

# **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

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

**April 11, 2011**

**I. Vice Chair Rudi Hempe called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.**

**Present: Directors: Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Carl Sawyer; NRCS: John Richard; District Manager: Douglas McGovern, Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee.**

## **II. Minutes**

**A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting with the following additions:**

**Doug was authorized to participate in the North Kingston Environmental Fair:**

**Harriet/Carl: unanimous.**

## **III. Reports**

**A. Treasurer's: Reconciliation summary and budget were distributed.**

**A motion was made to accept them as presented: Harriet/Carl: unanimous.**

**B. Chair: Rudi presented a donation request from RI Envirothon. A motion was made to contribute \$100: Harriet/Carl: unanimous.**

**C. District Manager: Written report distributed.**

- Geese Abatement: Jessie is taking lead on volunteer training. GPS units have been borrowed from URI.**
- Canonchet: General liability & professional liability insurance will be required by Narragansett before contract can be signed.**
- Narrow River Land Trust: Doug has begun collecting parcel data.**
- URI Stormwater: Workshop held in March. Engineering firm will bill SRICD and then SRICD will invoice URI.**
- Doug will participate in South Kingston community learning program by addressing four elementary school assemblies.**
- Doug will also participate in the Spring Fair at East Farm on 5/7.**

**D. NRCS: District Conservationist report distributed.**

**To date approximately \$640,000 of funding has been approved for Washington and Kent Counties.**

**Round 2 application deadline was 4/1; applications are still being accepted should funds be available for a third round of funding.**

**E. SCC: FFOS farm plans will begin as DEM has printed the Resource Guide which will be used in the development of the plans.**

**A new agreement has been signed with NRCS. It will lend district staff to NRCS to assist with client follow-ups, as well as fund a series of NRCS programs workshops and develop a database of contacts by**

**merging new and existing lists.**

**IV. Old Business: All previously discussed.**

**V. New Business:**

**A. SCC MOU: A motion was made to accept the revised MOU:  
Harriet/Carl: unanimous.**

**B. Envirothon Request: Previously discussed.**

**C. Insurance: A motion was made to authorize payment of a quote for  
general liability: Harriet/Carl: unanimous.**

**A motion was made to authorize Doug to choose professional liability  
coverage based on the best quote presented: Harriet/Carl:  
unanimous.**

**VI. Other:**

**A motion was made to have Doug attend a Google Map/Google Earth  
GIS interface workshop to be held in Narragansett: Harriet/Carl:  
unanimous.**

**Next meeting: May 16 @ 4:00**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:55**