

**Eastern RI Conservation District  
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**ERICD Board Meeting November 11, 2014  
7:00 pm  
At Sandywoods, 73 Muse Way, Tiverton, RI**

Chairman Emerson Wildes, Called the meeting to order 7:03 pm.

Present were: Directors: Emerson Wildes, Ron Mucci, Suzanne Hourihan and Richard Hart; Associate Director: Russ Smith; Guest Dick Went, and Jean Lynch; District Manager: Jessica Blackledge.

II. **Change to Agenda:** Motion was made by Emerson to address District Managers Report first because she had to leave early second by Suzanne, passed unanimously.

IV. **District Manager Report:** Jessica provided a written handout and read over it with the board. Emerson informed Jessica that the board voted to pay her for 5 hours a week of administration work for the ERICD. The list of different jobs to be done in this time was voted on at the Executive Board Meeting. Richard Hart had a question on the 5 Project Reports funding being outside the 5 hours of district funding. Jessica explained the work she does on those projects all comes from grant funding. Richard also questioned if towns outside Tiverton donated to ERICD. He offered to pick up the \$500 donation check he saw at Tiverton Town Clerk office.

III. **Minutes from Oct. 30, 2014 Meeting:** Emerson read over his notes of the minutes to be printed. Motion was made by Ron to accept second by Richard, passed unanimously.

IV. **Reports:**

- **NRCS** – No attendance.
- **Financials** – Motion was made by Suzanne to accept second by Richard, passed unanimously. A revised budget was discussed Suzanne made a motion to accept second by Ron 3 voted to accept, Richard abstained. Richard felt they had not received a year-end financial statement because it did not show what he is looking for. Richard may request explanation from Ramona.

- **RISCC** – Emerson read a letter from Ramona regarding the State Committee work for ERICD. Richard and Emerson’s terms expire in January 2015 both have letters of resignation prepared to submit when there are replacements for them. Two people from the Open House Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.are interested in becoming board members and presently collecting signatures.
- **RIACD** – Dick Went reported on the annual meeting last night, the election of officers, success of hosting NACD North East Regional annual meeting, and how the income from that event will be spent.

## V. Old Business

- **Recruitment Open House** – This was a great success with quite a turn out. SCC provided food and drinks. Emerson picked up the coffee and requested reimbursement. Motion was made by Richard to reimburse for coffee second by Suzanne, passed unanimously.
- **Cooperative Project with Sandywoods Farm** – Russ reported that Jessica has a garden and does other work there at Sandywood Farm.
- **Proposed District Record Book** – Still on hold

## VI. New Business

- **District Manager Work for District** – Discussed and voted on in executive session 6 to 7pm today.

## VII. Directors Reports

Suzanne- received Jessica’s reports email.

Emerson -spending time studying attachments, and resignation letter is prepared to be turned in when new person is appointed.

Richard – resignation letter is also ready to be turned in. He is busy involved with land fill closing.

Ron – attended NRCS local work group meeting, and also attended a Soil Health workshop with Ray Archuleta facilitating.

Russ – attended a Bill Betty power point presentation on Mountain Lions Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. It was very interesting.

## VIII. Adjourn