

# **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

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

**May 24, 2010**

**4:00 pm**

**Present: Directors Clarkson Collins, Harriett Powell, Harvey Buford; 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 4:20.**

### **II. Minutes**

**A motion was made to accept the April 26, 2010 minutes as presented: Harriet/Harvey: 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/Harvey: unanimous.**

**B. Chair:** Most of the files have been removed from Tom Sandham's as well as office supplies and equipment. June will be SRICD month at the Sweet Meadows branch of Washington Trust. Clark and Doug visited a possible EWP site in Exeter and forwarded information to NRCS.

**C. District Manager:** A proposal for a two phase project mapping wetlands at Canochet Farm has been submitted to Town of Narragansett. A decision is expected before end of fiscal year. Doug and Kris Stuart met with Lorraine Joubert regarding the URI/Stormwater contract. When manual is approved, outreach will be done by engineering firm. There will be \$2900 fee to SRICD, the rest will be pass-through funds. Doug is trying to get copy of amended contract for Narragansett Stormwater contract. There may be a reallocation of remaining funds. Doug is going to update a menu of services SRICD offered in past to towns in District. Attended Energy Audit meeting at NRCS on 5/26.

**D. NRCS:** Round I of funding has closed and the deadline for Round II is 5/27. 65 applications have been received to date and RI is into regional equity funding. \$500,000 is available in WHIP with most going to Forestry Initiative. EWP deadline has been extended 1 month.

**E. SCC:** 3 month reorganization report has been drafted.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Consolidation Progress**

**Online banking has been established.**

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

**The SCC appointed Clark, Harriet and Rudi at last SCC meeting. Harriet mad a motion to nominate Harvey and Carl to remaining seats, seconded by Clark. The motion passed and they were elected.**

### **C. Work Opportunities**

**1. NOAA Dam Contract: on hold pending updates to CCR and DUNS accounts as well as legal assessment by DEM of easement agreement.**

**2. EWP: Discussed previously**

**3. A grant will be submitted to Ag Partnership to inventory land trust properties for farming availability and to develop a packet to instruct land trust how to convert land to that use.**

## **V. New Business**

**1.NNRICD and SRICD are investigating venues for a combined annual dinner.**

**Harriet suggested organizing Directors and Associates to attend various meetings such as Ag Council meetings. She suggested having business cards and literature to bring to such events.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00.**

**Next meeting June 21, 4 pm.**