

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

August, 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 4:20.

II. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the July 29, 2010 minutes as presented:

Harriet/Rudi: unanimous.

III. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: Most recent reconciliation report and budget year to date were

distributed.

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

B. Chair: A letter from Dem to the VAIL board was issued requesting that they reconsider allowing work to be completed. If they did decide to proceed, project could not be undertaken until next year. EPPA funding may not be available at that time.

C. District Manager: A written report was distributed. Six WHIP applications were processed in SRICD as a result of the Forestry Initiative. Doug is working with SCC an RIACD on a possible agreement with NRCS to address geese abatement on farms. He attended and NRCS briefing of Senator Whitehouse at the Concordia Mill project in Coventry. He is updating marketing materials.

D. NRCS: John will arrange for a visit to Ninagret Oyster Farm; Board is already very familiar with Matunuck Oyster Farm. Both are being considered for recognition at Annual Dinner.

NRCS is considering adding additional outreach workshops as part of the Ag Inventory project.

E. SCC: Funding from RI Foundation for strategic planning is unlikely. There may be some funding from the National Association of Conservation District Employees and that will be pursued. In the meantime, Chris Modisette, RI RC & D is willing to work with each District to begin the process of developing a long and short term list of goals.

IV. Old Business

A. Work Opportunities:

- 1. Geese Abatement:** An agreement is being developed which will include a non-lethal protocol of geese abatement on a regional level. The SCC would implement a stat-wide education and outreach program, but implementation would be on a District level and each CD can decide if implementation is appropriate for that District.
- 2. Doug will make contract with municipal planners when marketing materials are updated.**

B. Business Cards/Fact Sheets: previously discussed (marketing materials).

C. Annual Dinner: Door prizes are needed. Doug and Ramona will coordinate the plaques for award recipients.

V. New Business

A. Energy Audits: Doug will attend a three day training 8/24-26.

B. Annual Reports: In addition to the brief report required each year by the SCC, the SRICD will develop a separate annual report

Meeting adjourned at 6:03.

Next meeting September 27, 4 pm.