

**LAMOILLE COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**December 18th 10:30AM-12:00PM**  
**109 Professional Dr.**  
**Morrisville, VT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

**District Staff:** Peter Danforth, Emily Porter-Goff, Caleb Nollenberger, Sarah Skelding, Johna Keefe, Willow Longo

**Supervisors:** Charlie Davis, Fran Sladyk, Martha Battle, Leslie Mahoney, Jim Pease

**Guests:** Sarah LaRose

*Charlie called the meeting to order at 9:05PM, Fran and Marhta seconded.*

**Agenda Items:**

**A. Approve LCNRCD Agenda:** *Martha approved; Jim seconded.*

**B. Approve LCNRCD Minutes:** *Jim Approved; Fran seconded.*

**C. Public Comment:**

**D. Agricultural Program Report:** *(see Ag Program report for Dec 2024 for Sarah and Caleb).*

**E. Education Program Report:** *(see Ed Program report for Dec 2024).*

**F. Director's Report:** *(see Director report for Dec 2024).*

**G. Supervisor's Report:**

**Fran:** Total 2, 2 district meeting.

**Charlie:** Total 2, 2 district meeting,

**Jim:** Total 3, 2 district meeting, 1 Silver Ridge

**Martha:** Total 2, 2 district meeting,

**Other Business:**

- a. Sarah Larose NRCS Update: Act Now signup starting February 2, 2025, focus on CPAs/DIAs/CEMAs, and 5 agronomic practices (cover crop, seed down, reduced tillage, no-till, nutrient management, soil carbon amendment). Outreach already occurring in our counties about this potential funding opportunity. Funds obligated through ActNow are Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds, separate from regular funding. 2018 Farm Bill has expired, don't know when a new Farm Bill will go into effect. VT NRCS re-alignment steps taken to announce vacancy's, DC, Soil Con, and Program Assistant positions, the hope is to get the spots filled by the end of January. FY2026 NRCS program signup deadline is August 22, 2025.
- b. Peter announced Local Work Group Dinner on Grand Island, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- c. Peter announced & NRCD Winter Staff Retreat, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Peter discussed DEI Assessment. Group would look at section by section month to month. Peter would investigate the best way to provide feedback anonymously.
- e. Peter Discussed a Community Resilience grant he was perusing to help fund meeting to fund a Lamoille County post-flood climate resiliency forum that would help Lamoille Residents prioritize needs concerning the future of development in the Lamoille Basin.
- f. The LCCD website continues to get updated. Peter and staff have begun working to update the website and LCCD's overall strategic plan and website. Currently the mission statement is being worked on along with some low hanging fruit updates such as names

and contacts. Willow and Johnna have introduced new language honoring Abenaki nation in mission statement.

g. New LCCD employee contracts signed by Charlies for the FY2025

**H. Financial Report Overview (see attached docs)**

**I. December report:** See attached *Fran approved; Marhta seconded.*

**J. Review Cash Flow/Bills:** Peter asked for invoices above \$1,000 to be approved. *Fran approved; Marhta seconded.*

**K. Timesheets**

a. Sarah has approved timesheets.

b. Peter will provide paperwork to Sarah for September to December work at next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. *Fran approved; Martha seconded.*

**Next LCCD Meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2024, at 10:30 on Zoom and in person**