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Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 19th , 2025 - 2 PM
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	X

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

Additional Attendance: Renee Theall, Staff Consultant.

MINUTES

2:00 PM Convene

President Caduto convenes the meeting at 2 PM.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes Review (February 24th 2025)**

Ghia makes a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 24th 2025 meeting, Miller seconds. All in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

3. Financials

Caduto noted that the financials were available close to the meeting, Theall gave a brief summary of the budget status and that Rasmussen had reached out with question on the consultant line item being close on budget. Theall mentioned that they are watching the hours over the next two months as the year closes out. Ghia raised that the past year had the transition in staff and assumed that more time was

There was no vote on the financials.

Caduto inquired from Staff if there has been any update on the NH contract. Theall has sent along the initial request of documents to get the contract rolling and the latest correspondence and that it is still in a hold pattern as the state budget moves through.



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4. Continuing Assessment Plan

a. 1- Funding and Deliverables

None at this time

b. 2- Membership

None at this time

c. 3- Leadership and Staffing

None at this time

d. 4- CRJC – LRS Relationship

Theall mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled for this coming Wednesday. The other ones are in process of being scheduled.

e. 5- Dialogue

Caduto discussed the AG bi-state meeting preparation that is happening. Looking to have it in late October (possible 24th) at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole NH. In the past the bi-state events have been 10-2 and they would follow similarly.

f. 6- CAP & Communications Plan

5. LRS Update & Nominations

Caduto mentioned that Nick Anoosh from Lyme is interested. His information will be passed along for the Full Commission meeting in June. If approved, would then send on for Governor appointment.

6. Updates & other business

a. Mission Statement - Update

Caduto raised that this will be reviewed at the June meeting.

b. UVLSRPC Contract

Theall mentioned the contract expires June 30th, so this will need to be reviewed and signed prior to then. Theall reviewed the proposed budget and the slight increases that had gone up this past year. Caduto asked that staff time is really looked at to see where they can shave if needed. Theall mentioned that if it's more comfortable to do a 3-month contract the UVLSRPC is able to execute that. NH state budget and the funding from there was discussed as the changes to the budget's have been going through.

c. Update on LISFF SW & AG projects

Caduto inquired on any updates here, Theall gave an update on the recent UVLSRPC kick off team meeting. Caduto asked that an update be given at the Full Commission meeting in June as well.



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d. Herricks Cove Festival attendance

Caduto thanked staff, Miller, and Castell for their work on preparing & facilitating the CRJC table at the Herricks Cove. Castell noted that the children's giveaways was a big hit and helped to facilitate conversations with the parents, he also mentioned that it would be nice to have something to hand the adults as well. Miller referenced the pamphlets from previous and discussion ensued around the location of CRJC materials and retrieving those. Conversation around the recreational uses of the CT river and past personal experiences on different paddling location/events.

e. Other Business

Caduto raised the by-laws and meeting schedules for the Full Commission and the Executive Committee. Caduto presented a drafted calendar for the upcoming new FY, discussion around the calendar and dates ensued. Caduto asked if the August EC meeting could be changed to the 11th, all in agreement to moving that up. Castell mentioned that he would not be able to attend the June FC meeting. Theall mentioned that start time of the meetings has been previously raised, while looking at the upcoming FY calendar, would the EC also want to address a shift in time of meetings. Conversation around moving up the EC meetings to 1pm. All were in agreement, Theall will make the change in the EC meetings start time going forward.

7. Hydro relicensing update and comments

Ghia mentioned that CRC has been actively working on this as well, Caduto mentioned inviting Kathy to come speak about the updates at the next FC meeting.

8. Plan FC meeting – June 16th

a. Speaker

Caduto mentioned that Ryan O'Donnell is available and just completed work and would be a great person to have.

b. Vote of LRS Removals

c. LRS updates – who to invite

- i. Inquire with Gardner if any LRS members would like to join

d. Hydro

e. Dalton

- i. Castell mentioned that Casella may be appealing the decision

f. CAP Review

- i. Castell inquired what are the intended outcomes from the meetings, Caduto has been thinking about this and asked that 1 or 2 action items are identified and reviewed/worked on over the next year

g. By-law review

i. By-law amendments

- ii. **Ghia and Paul D, for staff Gardner had volunteered**



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2:58 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

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