

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

June 20, 2011

Chair Clarkson Collins called meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Present: Chair: Clarkson Collins; Directors: 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 May 16, 2011 minutes with minor correction: Rudi/Carl, unanimous.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's: Financial reports distributed.

- Proposed 2001-12 Budget was discussed.**
- A motion was made to accept the financial statements: Rudi/Carl, unanimous.**

B. District Manager:

- Doug announced that he will be resigning effective July 22.**
- Board asked him to forward a job description from files as well as a list of skills he feels are required of position.**

- **RIACD will likely get a grant that includes a feasibility study for a farm equipment bank. It is a one year contract and RIACD will give 10% indirect fee to District hiring employee to complete study.**
- **Doug participated in Community Learning Project at Matunuck Elementary School on 5/23.**
- **Geese Abatement: Doug is working on GPS component and will complete maps and reporting for this aspect of agreement before leaving SRICD Canonchet Farm: Work/Report completed; Invoice for \$3500 will be issued.**
- **Narrow River Land Trust: Doug has completed a map of current holdings and is working on a strategic map for future acquisitions.**

III. NRCS: District Conservationist written report distributed.

- **Round 2 funding is still being obligated. Approximately \$1.1 million in EQIP and \$770,000 are still available statewide.**
- **Forestry and Energy CAP's will be heavily funded in 2012.**

IV. SCC:

- **The legislated requirement for the SCC to provide training for new Directors will be met by a training module being developed by RIACD and posted on its website.**
- **PR materials for CD's have been updated and distributed.**
- **There is a meeting with Phou Vongkhamdy on 6/29 at 1:00.**
- **The 2011-12 SCC budget was distributed. It will be voted on at next SCC meeting and any concerns should be brought to that meeting.**

V. Old Business: Nothing additional to discuss.

VI. Budget: Previously discussed.

VII. Other:

- **The Board expressed their appreciation for the work Doug has done as District Manager.**
- **It was decided to postpone a decision to have an Annual Dinner until later in the year.**
- **NRICD will be informed that SRICD will not co-host and even this year.**

Next meeting: July 25 @ 4:00