucus will be held from 2:00 P.M. for Election of Officers. The business meeting will include the budget, 2019 Survey and Vision of Executive Committee workplan, and invite speakers to attend at 2:30

Other Business – Connecticut River Joint Commissions relationship with the Byways Commission was discussed.

Adjourn – Comm. McClammer moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. seconded by Comm. Lembke.

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