

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

October 24, 2011

Vice Chair Rudi Hempe called meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Present: Chair: Clarkson Collins; Directors: Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Harvey Buford; NRCS: John Richard, J. Eric Sherer; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee; Matt Deane, Cindy Kwolek.

I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 9/26/11 Board meeting: Harriet/Harvey; unanimous.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's: A motion was made to approve the financial reports as presented: Harriet/Harvey; unanimous.

B. Chair: Clark will report on current projects later in meeting.

C. District Manager:

- Eric introduced Matt Deane and Cindy Kwolek to Boar and**

discussed their qualifications to work on existing and potential agreements/contracts.

- Eric is consulting with Kris Stuart to develop a proposal for stormwater management in five South Kingstown watersheds. If hired, Matt would take lead on project. Eric also sees a role for Matt on the NRCS Rivers agreement to be conducted in ERICD.
- Eric would like Cindy to work on SCC's Outreach and Geese agreements with NRCS and on RC&D's grant to complete Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook. He also would like her to become a TSP on pollinators and organic transition.
- Eric is exploring phone and computer options.
- A motion was made to add two staff positions to pursue expanding opportunities: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.

D. Projects:

NRLT:

- Doug is still working on deliverables.
- Eric, Kris and Matt will meet to develop a draft proposal four South Kingstown.

Geese 2012:

- Using cottontail initiative, areas of SRICD will be a focus for this year's geese abatement agreement.

III. NRCS: Written update distributed.

- **Training on EQIP/WHIP rules underway.**
- **Four (4) National Initiatives are; 1) Energy, 2) Air Quality, 3) Organic, 4) High Tunnels.**
- **Ranking dates have been established.**

IV. SCC:

- **New NRCS agreements previously discussed.**
- **Budget: NRICD will contribute 50% of required overhead with ERICD and SRICD each contributing 25%.**
- **SCC's ag techs will work with Gloucester Land Trust to develop a FFOS style farm conservation plan for one of their properties as a pilot program. Rupert Friday coordinated this trial to meet the need for agricultural lands held by land trusts to be used to their best potential.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Next meeting: November 21 @ 4:00 p.m.