



Eastern Connecticut RC&D

Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.
24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon CT 06066 * (860) 373-7408 * www.easternrcd-ct.org

John Guskowski, President
Lois Bruinooge, Vice President
Barbara Kelly, Treasurer
Margot Burns, Secretary

**Eastern CT RC&D Area Council
Annual Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2014
Middlesex UConn Extension Center
Haddam, CT**

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Barbara Kelly, John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Jim Larkin, Margot Burns, Tom O'Dell, Lois Bruinooge, Jennifer Kaufman

Other Attendees: Elaine Sych, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Francis Pickering, Jim Sipperly, Dan Mullins, Bryan Hurlburt

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 11:35pm

President's Address:

This year's Annual Meeting less formal than previous years due to pending merger of the Council with King's Mark RC&D in the coming months.

Jim Gooch and Paula Stahl have resigned as board members. The Council thanked them for their work and time.

Secretary's Report –

Motion made by Barbara Kelly, 2ed by Judy Rondeau, to accept meeting minutes from the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2014-2015 Annual Plan of Work –

Motion made by Barbara Kelly, 2ed by Margot Burns, to adopt the 2014-2015 annual plan of work. Motion carried unanimously.

2014-2015 Annual Budget –

Motion made by Barbara Kelly, 2ed by Jennifer Kaufman, to approve the 3 month RC&D budget and approve 3 month ERT budget based on the consent of the ERT subcommittee consent of the proposed ERT budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers –

Motion made by Jennifer Kaufman, 2ed by Jim Larkin, to nominate the proposed slate of officers to serve until the merger and more unified and diversified slate of officers can be created. Motion carried unanimously. President will be John Guskowski, Vice-President Lois Bruinooge, Secretary Margot Burns, and Treasurer Barbara Kelly.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

Motion made by Barbara Kelly, 2ed by Judy Rondeau, to adjourn the regular meeting and continue the annual meeting at 11:55. Motion carried.

Partner Updates -

USDA Crop Insurance Program – Bryan Hurlburt of USDA-FSA was at task force meeting in Windsor. USDA paying attention to smaller states in northeast and its different kinds of agriculture. Job postings for farm loan administrator and program technician.

Motion made by Jennifer Kaufman, 2nd by Jim Larkin to change the new bylaws to include ampersand in the new State wide council name CT RC&D Area, Inc. instead of “and.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Jennifer Kaufman, 2ed by Lois Bruinooge, to support partnership on a RCPP pre application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Larkin to Adjourn Annual Meeting, 2ed by Margot Burns at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Burns, Secretary