

**SOUTHERN RHODE ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 25, 2016
AT THE TILTED BARN FARM**

Present: Carl Sawyer, Secretary; Rudi Hempe, Dir.; Antonia Bryson, Dir.; Kate Bousquet, District Manager.

I. Rudi called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM following a tour of the farm let by owner Matt Richardson.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was decided to table approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

III. Reports

Financial Statement: Kate submitted Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement for approval. Motion to accept approved. Rudi, Antonia, unanimous. Report on file. Kate will meet with the accountant in August to close out books. Kate said she has sent letters to Southern District legislators requesting bridge funding. Kate reported on July 6, 2016 meeting of Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts (RIACD) to discuss recent cut of District funding by legislature. In summary, RIACD already has RI Foundation grant for State Conservation Committee (RISCC). Ken Payne will be working on restoration of permanent State funding of Districts. Minutes of that meeting are attached.

NRCS Report: No report.

RI State Conservation Committee Report: Kate reported on July 7, 2016 meeting held at RI Nurseries in Middletown. Minutes attached. Of note, there was much discussion of District funding situation. Many action items toward restoration of State funding have been completed, and many more in the works – see minutes for details.

District Manager's Report: Kate presented written report which is filed with minutes. Of note, Geese Abatement Project coming to a close; new kiosk development project with West Greenwich Land Trust. Hopkinton and West Greenwich mapping progress report submitted by Naomi Andrews.

IV. Old Business

- A. Director Appointments:** Kate noted that Rudi and Clark need to obtain signatures for reappointment. She will send forms to both.

V. New Business

- A. Set date for SRICD legislative outreach:** Will be held at the South Kingstown Land Trust barn from 4-5:30PM with date to be set depending on barn availability. Town planners and Council presidents will be invited.
- B. Other:** None.

Motion to adjourn at 4:47 PM. Antonia, Carl.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 22, 2016 at the Dana Millar property in Richmond.

Minutes submitted by Carl Sawyer, Secretary, SRICD