

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

January 10, 2011

4:00 pm

Present: Directors Clarkson Collins, Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Carl Sawyer, Harvey Buford; John Richard, NRCS; District Manager, Doug McGovern; Ramona LeBlanc, RI State Conservation Committee.

I. Chairman Clarkson Collins called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the reconciliation detail was made: Rudi/ Harriet, unanimous.

B. Chair: Chair defers to the District Manager.

C. District Manager:

1. Current Projects:

a. Rivers Assessment: Final Report has been submitted. Approximately 40 miles of the Pawcatuck were surveyed and 50 +/- points of interest were noted.

b. Ag Inventory: Field work has been completed in South Kingstown. GIS data entry is still to be done.

c. Geese Abatement: 1 Municipal and 2 Public Workshops have been scheduled, but the Municipal workshop will be rescheduled due to a conflict with RI League of Cities & Towns Convention. Dates of public workshops are: January 31st and February 2nd. Mailings for all will be completed within a week.

d. Canonchet Farm: Work cannot begin until ground thaws. A contract is being developed.

e. Other: Narrow River Land Trust has inquired about mapping services.

2. NRCS Workshops held at East Farm on December 15th and January 5th were well attended and produced several new EQIP applicants.

3. Mailing list for towns is completed and will be used to publicize list of SRICD services and to solicit town funding.

D. NRCS: District Conservationist's report was distributed. Application deadline for the 1st round of funding is January 15, 2011. 105 EQIP, 14 WHIP, 4 AMA applications received statewide to date. Funds will be obligated by April 1, 2011. Applications for CAP's will be accepted on a continuous basis. John will advise if partners can attend a training session on NRCS's state handbook/ policy on

January 25, 2011.

E. SCC: A new agreement is being written that would include outreach initiatives by Conservation Districts to promote NRCS programs and to provide follow-up with potential and existing USDA Farm Bill contacts. SCC meeting scheduled for January 12, 2011 will be rescheduled to January 20, 2011.

IV. Old Business: No Old Business to discuss.

V. New Business

A. RIACD MOU: A motion to accept the MOU as presented was made: Harriet/ Rudi, unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:25 pm.

Next meeting February 28 at 4 pm.