

**Southern Rhode Island Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
East Farm, Kingston, RI**

November 29, 2010

4:00 pm

Present: Directors Clarkson Collins, Harriett Powell, Rudi Hempe, Carl Sawyer, Harvey Buford.

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

I. Chairman Clarkson Collins called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

II. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the October 25, 2010 meeting minutes as presented: Carl/Rudi: unanimous.

III. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept reports as presented:

Harriet/Rudi: unanimous.

B. Chair: Deferred to District Manager.

C. District Manager: Written report distributed.

1. Ag Inventory: Doug has done six (6) days of field work in South Kingstown and anticipates six (6) more days. GPS data will be sent to Liz for inclusion in main database.

2. Rivers Assessment: Doug met with Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association and received an update of river conditions. Jim Cole, who is very familiar with the Pawcatuck and has written a book about kayaking in CT and RI, has been acting as a guide. Approximately twenty five (25) miles of the river have been surveyed to date and Doug expects to complete with two (2) more days of kayaking. He will try to arrange a tour of promising sites for Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse staffer, and Peter Lord with participation of NRCS.

3. Geese Remediation: Another meeting of the steering committee was held and was attended by NRCS State Biologist, Gary Casabona. He will work with Doug to develop factsheets for EQIP eligible practices. The focus is in Eastern RI and while outreach will be to general public, this agreement targets agricultural lands to integrate remediation strategies with EQIP practices.

D. NRCS: A written report that shows the number of current agreements and corresponding funding by county was distributed.

- 1. NRCS would like to create a new agreement with the CD's for an ongoing outreach to solicit applications for NRCS programs.**
- 2. Short-term, workshops are needed in each District to publicize the next application deadline, January 15, 2011.**

IV. Current Projects: Discussed in DM's report.

V. Old Business

A. Publicity Documents: Doug is developing a mailing list for menu of services.

V. New Business

A. Canonchet Farms: Friends of Canonchet Farms will donate \$3,500.00 to the Town of South Kingston to hire SRICD to complete a wetlands delineation survey. Doug will submit a proposal to the town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Next meeting December 27, 2010 at 4 pm at the Master Gardener's Field House.