

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2008

3:00 PM

Paul called the meeting to order at 3:00.

There was no quorum.

In attendance were:

Directors: Paul Dolan, Dick Went; Associate Directors: Marc Tremblay, Ed Baker;

NRICD Staff: Gina DeMarco, Ramona, LeBlanc. NRCS: Mike Merrill.

The following items were discussed:

1) Revised Budget: Copies of the budget that was revised to reflect the actual state allocation were distributed.

2) Ag Inventory: An agreement with NRCS is still in draft form but it was reported that NRCS would like the contract to be with the Rhode

Island Association of Conservation Districts (RIACD) or the Rhode Island State Conservation Committee (SCC) rather than directly with the District. Concern was expressed that NRICD has spent a great deal of time and energy to develop this program and that the money, the work and the administration of it should stay within the District. An additional concern is that the agreement get signed and the work started quickly, since it was due to being July 1 and NRICD has staff waiting to begin.

3) SCC Update: Although there is no written proposal yet, the members of the Board who were present

had no objection to the RIACD pursuing funding for the Districts to develop a food security campaign.

4) Annual Dinner: It will be held on September 5 at Addieville Farm. Mike will develop a list of farms

to be considered for awards this year and will present it at the August Board meeting. Providence

Water Supply Board will be presenting awards to some outstanding business partners and the

District will present an Educator of the year Award this year.

5) Next Meeting Date: August 6, 7 pm.