

# **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

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

**February 27, 2012**

**Chair Clarkson Collins called meeting to order at 3:05 pm.**

**Present: Chair: Clarkson Collins; Directors: Harriet Powell, Rudi Hempe, Harvey Buford; Carl Sawyer; NRCS: John Richard, J. Eric Sherer; Ramona LeBlanc.**

**I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 1/23/12 meeting as amended:**

**• II - D. Agreements: SRICD is investigating sharing office space with RC&D: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.**

## **II. Reports**

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

**B. Chair: Clark revised town funding letters which have been sent to all towns in District.**

### **C. District Manager: written report distributed.**

- **Geese Workshop at Richmond Grange was lightly attended but contacts were made with several interested municipalities.**
- **TMDL submitted to South Kingstown after the deadline to have it on record. This was done to avoid competition with private sector.**
- **A motion was made to receive the District Manager's activity report: Harriet/Rudi; unanimous.**

### **III. NRCS:**

- **District Conservationist summary report, along with a map of focal area for NE Cottontail initiative, were distributed.**
- **WHIP funding in RI will be for cottontail. However, funds have not been released to states yet.**
- **15 EQIP contracts have been signed in SRICD with 21 additional applications in process.**
- **21 applications for High Tunnels have been received and are waiting for release of funds from HQ.**

### **IV. SCC: SCC and District Chairs met with DEM Director Janet Coit.**

### **V. Old Business:**

- **NRLT: Ramona will invoice for GIS work completed.**
- **Ag Council: Eric and Jo-Anne will attend March 15 meeting.**

## **VI. New Business:**

- **Building:** Eric meeting with several contractors and is investigating grant funding for rehab of empty building at East Farm with idea of co-locating with several other groups.
- A motion was made for Eric to continue to investigate and to develop a plan of action: Harriet/Harvey; unanimous.

**Motion to adjourn @ 4:00 : Harriet/Carl; unanimous.**

**Next Meeting: 3/26 @ 4:00.**