

Board Members attending: Clark Collins, Chair, Rudi Hempe, Vice Chair, Harriett Powell, Secretary, Carl Sawyer, Board Member, Harvey Buford, Board Member, Eric Scherer, ED, Matt Deane, Dir. of Water Resources, John Richard, District Conservationist, NRCS.

Excused: Jo-Anne Pacheco, Director of Outreach and Programs.

Guests: Peter Conopask, Principal, Make IT Happen!

I. Meeting was called to order by Clark Collins, Chair at 4PM

Clark introduced the guest, Peter Conopask to the Board and other in attendance and asked if we could proceed with agenda item VII. A. and Mr. Conopask's presentation on a proposal submitted and sent out by Clark to Board and staff on the development of a strategic plan for the Conservation District. Everyone was in agreement.

Mr. Conopask's presentation centered around the basics of his approach to the strategic planning process that he would propose to the Conservation district and how to develop a 2 to 5 year plan, looking at a generic approach to the planning process and make it a living document. Mr. Conopask would act as a facilitator to the District and structure the process to as a phased process through 3 to 4 planning sessions. Several questions were raised on gathering input from constituents and how the process would be used to develop a business plan. It was recommended to gather information

generated at the two conservation partners meetings hosted by NRCS (John Richard was asked to check with Jackie Pashnik to see if this information was available to use by the Conservation District). A price of \$500 per session was discussed.

A motion was presented by Harriet Powell and seconded by Rudi Hempe to approve the four sessions for the total amount of \$2,000 based up the proposal developed by Mr. Conopask. Motion was approved. A schedule of meetings was agreed to for having the next Board meeting January 23rd, the first strategic planning session on January 30th at 4 PM.

II. Minutes of the November 21, 2011 SRICD meeting were presented. A motion by Harriet Powell and seconded by Rudi Hempe to accept the minutes as presented was passed.

III. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

The Treasure's Reports on the Profit and Loss / Budget vs. Actual and the Reconciliation Detail were presented. There was some confusion on the Reports as the P&L B vs. A only had pages 1 Of 4 and 3 of 4 presented (pages 2 and 4 of 4 were missing). It was recommended to accept the Report as presented (with clarification next meeting on missing information at next meeting) by Harriet Powell and seconded by Carly Sawyer. Motion passed.

B. Chair's Report

Clark presented a brief update.

C. District Manager's Report

A written Report was presented by Eric to the Board for the file. Eric answered several questions by the Board on his report. Eric reported on the success of the first SRICD outreach meeting to the public held at East Farm and thanked Carl and Rudi for attending.

IV. NRCS

John presented the new cost list for Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) and the current applications number for the USDA Farm Bill program – it looks like a great success so far for new applications.

V. SCC

Tabled

VI. Old Business

None presented

VII. New Business

A. Strategic Plan (see above)

VIII. Other

Next meeting: January 23rd at Master Gardner's office at 4 PM.