



Connecticut RC&D

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RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 16, 2014
Tolland County Agricultural Center
24 Hyde Avenue
Route 30
Vernon, CT 06066

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Margot Burns, Mark Nielsen, Aaron Budris, John S. Weedon, Sal DeCarli, Jim Costello, Barbara Kelly (late to meeting)

Board Member not in attendance: Lois Bruinooge, Francis Pickering

Other Attendees: Raymond Covino, Pat Young, Liz Aaronsohn, Peggy Hall, Mike O'Neill, Steve Anderson

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:30am. 12 members to date, 7 constitutes a quorum, 8 members present. UConn Extension possible new partner. Valley and Naugatuck COG joining, yet to be determined who the representative will be.

Secretaries Report:

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes from October 27, 2014 as amended.

Motion Made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Kelly and Francis Pickering not present

Motion: To file budget.

Motion made by: Jim Costello

Seconded by: Sal DeCarli

Voted: Motion approved unanimously

Environmental Review Team (*Contact Elaine for distributed report*)

Elaine Sych not present. Discussion on whether or not CKCC should be a sponsor for the CLCC conference and have a table.

Farm Energy Program (*Contact Amanda for distributed Report*)

Amanda Fargo Johnson not present.

Advocate Train the Trainer and Slaughter House grants are now closed. The open house for the slaughter house grant was held in November.

Agviability grant submitted concerning helping farmers navigate through climate change.

Soil Health

There is a potential to partner with New England States and New York for a meeting possibly to be held in November of next year. Next CT workshop to be held in the Spring.

Motion: To proceed with an MOU with Salmon River Association on researching the topic with the Financial Administrator of RiverCOG.

Motion Made by: Mark Nielsen

Seconded by: Jim Costello

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: In the occurrence that a transfer of title is possible and CRCOG is not assuming title of Urban Oakes food truck CT RC&D will temporarily assume title while Urban Oakes seeks their own 501-3c status and if Urban Oakes covers all expenses and includes Ct RC&D as a named insured on Urban Oakes insurance policy for the food truck.

Motion Made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Mark Nielsen

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion concerning policy and procedure for informal groups and fiscal sponsorship by CT RC&D.

CT RC&D Organizational Details

Membership outreach should be done with CTCOG's and Conservation Commissions.

Motion: To accept John Weedon as Vice Chair

Motion Made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Sal DeCarli

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

CT RC&D needs consolidated financial statement. There should be a finance committed for long term and short term budget planning.

Partnership Updates

CT Farmland Trust

New program to buy temporary conservation easements.

UCONN Extension

New Farmer Bucket List, a collaborative project <http://newctfarmers.com/new-farmer-bucket-list/>

RCPP Statewide Grant to be announced in a month.

Next Meeting Date: February 24th, 9:30am, location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26am