

Southern Rhode Island Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

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

November 21, 2011

Chair Clarkson Collins called meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Chair: Clarkson Collins; Directors: Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Harvey Buford; Carl Sawyer; NRCS: John Richard, J. Eric Scherer; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee; Matt Deane, Becca Buckler.

I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 10/24/11 Board meeting: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.

II. Reports

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

B. Chair: A motion was made to issue a check to the SCC for \$8,015.00 for additional state allocation issued to SRICD but traditionally split between all Districts: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.

C. District Manager:

- **Matt is working on South Kingstown storm water proposal and is available for field work on Rivers agreement.**
- **Jo-Anne Pacheco has been hired and has been training in ag tech training. Eric expects to have Jo-Anne work on RC&D assessments as well.**
- **Kris Stuart has agreed to provide oversight on storm water proposal/project.**
- **Eric continues to upgrade office equipment.**

III. NRCS: District conservation report distributed.

- **A training session on NRCS FY 2012 policy will be held on 12/9 for partners.**
- **NCS will be implementing a pre-screening tool for ranking applications. High and medium prioritized applications will be ranked. Low prioritized applications will be assigned to a planner.**

IV. SCC:

- **A series of NRCS workshops will be held the first week in December. SRICD will host one on 12/8 at Bldg 75/East Farm.**
- **The SCC will hold a planning session in mid-December to address gaps in tech services provided to landowners and possible role in CD's can play in filling those gaps. Board input is sought.**

- **The SCC will pay to develop a website, RIConservation.org, which will be a central hub with links to individual websites for CD's and partners. Each will maintain its own domain name.**

V. Old Business:

- **NRLT: Waiting for final review by Board of NRLT.**

VI. New Business:

- **Strategic Plan: Clark will schedule a 45 minute meeting at 3:15 on 12/19 to discuss strategic plan process proposed by Peter Conopask.**

VII. Other:

- **Becca Buckler, who will be conducting an equipment bank feasibility study for RIACD, introduced herself to Board. She asked Board for suggestion/input.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:11.