

# **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Master Gardner's Field House, East Farm, Kingston, RI**

**April 26, 2010**

**4:00 pm**

**Present: Directors Clarkson Collins, Harriett Powell, Rudi Hempe, Carl Sawyer;**

**District Manager Doug McGovern; John Richard, NRCS; Ramona LeBlanc, RI State Conservation Committee.**

**I. Chairman Clarkson Collins called the meeting to order at 4:11.**

### **II. Minutes**

**A motion was made to accept the March 29, 2010 minutes as presented: Harriet/Rudi: unanimous.**

### **III. Reports**

**A. A. Treasurer's Report: Most recent reconciliation report was distributed.**

**A motion was made to accept the report as presented: Harriet/Rudi: unanimous.**

**B. Chair:** The EWP issues are not resolved and everything is on hold pending further investigations.

Dry weather monitoring in Narragansett pending dry weather.

Clark and Doug are working with NOAA on VAIL agreement

**C. District Manager:** A pro-bono office at East Farm has been offered to the District. The CIG workshops have been completed and Doug reported that the last two were well attended.

Doug attended a livestock workshop in NRICD for background information on various organizations including DEM, Rhody Warm, URI Ag Extension, RIRLA;

Susan Letendre has been working on Narragansett stormwater pamphlet and will submit a bill for \$1480. Question raised as to whether there is that much in the agreement for the pamphlet. Claire Stone and Doug will be meeting with Mike DeLuca. Kris Stuart is still reviewing/organizing files.

**D. NRCS:** Brief update on NRCS activities including statewide funding totals was distributed.

**E. SCC:** A meeting is scheduled for April 28.

**F.**

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Consolidation Progress**

**A new phone line has been installed at the Greenville office and Quick Book files have been updated on Ramona's computer. Online banking has not been established.**

## **B. Board Elections/Appointments**

**Nomination papers for the five seats have been submitted. Three directors will be appointed by the SCC and the remaining two seats will be filled by election at a date to be determined. Clark's, Harriet's and Rudi's nomination papers will be presented at the SCC for appointment. An election will be held at the 5/24 Board meeting.**

## **C. Work Opportunities**

**1. CIG: Completed and billed..**

**2. USDA Grant: Proposal submitted but after deadline and is likely to be refused.**

**3. NOAA Dam Contract: Discussed previously.**

**4. EWP: Discussed previously**

**5. Other: John will keep SRICD posted about possible project at Gilbert Stuart Museum that would be similar to the one at VAIL.**

## **V. New Business**

- 1. Native Plants: Rudi is working with a small group exploring how to promote the propagation of native plants, getting nurseries to stock and promote natives. He will keep the Board advised of progress.**
- 2. An agenda item will be added to the next meeting agenda to discuss the idea of holding a native seedling sale.**

**Items presented at meeting to be filed with minutes: March 29, 2010 minutes, NRCS updates report, and financial statements.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:45**

**Next meeting May 24, 2010, 4 pm.**