

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2010

Chairman Paul Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Eugene Pepper, Norm Hammond, Dick Went; Associate Directors: Keith Rogers, John and Joyce Holscher; District Manager Gina DeMarco; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee. Justin Tuthill, USDA NRCS;

I. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2010 meeting: Norm/Gene, unanimous.

II. Financial Reports

A motion was made to place the financial reports on file: Norm/Gene, unanimous.

III. Reports

A. Chair: The ERICD Annual Dinner is on November 3, a conflict with the next NRICD Board meeting. The November meeting will be held on November 2 at 5:00.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Keith Rogers and Richard Went to the Board: Gene/Norm, unanimous.

A motion was made to pay \$250 to the NACD for dues: Gene/Norm, unanimous.

B. SCC: The State Committee held a workshop for tax assessors on the FFOS Program on September 30.

C. NRCS: Conservationist Report distributed which included a summary by District. There are over 230 contracts in Providence County. CSP payments should be paid within a month. New CSP deadline is 1/11. Justin has been talking to Pooh about involving the CD's in forestry contracts. Environmental impact statement for Pocasset almost complete. NRCS has an agreement with Johnston to purchase properties in flood plain and working towards agreement with Cranston. A plan of work is being developed.

D. RC & D: Nothing to report.

E. RDC: No report.

F. RIFCO: Forestry Day is October 9th and Annual Dinner is

November 20. NRICD will present Forestry Award to Bob Rotondo at RIFCO's dinner. 7 applications received for \$250 scholarship.

G. RIACD: No report.

H. RIRLA: Annual Farm Dinner on November 6. A motion was made to sponsor and issue payment of \$100.00: Gene/Dick, unanimous.

I. Envirothon: Looking for a new coordinator.

J. District Manager: Gina and Liz have been working on a NOAA Grant which would focus on the impact of land use, erosion and topography of the areas around the rivers leading into Narragansett Bay on the Bay. It is a \$177,000.00/ 3 year proposal.

The EPA grant for the Abbott Run Watershed was not funded.

The influx of contracts/work will lead to a slight redistribution of work. Gina will take lead on Rivers Assessments agreement with NRCS and shift some of her SWREP work to Liz. The River Assessments will involve survey the Pocasset and Wood Rivers for damage caused by the spring 2010 floods in order to identify and prioritize projects for NRCS funding.

NRCS has also received a grant from DEM to develop and maintain a database to track livestock.

IV. Old Business

A. SRWEP: NRICD will be conducting the GET WET! Program at SHS. The NEES Club (SHS) will work at Water Festival. The Festival will be held on May 3 at Camp Aldersgate.

This year's theme is forestry. PWSB wants to do a direct mailing to forest owners in the Watershed to educate them about forest management practices.

B. Ag Inventory/Bio-security: Liz expects to finish Hopkington by 10/8. Doug will do South Kingstown so Liz can be available to work on other projects.

V. New Business

A. Board Need: A letter from the Chair will be sent to Members to attract new Board members.

B. Annual Report: Paul will draft a letter to be included in the Annual Report.

C. RI Small Business Center: This group advises small business and met with Dick, Gina and Ramona to discuss billing questions. Using a \$13/hour overhead amount to determine a billable rate allowed funding for program development. With new policy for NRCS agreements, which allows hourly rate plus fringe plus 20% indirect cost there is less available to be used for that purpose. Although

they had no solution to that problem, they did suggest using QuickBooks for Non-profits, and hiring a CPA to determine actual indirect rate.

VI. Other

It was the consensus of the Board that there should be a MOU between either the SCC or the RIACD (depending on who signs contract) and the CD doing work which stipulates that the CD is responsible to complete the terms of the contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.