



**White River
Natural
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Conservation
District**

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**Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 16, 2024, 9:00AM - 10:00AM
*Via Zoom***

1. Opening

9:00 AM:

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair.
- Approval of December meeting minutes
- In Attendance: Jennifer Byrne, Karl Thidemann, Niko Horster, Kate Willard, Jaiel Pulskamp, Alvina Harvey

2. Personnel Updates

9:05 AM

- Personnel policy changes discussed.
- The board was updated on the hire of Willie Gibson as a new employee to assist with agronomy and the grazing apprenticeship program.

3. NRCS & Program Updates:

9:15 AM

- Update on staff working on local fund pool applications and CSPs.
- Discussion on the district's capacity for long-term contracts.
- A new cohort with Dartmouth is planned; Willie will assist with the meeting.

4. Supervisor Elections and Town Appropriation Requests:

- Didi Pershouse is interested in running for a vacant seat.
- The proposal to raise supervisors' stipends to \$150 per meeting was approved.
- The need for more lead time for town appropriation requests was discussed.

Supervisor Trainings:

- Discussion on the need to build relationships with legislators.
- Notification issues with training and human resource meetings were raised.

5. Events:

9:40 AM

- The Land Care Congress Report and Hickory Oil Initiative were discussed.
- Potential for the district to hold land and generate income.
- Discussion on incorporating pigs into the landscape and working with universities on research.
- Local Work Group Feb 22 @ 6:30 & Feb 23 @ 12:30:
- The importance of public work group meetings was highlighted.
- Strategy for locally-led funding pool discussed.

6. Additional Business:

10:30 AM

- Issues with the VACD board and the need for statute rewrites were addressed.

7. Closing

10:43 AM

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 6 at 8:30 AM.

[Meeting adjourned]