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Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, August 10th , 2026– 1:00PM
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 (Jeffrey Miller), Vice President (Marie Caduto), Secretary (Margo Ghia), 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	P

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

Additional Attendance: Renee Theall, Staff Consultant until 1:30pm;

DRAFT MINUTES

1:05 PM Convene

President Miller convened the meeting at 1:05PM

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes**

Miller brought forward the draft meeting minutes, Rasmussen raised changing the wording of 'Approved' the Financials to 'Received' the Financials.

By motion of Rasmussen/Ghia, the April 20th minutes are approved as amended. The motion passes unanimously.

3. Financials

a. Monthly Financials

Rasmussen gave an overview of the financial report from staff. Rasmussen inquired from Staff on correspondence from NHDES on the NH Contract. Theall provided update on the ability of the NH funding to rollover from FY26 into FY27. This then can impact the CRJC Annual Budget as an increase of additional funds available for FY27. Theall mentioned that the invoice to NHDES has been sent, there was confirmation requested from NHCRVRC and Cooley confirmed that he did review and sign off on the invoice to NHDES. Miller inquired on the Financial accounting budget line item

By motion of Rasmussen/Caduto the monthly financials are received. Roll call vote. The motion passes unanimously.



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b. Financial Accounting Firm

- i. The EC reviewed the two bids proposed, Vermont Accounting Services and A.M. Piesch & Company. Ghia made a motion to accept the Vermont Accounting Services

By motion of Ghia/Caduto the EC confirms going with Vermont Accounting Services for the FY27 Yearly Financial needs. Roll Call vote. The vote passes unanimously.

4. UVLSRPC FY27 Contract

The EC began reviewing the amended budget. Miller inquired on the Financial accounting budget line item. Theall reviewed the updated budget. The EC will have the amended budget provided at the next FC meeting in September. With that, the UVLSRPC Contract will be confirmed after the amended budget approval.

Caduto raised the need for funds directed towards grant research and writing. Rasmussen agreed that would be beneficial.

5. Other:

- a. Miller asked Theall about guest speaker for the Sept FC meeting, Miller will send along contact information and Theall will update agenda for the River Trail By-Way presentation.
- b. Brief discussion around recruiting members within the Recreation & Tourism industry. Ideas around a Bi-State Tourism/Recreation/Ag convening may be of interest for FY27. Miller mentioned hosting it at Alyson's in the Spring.
- c. Caduto raised that Governor Ayotte signed a landfill bill that local communities have input in development of landfills. (HB 707)
- d. Caduto shared CT River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) has their Watershed Week coming up (Sept 18-Sept 27).
- e. Caduto shared information on art exhibit at the CT River Museum, Evie Lovett from Putney VT, created art with cyanotype photography. Caduto inquired if there is a way to bring this into the CRJC meetings/forums. Possible locations for Art Exhibits were discussed briefly. Miller mentioned the timeframe to turn around, the Bi-state event in Spring may provide more timeframe. Caduto will reach out to Lovett.
- f. Caduto shared the VT Scope of Work and reviewed the deliverables. EC reviewed the items for the upcoming contract for Nov 1st.

1:54 PM Adjourn

By motion of Ghia the meeting is adjourned, Caduto seconded. Roll call vote. The motion passes unanimously. Next FC meeting is Sept 14th.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Renée Theall