



**White River  
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**Board of Supervisors Meeting  
March 20, 2024 8:30AM 10:00AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 842 8607 6153

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Attendees: Did Pershouse, Jennifer Byrne, Jaiel Pulskamp, Kart Thidemann, Kate Willard, Niko Horster, Phylcixia Moore

**8:30 Welcome**

- The meeting began with a welcome to all attendees.

**8:35 New Board Member Appointment of Didi Pershouse**

- The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Didi Persouse as the new board member.

**8:45 Available Trees from Yellowbud Farm Tree Sale Nursery**

- Thousands of young trees are available, primarily chestnuts and persimmons.
- Setting up micro nurseries on volunteer land for a tree sale next year.
- Free nursery stock is available.
- Board members can take care of some trees and contact other landowners.
- Planning a tree sale for April of larger trees

**9:00 Advocacy Senate Ag Committee Testimony VACD Governance Committee**

- Requesting \$3,000,000 base funding, contact legislators.
- Level-funded for three years; 500,000 was allocated to split among all districts.
- Goal: reach out to all legislators in Appropriations.
- Updates requested for contacting legislators.

### **9:20 NRCS Updates**

- District Conservationist, NRCS is divided into four zones.
- Phyllicia is the South Zone.
- April deadline for fiscal 2025.
- Local funding pool deadline: April 19th.
- Working group processing data from surveys and meetings.
- Reviewing the last local fund pool for changes.
- More NRCS staff are interested and hoping for remote action.
- NACD updates: The grant for technical work and the new contract were signed.

### **9:30 Workforce Development Program**

- We applied for a million-dollar grant with the VI Department of Ag.
- Setting up a group for training.
- Need more people for conservation planning.
- Climate Core is a version of Amicore.
- Applied to the Agency of AG for AgcWIP.

### **9:40 Upcoming Events**

- March 22, 10-2 VT Ag Water Quality Partnership Regional Field staff meeting.
- VAWQP appointed body for ten years.
- Goal: prop up NRCC with staff and a website.
- ANR doesn't understand district functions anymore.

### **9:55 Future meetings**

- Recurring board meeting on April 10th.
- New board member onboarding.

### **10:00 Close**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.