

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

February 28, 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 minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting: Rudi/ Harriet, unanimous.

III. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the reconciliation report as presented: Carl/ Rudi, unanimous.

B. Chair: Chair defers to the District Manager.

C. District Manager:

1. Geese Abatement: First public workshop was lightly attended. Doug will do follow-up with those who did attend and try to encourage EQIP applications. Another workshop is scheduled for March 1st. The municipal workshop held on February 18th was attended by 26 people.

2. Ag Inventory: Entry of data points will be completed this week.

3. Canonchet Farm: Doug is waiting for contract to be signed.

4. Other:

a. URI/DOT Stormwater Contract: Remaining two workshops (on storm water standards manual) will be forthcoming.

b. Narrow River Land Trust: Proposal will be discussed by Board on March 3rd.

c. The Board authorized Doug to participate in South Kingston School Department's Community Learning program at 4 elementary schools.

d. Doug was also authorized to participate in North Kingston Environmental Fair on March 19th.

D. NRCS: District Conservationist's report was distributed. Approximately 60 applications were received from Kent and Washington counties for the April 1st deadline. Wildlife Access Control is being funded through EQIP.

E. SCC: Ag Techs will soon begin Farm Conservation Plans for FFOS. Eric would like to meet with DEM's Director Coit. NRCS's Ag Inventory Agreement will be expanded to include forest landowners and nurseries.

IV. Old Business:

A. Ag Council meeting on March 17th in Rumford.

B. Harriet will put Steve Logan in contact with Doug.

V. New Business

A. SCC MOU: Suggestions for modifications were made. A revised copy will be circulated by next Board meeting.

B. RIACD Dues: The SCC contributed 50% of dues previously paid by CD's. A motion was made to contribute the remaining \$250 SRICD dues with the stipulation that the Board would like to see measurable proof of the benefit of travel to and participation in regional/national NACD events by RIACD President: Harriet/ Rudi, unanimous.

Next meeting April 11, 2011 at 4 pm.