

Meeting Minutes Thursday April 7th, 2022 6:30 PM: Bakersfield Fire Station

Attendees: Lindsey Wight, Craig Cimmons, Cynthia Scott, John Little, Paul Stanley, Marlena Valenta, Mike Manahan, and Sarah Lunn via ZOOM

- 1) Welcome; enjoy seeing each other!
- 2) Review of March meeting minutes
 - CS made motion to accept, MV seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 3) Administrative Business
 - Office Update - John
 - Building's closing day is May 12th. Cost estimates are coming in and plans are still being made. JL showed board his current building plans.
 - Transition to employees - Craig?
 - Amy Adams can help answer questions (salary vs take home, taxes, etc.)
 - Community Relations Coordinator Update
 - Have 3 applications: Corrina Parnapy, Michelle Ingram, Susan Staples
 - LW will commence interviews shortly
 - Summer Intern
 - LW proposes to hire previous 2021 LEAP intern, Kendra Pepin, to lead to 2022 LEAP Interns
 - Starr Farm Property
 - Starrs unfortunately sold their property to another private buyer
- 4) LEAP Program
 - 'office' space needs and ideas
 - MCA or PSB, RHS (Annetter?), Barn Owl Bistro, Scott Boyce's (temp office)?
 - Match funds ideas
 - soiree/clean-up? Abbey Quincy
- 5) Outreach
 - Newsletter
 - SL has been putting together a spring newsletter. PS suggested added captions to photos
 - Public Meeting
 - Incorporate into soiree
- 6) 2022 Grants updates
 - Applied: VCF Spark - ANM Paddle Trip
 - Received: (at least partial funding) from VAAFM CWIP - to support 4 years of ECO Americorps membership, with focus on local farms
 - Partner-grant applications: (no updates yet) LCBP Large E&O - partner with Lamoille County Conservation District for teacher training. Also submitted a letter of support saying we would help FNLC expand in-school programming Wing, Waves, Variables (Kurt). TNC-led 3-year effort to build capacity for Process Based Restoration in headwater areas.
 - Updates: All-but finalized VAAFM CWIP (4 years of ECO Americorps membership, with a focus on farms). Received Watershed Grant to support 3 river clean-ups,

- knotweed-suppression plantings, LEAP intern support
 - Upcoming/Planning: DESIRES/SOURCES: Soiree, Concert? Water InSight, ANM paddle trip (potential sources: VCF Spark, Ben & Jerry's)
 - Soiree - need some eye-to-eye visits to get people to come. New towns but also the same attendees from last year. Sometime at the beginning of August?
- 7) Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP)/Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) - initial meeting. Also other community meetings in the region.
- 8) Tree Planting planning for spring 2022 - Time to plan out our plantings and recruit volunteers
- 9) Summer 2022 Events - set dates!
 - June 17th - Board River Clean-up
 - River clean-ups in July and August dates TBD by EF, SL, and LW with interns
 - July 7th - BBW at PS and LS at 6 PM in combination with meeting
 - July 30th - VINS Watershed Wildlife
 - Soiree - beginning of August?
 - 25th Anniversary - Fall time?
 - Picnic feast, seafood boil (phoenix house)
 - Jay Peak - fall
 - Enosburg Opera House/Quincy/Windy River/ Abbey
 - Plan in conjunction with a summer concert? Lunch-on instead of dinner?
- 10) Other Business:
 - Embroidery, bring to next meeting and PS will take to embroiderer
 - Conservation from a hunter perspective?
 - Ducks Unlimited was involved early on. Too removed from connection from terrestrial hunters.
- 11) Next Meeting - May 5th, MRBA Office
- 12) JL motioned for adjournment, CS seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.