



Catherine Dimitruk, NRPC  
**Chair**  
David Snedeker, NVDA  
**Vice-Chair**  
Charlie Baker, CCRPC

**VAPDA Directors and Associates  
Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2024  
Via Zoom**

**RPC Attendees:** Catherine Dimitruk (NRPC), Adam Lougee (ACRPC), Tasha Wallis (LCPC), Charlie Baker (CCRPC), Chris Campany (WRC), Bill Colvin (BCRC), Jason Rasmussen (MARC), Devon Neary (RRPC), Christian Meyer (CVRPC), and Dave Snedeker (NVDA).

**Absent:** Peter Gregory (TRORC)

Meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m. CD chaired the meeting. DS taking minutes.

- **Minutes & Treasurer's Report.** TW motion to approve, CC second. Minutes and Treasurer's report of May 2, 2024 approved.
- **FY25 Budget.** CB presented budget. Special assessments will be made for the independent study of the VAPDA members. JR motion to approve, DN second. FY25 Budget with special assessments approved.
- **Membership on Housing Conference Planning Committee.** CM will represent VAPDA on the committee.
- **FY25 Elections.** CB to serve as Sec./Treas., CD to serve as Chair for 6-months, DN to serve as Vice Chair for 6-months and then replace CD as Chair. AL motion to approve, TW second. Slate of officers approved.
- **30/30, Trey Martin (VHCB).** Trey presented an update on Act 159. Of the 2030 goal there are @165,000 acres remaining for permanent protection. 2050 goal may consist of long-term, durable protections. There will be a statewide Conservation Plan. A statewide inventory report was coming out with the first public meeting on 6/27/24.
- **VAPDA Committee Reports**
  - Natural Resources (TW):** ANR/DEC is conducting audit of LCPC on the Flood Hazard Bylaw review project. TW, DN, and DS to meet with DEC to discuss; 604B may be a letter-of-intent vs. RFP process; Tactical Basin Plan discussion of RPCs being asked to reduce funds requested even though ANR had more funding for the work; Question of NBRC support of LDDs/EDDs in other states to support natural resource work.
  - Emergency Management (CC):** VEM received a cut in EMPG funding and this will be passed on to RPCs; Suggestion to form a VAPDA committee to develop guidance for VEM for RPC's future work; Mention of need to develop relationships with VEM and Legislators to best serve communities and state; Response to Medical Reserve Corps MOU (use of EMPG\$ should not be double-dipping). CC shared SOW for HMGP DR-4720 Municipal Support document.
  - Transportation (JR):** TPI Guidance coming soon; Guidance for consistent design standards needed.
  - Community Development/ACCD (DS):** Next steps for FY25 agreements provided by C. Cochran. Some waiting period needed due to passage of H.687 (pending veto session results).

*Strengthening the Capability of Governments*

www.vapda.org ~ tel. (802) 524-5958 ~ 75 Fairfield Street ~ St. Albans, VT 05478

**Health Equity (TW):** LCPC is closing grant with Dept. of Health. RPC reports will be needed.

**Energy and Climate:** Update on MERP (AL); Update on MVI (DS); and CPRG (CD). There will likely be @\$14K per RPC for future work.

**Government Relations:** Update on H.687 (CB); Update on Open Meeting Law changes (CD); and S.213 floodplain legislation.

- **General Discussion.** VAPDA Peer Reviews with write-ups should be completed by 6/30/24. This will be part of FY24 EOY reporting; VAPDA Retreat is September 12-13 at the Wildflower Inn on Darling Hill Rd., Lyndonville. A block of rooms (now totaling 16) has been reserved, with VAPDA paying a partial down payment.

**Next meetings:** July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> – via video conference

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Minutes Scribe: David Snedeker