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**ERICD Board Meeting
June 11, 2013
7:00 PM**

Interim Chairman Emerson Wildes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were: Directors: Emerson Wildes, Ron Mucci, Richard Hart, Suzanne Hourihan; District Manager: Jessica Blackledge; RISCC: Ramona LeBlanc, Jill Osgood, Debra Aiello; NRCS Matt Richardson.

I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the May 14, 2013 minutes; Ron/Suzanne: unanimous.

II. Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the May Financials; Emerson/ Dick: unanimous. A draft of next year's budget was provided to the board. Ramona proposed to have Jessie take the monthly meeting minutes to cut the cost to the district. Ramona requested the Board review the draft to provide input by July. Emerson suggested the Board look at ways to bring additional income to the District. A motion was made to acknowledge the draft budget; Dick Ron. The budget was tabled until the board reviews the items.

III. NRCS Report:

1. The EQIP, WHIP and AMA round 3 deadlines were set for May 17th; however, due to issues with the FSA computer system this deadline is being extended.

2. Project updates:

- An auto start frost protection and automated irrigation system was installed.
- Soil test evaluations were performed for a planned waste storage facility.
- A brush management program is planned to control invasive species.
- High tunnels were installed.
- Runoff and drainage work is ongoing.

IV. RISCC:

1. FFOS: Still on hold – waiting for DEM to approve letter that was sent to legal.

2. Engineering: The engineer resigned; in the process of looking at a replacement

3. FFS flyer will be ready for distribution soon.

4. Soil and Erosion Handbook is undergoing peer review.

5. FFOS: Dick Went and Paul Dolan were appointed to the nominating committee.
6. Geese: Each district will bill at budget rate and the profit will be split at the end of the project.
7. Ramona is planning a SCC meeting adding ERICD to the agenda, to come up with ideas and solutions to try to resolve the District's financial situation. A motion was made to put ERICD on the agenda at the next SCC meeting; Ron/Suzanne: unanimous.

V. Old Business:

1. Rain Barrel- Nothing to report
2. Board Recruitment: The Board is looking for candidates with skill sets to compliment the board. Jessie is planning to compose an invitation letter to potential candidates.
3. Tiverton Harbor Commission: The Board has not heard back. In the meantime, Jessie will look into a water sample.

VI. Reports

A. A written report was provided to the Board members.

B. Chair: No report

C. Directors:

1. A motion was made to add 15.00 a month to allow outgoing calls from the office. Ron/Suzann: unanimous.
2. Ron made a motion to reduce the Directors stipend to 15.00 to offset the increase in the monthly phone bill; Ron/ Dick: unanimous.
3. Ron suggested Jessie submit DM report to each member via email one week prior to the Board meeting. He also requested the reports be listed first on the agenda at Board meeting to report from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08