



## **BASIN WATER QUALITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 30, 2026, 3:00 PM**

### **MEETING DETAILS**

Virtual: [Microsoft Teams](#), ID: 28945081456069, Pass: pK7gE2cG

In-Person: RRPC, 16 Evelyn Street, Second Floor, Rutland, VT 05701

### **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Members: Erin Rodgers, Adam Lougee, Andrew L'Roe, Paul Donaldson, Sarah Pelkey, Katie Crumley, Shayne Jaquith, Dan, Dan Redondo and Rob Terry.

Other: Glora Weber, Mark Shea, Katie Stiles, Jordan Duffy (FEA), Eric Hagan (Arrowwood), Devon Neary (RRPC), Vicki Pattison-Willits, Hilary Solomon (PMNRCD), and Chris Rottler (DEC).

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodgers at 3:05 PM.

#### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 30, 2026, AGENDA**

Motion to approve the April 30, 2026 agenda by Jaquith, with a change of project order for scheduling purposes. Seconded by Rodgers. Approved by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 29, 2026, MINUTES**

Motion to table the approval of January 29, 2025 minutes by Jaquith with the addition of the project name in the minutes. Seconded by Lougee. Approved by voice vote. The approval of the September 2025 minutes were tabled until next meeting.

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

#### **REVIEW OF NEW PROJECTS**

Mettawee Community School Wetland Restoration Implementation – Solomon introduced the wetland restoration project with partners Merk Forest and Farmland, Mettawee Community School, and Arrowwood Environmental. The project type is riparian/wetland planting with no-mow zones with a total project area of 7.84 acres at a project cost of \$83,632.20 with a phosphorus reduction of 3.687 per year. The projects total score was 67.5. Hagan provided an overview of the project including the project map and details on the prospective plant species and combatting invasives. **Motion by Jaquith to accept the Mettawee Community School Wetland Restoration Project as presented. Seconded by Redondo. Approved by voice vote.**



Lochlea Lane Stormwater Implementation – Solomon introduced the stormwater project with private landowner partners Weber and Shea present to support the project. The project type is stormwater through biofiltration and drainage stabilization with a project cost of \$58,000 to reduce phosphorus at 1.58 kg per year. The project total score was 67. Weber and Shea both spoke in favor of the project and highlighted some of the ongoing stormwater impacts to the properties. Jaquith questioned the Council’s ability to weigh in on policy considerations, such as project eligibility. Jaquith questioned why this project was eligible as a stormwater project given the developed lands aspect, but the Butler Gully project was not eligible. Rottler responded that this project was stormwater versus gully, which is typically not eligible unless its part of development lands, and further explained the distinction in VTDEC policy. Jaquith also asked about how the project will be maintained on private property and Solomon explained the on-going Operations and Maintenance agreements that are connected to these projects. **Motion by Lougee to accept the Lochlea Land Stormwater Implementation project as presented. Seconded by Redondo. Approved by voice vote.**

Austin Pond River Planting/Wetland Restoration – Solomon introduced the river planting/wetland restoration project. The project type is a river planting with partners The Nature Conservancy, Fitzgerald Environmental, DEC, and private landowners. The project cost is \$226,834 for an average phosphorus reduction of 17.7 kg per year. The project total score was 84.5. Solomon discussed the project implementation strategy that will include planting over several planting seasons as the pond is drained and soil is solidified for planting. Duffy provided an overview of the map and design and mentioned that the challenge will be combatting invasive knotweed and beavers. The Council discussed the implementation schedule and costs, considering this is a multi-year project. Stiles, an adjoining landowner and owner of the dam to be removed, spoke in favor of the project. Solomon disclosed that there is a portion of the project, formerly the pond, that is currently “unowned”. Jaquith mentioned that TNC attorneys researched the issue and found that it would not be an issue. The surrounding landowners have been contacted and are in favor of the project. Neary mentioned that the CWSP is willing to take on the risk. **Motion by Redondo to accept the Austin Pond River Planting/Wetland Restoration project as presented. Seconded by Rodgers. Approved by voice vote with Stiles and Jaquith abstaining.**

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.