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# Board of Supervisors Meeting January 13, 2025, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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**Attendees:** Alvina Harvey, Didi Pershouse, Kate Willard, Sabra Ewing, Anna Hubbard, and Jennifer Byrne

12:00 Welcome

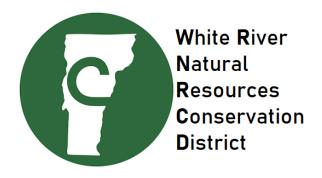
### 12:05 Supervisor Onboarding/Appointments

### Board Member Introductions and Initial Logistics

- Didi inquired about the board changeover process, and Jennifer Byrne explained the quorum and appointment procedures but noted no clear guidelines.
- Alvina and Jennifer discussed Niko and Karl's interest in staying on as associate supervisors. They also mentioned that the role of associate supervisors needs to be clarified.
- Jennifer Byrne suggests the meeting starts with Sabra Ewing and Anna Hubbard's appointment.

# Appointment

- Kate made a motion. Didi seconded it. All voted in favor of appointing the new supervisors.
- Onboarding Document and Board Expectations
  - Jennifer Byrne mentions that the onboarding documents are available in the agenda posted on the website.
  - Jennifer Byrne explains the onboarding document and its contents, including the 2025 work plan and list of grants.
  - The importance of understanding the district's role and responsibilities is emphasized.
  - Sabra raises a question about the inclusion of fiber in the district's goals, and Didi
    Pershouse suggests keeping it in the background for further discussion.
  - Jennifer Byrne mentions the upcoming six-week farm planning series and encourages board members to share it with farmers.



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- Discussed the need to create bylaws and update the supervisor's onboarding handbook, which VACD wrote and has some inaccurate information.
- Discussed the need to receive more funding for the work of the District.
- Discussed moving some meetings to in-person. A location that can accommodate the public would need to be selected.
- The role of board members in representing their community's voice in natural resource decision-making is highlighted.
- The need for ongoing training and development of policies and bylaws is mentioned.
  - Board of Supervisors Onboarding
  - Videos locally-led training
  - o Conservation district 101
  - o <u>VACD letter</u>

## 12:24 Board Business and Updates

- Paying Board Members
- NRCC Rep
- VACD Rep
- NRCS Pesticides / FOIA
- VPFP Comments

#### **Action Items**

- Set up a separate meeting to review the onboarding materials in more depth and answer any questions for new supervisors.
- Follow-up on the status of the NRCC (Natural Resource Conservation Council) and VACD (Vermont Association of Conservation Districts) letter.

Meeting Adjourned 1:30 PM