



CVSWMD Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

4:45 pm October 25, 2021 CVSWMD Conference Room/Zoom

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- I. Call to Order 4:47 pm: Matt Levin, Shari Cornish, and Peter Carbee attending via Zoom video conference. Tom Gilbert of Black Dirt Farm also attended via Zoom video conference. Staff present: Planning Analyst Theron Lay-Sleeper and General Manager Lisa Liotta.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
Shari Cornish moved to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2021 meeting; Matt Levin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. FY22 Budget Update
Theron Lay-Sleeper noted that the Pedals for Progress grant project came in under budget at \$285.23 instead of the requested \$433.19, leaving \$767.27 remaining in the OWRRP fund. *The Committee reviewed the budget without further comment.*
- IV. Tom Gilbert/Black Dirt Farm Grant Project Update
Tom Gilbert spoke about his proposed amendment to the existing Organizational Waste, Reduction, & Reuse Grant and explained that they have determined they will not be able to provide single-resident curbside collection service in the rural areas they operate, but could serve the same populations by integrating additional consolidated-collection stops to their existing commercial food scrap hauling routes. "Tote hosts" would help sign neighbors up and store 48-gallon totes that would serve ~20 families each. The Committee had questions about maintenance, cost per site, and data collection, but all agreed that it was worth pursuing further. *Shari Cornish moved to authorize the General Manager to approve revision of the existing Grant Agreement based on a formalized amendment and work plan from the Grantee. Peter Carbee seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*
- V. Municipal Services Program Grant (MSP)
The Town of Chelsea applied for an MSP grant in the amount of \$2,500 to replace and install safety switches to operate the compactors at their transfer station. The Committee reviewed the application and were in agreement that this is a suitable use of the funds. *Peter Carbee moved to recommend approval of an MSP grant in the amount of \$2,229.24 to the full Board of Supervisors, matching the estimate from Vermont Compactor Service included in the application. The motion was seconded by Shari Cornish and passed unanimously.*
- VI. School Zero Waste Grant Program (SZW)
Theron Lay-Sleeper presented the record of School zero Waste grants used for water fountains/bottle filling stations to the Committee, who discussed standardizing the award for these projects based on the purchase prices of the units from past applications. *Shari Cornish moved to set a standard award of \$1,200 per unit in grant funds toward the purchase and installation of water filling stations/drinking fountains. Peter Carbee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.* The following clarifying language will be added to the School Zero waste Grant application and grant forms: "School Zero Waste Grant funds may be awarded for the purchase and installation of water refilling stations up to the amount of \$1,200 per unit."
- VII. Adjourned by consensus 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Theron Lay-Sleeper