

# **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

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

**July 25, 2011**

**Chair Clarkson Collins called meeting to order at 4:11 pm.**

**Present: Chair: Clarkson Collins; Directors: Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Carl Sawyer, Harvey Buford; NRCS: John Richard, Stewart Taffe; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee.**

**I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the June 20, 2011 meeting minutes: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.**

## **II. Reports**

**A. Treasurer's: Written reports presented.**

### **B. Chair:**

- Clark distributed a written report from Doug. The report highlighted potential work opportunities, including more Phase III Stormwater work, site plan reviews, baselines/mapping service for land trusts, and a pending RIACD grant.**

- The Board agreed with Doug's recommendation to update the SRICD website. A motion was made to hire Mouse Works to update**

**and maintain website: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.**

**C. Projects:**

- 1. Geese Abatement: Doug has finished up his portion of work on this agreement.**
- 2. Canonchet Farm: Work is completed and Town of Narragansett needs to be billed.**
- 3. NRLT: Holdings map has been delivered and Strategic Planning map needs to be accepted and NRLT will be invoiced for both.**

**III. NRCS: Written report distributed.**

- \$1.179 million has been obligated in Washington and Kent Counties.**
- A new engineer has been hired.**
- 2012 will be the last year of pilot program for high tunnels. They will no longer be funded unless they are adopted as a national practice.**

**IV. SCC:**

- A bill was passed to examine FFOS program and values.**
- The 2012 budget was tabled pending status of State funding.**
- Districts will contribute \$700 per month to overhead cost based on budget as proposed. That amount may be changed in final budget.**
- The SCC authorized Eric Offenbergh to sign an agreement with NRCS to hire an engineer to complete certain NRCS practices if he approves that agreement.**

**V. Old Business: Nothing to report.**

**VI. New Business:**

- **Rudi has posted job opening in various locations. A motion was made to post job position on ECOjobs: Harriet/Harvey; unanimous.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:40.**

**Next meeting: August 22 @ 4:00 p.m.**