

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2013

8:00 AM

Chair Eric Offenberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 am..

Present: Chair: Eric Offenberg; Gina DeMarco, Paul Dolan; ERICD: Emerson Wildes, Jessica Blackledge; SRICD: Harriet Powell, J.Eric Scherer; RISCC: Ramona LeBlanc; Ken Payne, RI Ag Partnership.

I.State Committee/Conservation District Policy

Ken Payne presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding describing the organizational relationship between the RI State Conservation Committee and the Conservation Districts. Several suggestions for changes were made during discussion of that draft and Ken will revise the document to reflect said changes. He expects to send revised version to Ramona for distribution within a few weeks. It was decided that each District will, in addition to the MOU, develop an annual operating policy with the State Committee to reflect the changing situations and needs of the Districts.

II.2014 Budget

A motion was made to table discussion of the State Committee's 2014 budget until it could be revised to reflect additional expenses incurred as a result of Conservation Districts budget discussion (see below): Harriet/Emerson:unanimous

III. Conservation District Budgets

Due to time constraints full discussion of the Districts budgets was tabled. Eastern RI Conservation District projected a funding shortfall of approximately \$3000.00 for the period of June 1-September 30, 2013. A motion was made to support the ERICD with funds of \$3600.00 as a stop gap measure to ensure continued solvency until anticipated State allocation is received. Payments will be made in monthly installments and are contingent upon ERICD Board developing an operational plan to mitigate expected 2014 budget deficit: Harriet/Paul: motion passed with Emerson abstaining from vote.