



**White River
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District**

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**Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 17, 2024, 8:30AM - 10:00AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86308970517?pwd=Y4mbj70u1IWtYnMuS5p5LGN8D9HXn.1>

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Meeting ID: 863 0897 0517

Passcode: 347827

8:30 Welcome

Attendees:

Alvina Harvey, Didi Pershouse, Kate Willard, Jennifer Byrne, Jaiel Pulskamp, Henry Harris

8:35 Approve August Minutes

- Alvina made a motion to approve the minutes
- Didi Seconded
- All approved August minutes

8:40 NRCS Updates

8:50 Program Updates

- Regeneration Corps
 - We will be tabling in Woodstock on Saturday at the Rockefeller Forest
 - Hickory information session on the 23rd. We have a map. Focused on conservation districts.
- Farm Force
 - Boot Camp
 - A schedule will be sent out
 - We will be in Randolph
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- [Departments/work plan](#)
- By November, meet with the staff involved with your department.
- The concept is to determine who the oversight board member is and then have them meet once a month to discuss the department's activities.

9:00 NRCC and VACD Board Member Appointment

- Discussion on appointing a representative to the Supervisory Union for the NRCC (Natural Resources Conservation Council).
- Discussed the organization of the 14 districts into six supervisory unions.
- Union elections should occur every two years, but last happened a while ago. A representative needs to be selected to serve on the union board, and from there, one person will be chosen to sit on the NRCC Council.
- Alvina, as chair, was recommended to attend the Union board meetings.
- Supervisory unions can vary in size (some have three districts), and the council is structured with three agency members, while the majority are district members.
- The possibility of disbanding the current union with Winooski was discussed, as White River and Winooski do not share grants or conservation projects.
- Suggestions were made to join a different union, possibly with districts to the north or south along the Connecticut River, where geographic similarities would align better with shared goals.
- The council needs to be holding elections as required, and the need for proper elections was emphasized.
- Discussed the potential of unions hiring a union conservationist to coordinate projects and provide administrative support at the union level.
- It was noted that the role would improve coordination and assist with conservation projects across districts.
- Some Board members reviewed the VACD's 990 tax form.
- The VACD board meeting is scheduled for September 30th in Randolph. Kate, Didi, and possibly Alvina will likely attend.
- Alvina advocated for Kate to serve on the NRCC.
- If Alvina and Kate are appointed as the Union Board Rep and alternate, they will attend the Supervisory Union meeting on September 25th via Zoom.
- There was concern about the council's compliance with open meeting laws.



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- The council is the primary connection with ANR (Agency of Natural Resources), UVM, and other agencies.
- Alvina and Kate are suggested as representatives for upcoming meetings.
- Didi expressed concerns about being able to dedicate enough time to the VACD board position.
- VACD board meeting on September 30th in Randolph.
- Supervisory Union meeting on September 25th via Zoom at 10:00 AM.

9:15 Elections of District Supervisors

- Candidate Recruitment
 - Candidates are required to get 25 signatures from residents of the district.
 - December 15th to hold the election
 - Election notifications must be sent out or posted two weeks before the election.

9:30 [Appropriations Request Petitions](#)

- Collect signatures and deliver them to the Town Clerk before December
- Jaiel and Jen will prepare materials and a script
- Jaiel send out town meeting schedule

9:45 Bylaws

- [Montana Conservation District Example](#)
- [Orleans County NRCD examples](#)

The meeting adjourned at 10:08