

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

June 21, 2010

4:00 pm

Present: Directors Clarkson Collins, Harriett Powell, Rudi Hempe, 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 4:12.

II. Minutes

**A motion was made to accept the May 24, 2010 minutes as presented:
Harriet/Carl: unanimous.**

III. Reports

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

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

A motion was made to accept the proposed 2010-2011 budget as

presented: Harriet/Harvey: unanimous.

B. Chair: Doug and Clark have been working towards signed agreements for

VAIL project. Work continues on Narragansett Stormwater contract. Proposed work for Narragansett at Canochet Farm was voted down by Town Council.

C. District Manager: A written report was distributed. Three workshops were conducted statewide to discuss WHIP Forest Initiative funds and to encourage applications. 28 applications received by deadline. Doug has written a contract to conduct GPS training for Maine Rural Water Association. The potential of adding this service to SRICD's menu of services was discussed. Also discussed was an update on website of services offered. Doug will be away July 3-11.

D. NRCS: EQIP deadline was 6/22 and the goal is to obligate funds by 7/2. \$500,000 is available through WHIP Forestry Initiative. funds must be obligated by August 1. After conducting a series of workshops, the CD's will do follow-up with applicants to discuss practices. NRCS training to conduct these follow-ups will be offered to Liz (NRICD), Doug and Kat (RC & D) and ERICD if they have someone available.

E.SCC: 3 month reorganization report is available and will be

discussed at next SCC meeting which has been postpone until 7/23..

IV. Old Business

A. Consolidation Report: Previously discussed.

B. Work Opportunities: Previously discussed.

V. New Business

A. Directors Statutory Payments: The Board declined to be compensated for their attendance at Board meetings.

B. 2010-2011 Budget: Previously discussed

C. Calendar of Events: Doug will print business cards for Directors. District literature/handouts will also be updated for distribution at various conservation/agricultural and related events.

D. Insurance: A motion was made to authorize the purchase of liability insurance: Harriet/Rudi, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Next meeting July 19th, 4 pm.