

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

May 16, 2011

Chair Clarkson Collins called meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

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

I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the April 11, 2011 minutes. Harriet/Rudi, unanimous.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's: Financial statements were reviewed.

B. District Manager: Written report distributed.

- A general liability insurance policy has been obtained and a binder sent to Town of Narragansett.**
- Flagging of boundaries of wetlands at Canonchet Farm will likely be used to guide future use planning.**
- Doug has produced a draft map of current Narrow River Land Trust holdings. He will also develop a strategic planning map to identify**

properties for future acquisition.

- **Geese Agreement:** Doug has been in field five days and reports that significant data has been collected.
- **SRICD hosted a table at East Farm Spring Festival on 5/7 and made a presentation entitled “Funding Opportunities for Agricultural Producers.”**
- **Doug made a presentation on Open Space and Wakefield Elementary and West Kingston Elementary Schools.**
- **Doug attended “Making Maps the Google Way” training.**
- **Jean Lambert completed a site plan review in North Smithfield.**
- **SRICD has billed URI for DOT Stormwater training sessions.**

III. NRCS: District Conservationist written report distributed.

\$1.6 million was obligated statewide in first round of funding. This includes 40 EQUIP and 11 WHID contracts in Washington and Kent Counties. The goal is to have second round of funding obligated by 6/15.

IV. SCC: May meeting is being rescheduled.

V. Old Business:

General liability policy does not cover Doug’s use of his vehicle for District work. He will research additional coverage.

VI. New Business:

- **NRLT may be interested in having baseline documentation of three of their properties.**
- **Doug would like Board presence at workshop for high tunnels and forestry CAP's to be held at East Farm on 6/1.**
- **A motion was made to accept Jean Lambert's recommendation to revise fee schedule for site plan reviews: Rudi/Harriet, unanimous.**
- **DOT Contract: Additional \$17367 for LID workshop is available with a \$1500 fee due to SRICD for facilitation workshop.**

Next meeting: June 20 @ 4:00

Meeting adjourned at 5:15