LWRF/Grants Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 23rd, 2015

CVSWMD Main Office

137 Barre Street Montpelier, VT

4:45 pm

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1. Call to Order at 4:51 Matt Levin, Mark Lembke, Ginny Callan, Leesa Stewart and Cathleen Gent present. Chrissy Bellmyer taking notes.

Agenda revision: addition of LWRF Application from Black Dirt Farm as item VI on the agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes from September meeting – ACTION ITEM

**Ginny made a motion to approve the September minutes, Mark seconded the motion and it passed**

1. Financial Update – There is $6,623.00 left in the LWRF/SZWG budget
2. Recap from Executive Board Meeting

Matt attended the executive board meeting to discuss staffing for potential tire grant program. Although, there is no money currently set aside for this project the appropriate committees will continue conversation about tire grants while considering next year budget.

The grant committee has expressed they would like to see this program go forward but only with a designated staff person and adequate funding.

1. Facility Planning- Grants Discussion

Staff working group has met to review challenges surrounding the financial situation of the potential facility and come to a consensus to roll out the facility plan over a longer period of time.

The purpose of the discussion at this meeting is for the grant committee to consider organizational priorities as they relate to grant programs and the facility.

Mark made the following motion, Ginny seconded the motion and it passed.

**If everyone must sacrifice, then the committee is prepared to also sacrifice the grant funds. If there is money available, the committee would like to keep at least a small budget in order to sustain the grant program. A budget of less than $5,000 would not allow the program to be sustained**

1. LWRF Black Dirt Farm ACTION ITEM

As part of the discussion, the committee noted they would like to reconsider grant guidelines to allow for partial funding of applications and retain funds on the basis of funding future grant applications especially if the amount of funding to the grant committee is limited.

Mark made the following motion, Ginny seconded the motion and it passed

**Award Black Dirt Farm $3343.20 under the condition that the grant agreement allow for the return of the totes to CVSWMD if their business is unsuccessful or if the business if not operating as described after one year**

1. Other – no December meeting unless there is a grant to consider
2. Adjourn