



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2022, 3:30 PM

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Present: Laura Robert, Vice Chair; Bea Bezmalinovic, Secretary; Jay McHale, Allison Burson, Lisa Collins; Brandon Schmitt, Director

Public Speak (non-agenda items)

No one spoke on a non-agenda item

Board Re-organization

Mr. Schmitt, acting as chair, opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Ms. Robert suggested promoting the current officers. Ms. Robert nominated herself for Chair. Ms. Collins then nominated Mr. McHale for Chair. Each board member discussed their interest and rationale in serving as Chair. After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to close the nominations. A roll call vote was held to elect Laura Robert as Chair of the NRC, effective immediately for a term ending at the first NRC meeting in September. Bezmalinovic, Collins and McHale voted no and Burson abstained. A roll call vote was held to elect Jay McHale as Chair of the NRC, effective immediately for a term ending at the first NRC meeting in September. The vote was 4-1 with Robert voting no, and Mr. McHale was elected chair. The board agreed to keep Ms. Robert and Ms. Bezmalinovic in their current officer positions of Vice Chair and Secretary respectively.

Liaison Assignments/Expectations

Ms. Collins was appointed as a liaison to the Wetlands Protection Committee. Mr. McHale was appointed to the Community Preservation Committee.

Meeting norms/group working agreement

The board discussed developing a meeting calendar, cheat sheet for board action, and other topics related to the norms and best practices related to NRC meetings.