

NRICD Board Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2015

Present:

Directors:

Jean Lynch
Dick Went
Amie Parris
Marc Tremblay

Associate Director:

Norm Hammond
Paul Dolan

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco
Michelle Place
Molly Allard

NRCS Staff:

Justin Tuthill

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

I. Minutes:

- A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean to approve minutes.

II. Treasurers Report:

- A. Motion made by Dick/2nd by Amie to accept Treasurer's report.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

1. Upstairs apartment is rented \$900/month
2. Utilities- 1st and 2nd floor not separated. Will split bill until we can straighten out.
3. Current there are 4 farmer applicants for land. Kate will provide a brief summary to Board for next meeting.
4. Champlin grant has been awarded to SDF. Payments will be in 1/3 to start, 1/3 in middle and 1/3 to complete. Check going through the state committee.
5. 1st floor tenants removed interior wall. Would like to be reimbursed. Wants 3 months of free rent. Decision was made to collect full rent and will be reimbursed when vacate in spring.
6. Looking for a woodstove donation.
7. The state has some additional land available if interested. We are not.

- B. SRWEP
 - 1. Molly reported that all Education programs are proceeding.
 - 2. NEWIPICC grant-
 - a. Currently scheduling programs and mailings
 - b. Will be offering a sapling to NEWIPICC customers
 - 3. Upcoming events are:
 - a. Well-water workshops
 - b. Water friendly lawn care
 - c. Canadian gees discouragement plan

- C. 319- Scituate
 - 1. Need more sites- focus on businesses or possible senior center.
- D. EWP Belfield
 - 1. NRCS will do all work for next phase then Fed NRCS in DC will approve applications. District will then take over.
 - 2. Waiting on if any business are applicants.
 - 3. Belfield may not meet criteria anymore as needed to flood twice in a certain amount of years.
- E. CTA- Ag Tech
 - 1. Land acquisition with Prov Water
 - 2. RCPP proposal moving to CTA possibly
- F. NFWF- application of possible new grant
 - 1. Been invited to be part of this urban forestry grant.

IV. Reports

- A. Chair- no report
- B. SCC
 - 1. Conservation planning
 - 2. TSP planning
 - 3. FFOS committee meeting soon
- C. NRCS – Justin
 - 1. New positions of Business specialist and financial have been hired
- D. Envirothon-
 - 1. Received \$800 in donations.
 - 2. March 28th fundraiser breakfast at Dave's bar & grill in Warwick.
- E. R C & D

1. Was audited by the State.
 2. Working on 4 different contracts and developing a 5 year plan.
- F. RIFCO- May 9th is 25th Anniversary event
- G. RIACD- Annual meeting in New Orleans, Feb 4th
1. NASCA oversees the districts.
 2. Conference in NH March 30 &31
- H. District Manager
1. Meeting with Kathy Sparks on Feb 4th

V. New Business:

- A. Strategic Planning meeting will be on Tues Jan 20 from 4-6 pm
- B. Climate Change
 1. Motion made by Dick/ 2nd by Aime to formally support the proposal that is being sent to the Governor and Speaker of the House.
- C. Seedling sale is April 25 from 9-3
 1. All work and volunteer time is match time.
- D. Next meeting will be Feb 11th instead of the 4th

1. Meeting was adjourned at 9:60 pm . Motion by Dick.2nd by Jean.