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Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, February 24th , 2025 - 2 PM

Lebanon Library meeting room, Lebanon, NH

Join Virtually via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

The attendance noted below is organized according to officer positions for each participating state Commission that together make up the Joint Commissions. The Joint Commissions officers are President (Marie Caduto), Vice President (Ted Cooley), Secretary (Jeffrey Miller), and Treasurer (Jason Rasmussen).

Officer	NH CRVRC		VT CRWAC	
Chair	Ted Cooley	V	Marie Caduto	P
Vice-Chair	Jeffrey Miller	P	Margo Ghia	P
Secretary / Treasurer	Greg Castell	P	Jason Rasmussen	V

Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present

Additional Virtual Attendance: Jim McClammer, Sharon Francis, Renee Theall, Staff Consultant.

MINUTES

2:00 PM Convene

President Caduto convenes the meeting at 2 PM.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes Review (December 2, 2024 Minutes)**

Ghia makes a motion to approve the minutes as written from December 2024, Miller seconds. Roll call vote was taken, the motion passes unanimously.

3. Financials

Rasmussen gave brief overview along with Anne's notes, the direct expenses are a little high mostly due to insurance and the time of the year. The Financial statements (Compilation Report) were just received Friday, so still looking over and will be looking for Anne's review as well.

Miller moved to accept the financials, Castell seconded. Roll Call vote was taken, the motion passes unanimously.

4. Continuing Assessment Plan

a. 1- Funding and Deliverables

Caduto noted that no need to go through these at this time unless those in the groups have something to update. None mentioned. Caduto mentioned that her and Theall just met and



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they outlined that Theall will reach out to the groups ideally 6 weeks prior to a FC meeting to have the groups meet and stay on target.

b. 2- Membership

Caduto inquired if any updates. None mentioned

c. 3- Leadership and Staffing

Caduto inquired if any updates, none mentioned.

d. 4- CRJC – LRS Relationship

Caduto inquired if any updates, none mentioned.

e. 5- Dialogue

Bi-state committee did meet. Caduto met with Beth Kennett and Snow, Exec Director of CT River Watershed Alliance. Discussion around bringing our legislature into the conversations more was a focus. Planning for an October bi-state event with Farmers and AG. Want to focus on the CT River Partnership Act that Shaheen brought in, focus on that and current farm and AG issues. Couple of issues that are topics of interest for Farmers are immigration and the impact that will have, and Hydro-relicensing. Looking for location to host this event, Caduto outlined what would be of need for location, size, and amenities. Through the discussion a few locations were mentioned: Allyson's, Bascom's, dairy farm in Claremont. Miller will reach out and inquire on Allyson's.

f. 6- CAP & Communications Plan

5. LRS Update & Nominations

Caduto raised that the Upper Valley Chair had contacted her about inactive members, and the process for removal. The process is that it has to go through a Full Commission vote, this will be added on to the March Full Commission meeting agenda. It was asked they members know, and Caduto affirmed that they had been reached out to.

6. Updates & other business

a. Mission Statement - Update

Ghia gave a review of the December meeting and the steps that were taken for the mission statement draft. Due to not getting on the agenda at the last FC meeting, the FC was not able to vote on it. This will be added for the March FC meeting. Discussion around the clarifying statement between CRC and CRJC and the benefit that brings internally.

b. Update on LISFF SW & AG projects

Caduto said at this point we just need to figure out who is leading these projects at this time, Olivia had attended some of these meetings. The AG project has completed an



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online survey and now starting an in-person survey/communication. Caduto asked Theall to confirm if on the AG project email list. For the LISFF SW update, Theall gave an update that the EPA did approve the QAPP, they did put a request in for an adjusted timeline and awaiting communication on that. Vickie Davis is taking the lead on this project now along with other UVLSRPC staff members. Caduto gave a brief overview of the LISFF project – aid in stormwater practices at the local level (i.e. rain gardens, etc).

c. Herricks Cove Festival attendance

Caduto inquired if anyone is able to staff the table at the upcoming festival May 4th. Castell and Miller mentioned the publicity factor and how to set up CRJC to create an impactful presentation. Display board, stickers, publications, and the banner were all brought up as tools to utilize. Caduto will send the registration form to Theall to register for a table, there is a \$15 registration fee.

d. Other Business

Caduto mentioned that the NH contract process has begun, and that would be \$30,000 funding. Theall passed out the previous Scope of work for review; there were no revisions. Caduto mentioned that Theall will be coordinating the contract process.

Caduto mentioned that the Water quality testing on the State of VT the 10 sites proposed have been approved. Gardner will help to oversee the LRS volunteers for the collections. Castell asked how the organizing of volunteers works and

7. Hydro relicensing update and comments

Caduto opened the discussion on the hydro and Dalton items. McClammer brought up the Hydro meeting that Rasmussen and he went to. McClammer then drafted a letter for the EC to review for submission on the hydro-relicensing. Miller mentioned that one of the Senators was not correct. The EC will review. Caduto made some comments and asked if any others have any to send them along to her. The letter needs to be submitted within two days.

McClammer brought up the Dalton landfill and proposed/drafted a letter for review by the EC for submittal. Discussion around the landfill review process ensued. Rasmussen and Miller agreed that the letter go to the governor as primary, with the other agencies cc'd. Rasmussen inquired if the Riverbend Subcommittee had any comment on this. None known at this time, Caduto mentioned that they could comment & to have this brought up at the next LRS meeting.

Miller made a motion to send the January 13th draft letter to the governor with the four commissioners identified cc'd, Cooley seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the vote passed unanimously.



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8. Plan FC meeting – March 24

a. Speaker

McClammer mentioned water quality would be a great topic, Caduto mentioned that Ryan O'Donnell just completed work and would be a great person to have.

b. Vote of LRS Removals

c. LRS updates – who to invite

d. Hydro

e. Dalton

f. CAP Review

3:10 PM Adjourn

Miller makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ghia seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Renée Theall