



**White River
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**White River NRC D Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 16, 2026, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
@ VT State University Randolph
Admin Conference Room 226
Or Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/o3B2SC9pREyhMx37FRCFBq>

12:00 **Welcome**

12:05 **Approve [January](#) , [February 10](#), [February 11](#), [March Minutes](#)**

12:10 **Financials with Pat Richardson**

12:20 **IRA Plans**

12:25 **NRCS Updates**


12:30 **District Updates**

- [VSU Update](#)
 - [Inquiry Letter to VTSU from White River NRC D](#)
- [VLS Research Memo into Conservation District Easements](#)
- [USVI Envirothon](#) May 8th on St. Croix
- [Free Tree Planting / Tree Sale Dates](#)
 - Crushed Rock: We will supply a 'rock dust' based soil amendment with the Free Trees this Spring. It is a blend of Vermont "Black Lime" and hardwood sourced Biochar. It is called "Char-Rock". The Vermont "Black Lime" is a calcium/magnesium silicate material, like the basalt and olivine spoken of in this article. It is black due to ~5% elemental carbon. It is also rich with micronutrients.
 - There are nuances and unknowns with the claims of high levels of carbon sequestration by the application of silicate-based rock dust minerals world-wide; this article covers the ranges with digestible degrees of detail:
https://www.newscientist.com/article/2517484-spreading-crushed-rock-on-farms-could-absorb-1-billion-tonnes-of-co2/?utm_source=nstee&utm_medium=email&ut

[m_campaign=NSTEE_310326&utm_term=Newsletter%20NSTEE_The%20Earth%20Edition](https://www.whiterivernrcd.org/2026-internships)

- [TSP Ethics Issue Resolved](#)
- Internships: <https://www.whiterivernrcd.org/2026-internships>



12:45 Reports

- WR NRCD Holistic Context
 - Formalize Vision & Holistic Context
 -  Holistic Context – White River NRCD draft
- LWG Report due May 15
 - [Conservation Action Plan](#)
- VAWQP Report
- [Conservation Plan Report](#)
- Potential VTDigger Article on PFP

1:00 Public Banking

- Continued coalition building
- Host event in August. Invite:
 - Bank of North Dakota President Don Morgan
 - Harvard Law School professor Christine Desan
 - State Representative Esme Cole

1:15 Future Funding

- Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) - Due May 19th
 -  White River Headwaters Project – LISFF Opportunity Summary
- [Sanders CDS WFPO](#)
 -  SandersCDS2026.pdf
- Private Funding
 - Cotyledon
 - [Canaday](#)
- [AgCWIP funding updates](#)

1:30 NRCC and VACD updates

- NRCC Website is live! <https://conservation.vermont.gov/>
 - Identified as a high priority by our District for many years, most recently in [our District's Policy Recommendations from 2024](#)
- Kate Willard appointed to NRCC for the Central Supervisory Union
- VACD Lobbying:
 - VACD removed our District Manager from their lobbyist's email list

- Mortgage Restriction Language likely to be removed from our statute this year ([Pulled from our District's Policy Recommendations from 2024](#))
- VACD advocating in legislature for \$250k for a building for Orleans NRCD; they did not do a survey of all District's capital needs nor offer to advocate for other Districts' buildings this year
- The Districts' full \$912,000 ask is included in Senate Ag Budget

2:00 - 4:00 Tour VTSU Randolph Properties