

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

September 26, 2011

Chair Clarkson Collins called meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Present: Chair: Clarkson Collins; Directors: Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Carl Sawyer; NRCS: John Richard, J. Eric Sherer; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee.

I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the July 25, 2011 meeting minutes: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's: A motion was made to accept the reports as presented: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.

B. Chair:

- NRLT maps have been accepted.**
- South Kingstown will be accepting bids for storm water work similar to what SRICD completed for Narragansett. Eric will speak to Kris Stuart about scope/process in Narragansett.**

C. District Manager:

- **Eric is checking phone/internet access in new office.**
- **Eric will attend CD staff meeting on 10/3 to discuss new NRCS agreements.**
- **Eric will also serve as executive director of RI RC&D Council.**

D. Projects: Nothing new to report.

III. NRCS: District Conservationist report was distributed.

- **Cost list for practices has been regionalized for 15 practices; rest of practices will be regionalized in FY 2012.**
- **High tunnels have moved from pilot to national practice. After hurricane Irene, EWP funding is available.**

IV. SCC:

- **There is a meeting with Rupert Friday scheduled for 10/3 to discuss CD's possible role in maximizing land trusts use of their holdings for agriculture.**

V. Old Business:

- **SRICD will request a written proposal from one of the people who submitted resume for District Manager position for the development of a strategic plan.**

VI. New Business:

A. Budget:

- **2011-12 Budget was distributed. It reflects a small deficit that should be eliminated with new agreements and projects.**

B. Staffing Needs:

- **With new NRCS agreements and other potential work being discussed, there will be a need for additional staffing. Eric will review applicants for District Manager position to see if there are any qualified applicants.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Next meeting: October 24 @ 4:00 p.m.