

**SOUTHERN RHODE ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2015  
AT THE URI MASTER GARDENER FIELD HOUSE**

Present: Clark Collins, Chair; Harvey Buford, Treasurer; Carl Sawyer, Secretary; Antonia Bryson, Guest; Kate Bousquet, District Manager.

**I. Clark called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.**

**II. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Harvey noted that he did not give a presentation at the Land and Water Summit as reported in the March minutes. Carl will make correction. Motion made to approve the amended minutes from the Mar. 23, 2015 meeting. Harvey, Carl, unanimous.

**III. Reports**

**Financial Statement:** Harvey submitted Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement for approval. Motion to accept approved. Harvey, Carl, unanimous. Report on file.

**District Manager's Report:** Kate submitted updated report of SRICD projects. Report attached. Kate noted that the meeting with the auditor went well.

**NRCS Report:** No report. John Richard is still out on medical leave.

**Envirothon:** No report. Noted that the Envirothon will be held at the Champlin Scout Reservation on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Ag Council Report:** Carl noted that Kristen Castrotaro, Ag Council President solicited photos of member organization activities to develop a display for Ag Day at the Statehouse. Kate will send photos.

**RISCC Report:** Clark noted that Ramona Leblanc has resigned from administrative duties at the SCC. The SCC has begun strategic planning sessions. Ken Ayars is checking into whether the proposed MOU between NOFARI and the SCC might be more appropriately between the RIACD and NOFARI.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. **Board Position update.** Antonia reported that she has nearly all of the signatures required for appointment.
- B. **Budget subcommittee.** Meeting has been rescheduled to March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

**V. New Business**

**A. Integration of Land Management Plans.** Harvey noted that the Hopkinton Land Trust would like to see coordination between Forestry, Farm and Wildlife management plans to avoid duplication and conflicts.

**B. East Farm Spring Festival.** Kate and Kat Zuromski will set up SRICD display at the Festival on May 9. Carl will help in the morning.

**C. New England Farm and Food Fund letter of support.** On April 20, 2015 an electronic vote was requested on a motion by Clark, seconded by Carl, to write a letter of support for a CIG proposal by New England Farm and Food Fund. After discussion, the Board felt that there was not enough time to fully understand the project proposal in order to provide a letter of support by the April 25 deadline. There was a unanimous electronic vote of nay. A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Harvey to confirm the electronic vote on the motion above with members present. Motion unanimously approved.

**Motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM.** Harvey, Carl.

**The next Board meeting will be held at 4:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the URI Master Gardener Field House. The budget Committee will meet at 3:00 PM.**

Minutes submitted by Carl Sawyer, Secretary, SRICD