



SRICD Minutes
URI Master Gardner's Building
3:30 to 6:00 pm, April 28, 2014

Present: Clark Collins, Chair; Harvey Buford, Treasurer; Harriet Powell, Secretary; Carl Sawyer, Board Member; Eric Scherer, Associate Member; Kate Bosquet, District Manager; Rick Pace, Consultant; Andy Radin, Guest.

Harvey brought the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

Minutes: Harriet asked that in the interests of her ego, to have her name on the agenda associated with the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, Carl, Harriet, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: (No written report). Harvey reported that the financial record was caught up. (Clark arrived at 4:11 and assumed the chair). And have the figures to date. We are 75% through our fiscal year and should adopt our new budget in June. Would like that discussion on the agenda. Kate will be up to speed with Quikbooks by that time. Eric agreed that May meeting should include a budget discussion and suggested that preliminary figures be sent out to Board members. A further discussion touched on comparison of SRICD figures for the past three years, but comparison with only last year was felt to be more significant. As no formal report, no motion was made.

Chair's Report. Clark discussed the properties he manages for the SKLT and how SRICD could assist in maximizing environmental practices, including helping implement grants, both procured and possibly upcoming, relative to the various properties he manages. Both SRICD and SDLT would benefit. SKLT properties are dedicated to different agricultural goals, needing different strategies to manage. Matching soils with goals, invasive control and well location determination were discussed as possibilities.

District Manager's Report (a written report was submitted and is filed with these minutes) Kate discussed Perry Raso's tour on May 7th; the URI Spring Festiva; that Ag Tech efforts going well; need for FFOS policy to be finalized; borrowed boat storage location (East Farm); conclusion of Hopkinton effort; SKLT efforts; visit to the LCNK; NK submission; Frosty Drew educational undertaking for 3rd grade equivalent on geology topic (plate tectonics); liability increase for SRICD; attendance at NK Environmental Fair; Farmer's Daughter on August 10th.

NRCS Jon Richard of NRCS was not in attendance.

RISCC. Ramona sent updated financials and updated activities of the SCC. Harvey moved to accept Ramona's financial report, Harriet seconded. Unanimous. Per info from the SCC report., the SCC will not be doing Farm plans, these will be done by the Districts and it is up to them to determine what planners will receive for this work. It was determined that plan writers would be paid \$25.00/hr for 20 hours for plans. Plan writers would be responsible for own expenses. Harvey said that they would be paid for 20 hours at \$25.00 per hour, but works out to \$35.00 per hour. Harriet moved and Harvey seconded and unanimous. Harcey made an amended motion, which states thea planners would not be considered independent contractors but salaried employees, Harriet, Harvey, unanimous. (Why considered to be making the equivalent of \$35.00/hr.).

As the meeting was running long all unaddressed agenda items were to be discussed at the next meeting in May.

Executive Session: Since a personnel matter, not included in the regular minutes. Kate has the information on the outcome of that executive meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 followed by the Executive Session which lasted 22 minutes.

Submitted by Harriet Powell, Secretary, SRICD