



# Eastern Connecticut RC&D

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## Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council Meeting Minutes Meeting Minutes Monday, December 17, 2013 238 West Town St. Norwich, CT

**Board Members in Attendance:** Barbara Kelly, Lois Bruinooge, John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Jim Larkin, Margot Burns (phone)

**Board Member not in attendance:** Jim Gooch, Tom Seidel, , Paula Stahl, Tom O'Dell, Jennifer Kaufman

**Other Attendees:** Sal DeCarli, Elaine Sych, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Javier Cruz, Amy Patterson

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 12:09pm

### Secretaries Report:

**Motion:** to accept the meeting minutes from October 28, 2013

**Motion Made by:** Barb

**Seconded by:** Lois

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Abstention:** N/A

### Treasurer's Report

Reviewed Financial Statement, Profit/Loss Statement, and Project Accounting.

**Motion:** to enter the financial statement into the records

**Motion Made by:** Lois

**Seconded by:** Judy

**Voted:** Motion passed

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

ERT updated the Board on recent and continuing projects and distributed a report of activities.

**Motion:** To allow John to sign the resolution (as read aloud) (see attached) authorizing John Guskowski to enter into contracts on behalf of Eastern Connecticut RC&D

**Motion Made by:** Lois

**Seconded by:** Jim

**Voted:** Motion passed



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**Motion:** To allow John to sign the resolution acknowledging that Eastern Connecticut RC&D complies with the nondiscrimination agreement (as read aloud) (See Attached).

**Motion Made by:** Barb

**Seconded by:** Judy

**Voted:** Motion passed

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

Amanda updated the Board on current project, and upcoming events.

## Project Manager Update

- Peat 319: received payment before contract period expired payment will be disbursed to subcontractors. Project is still continuing, and a new extension is being drafted
- Lake Shore Management: Working with Chuck Lee to develop a final invoice to F&O.
- Soil Health Workshops: Planning next workshops
  - **Motion:** to authorize John to enter into an agreement with the North Central Conservation District to Produce the Regenerative Soil Solutions Report in accordance with the RC&D Contract with NRCS for the amount of \$7,500.00.  
**Motion Made by:** Lois  
**Seconded by:** Jim L.  
**Abstention:** Barb  
**Voted:** Motion passed
- Advocate: Train the Trainer will be on January 25, 2014 at Goodwin College in East Hartford.
- Value Chain Partnership: Rumors they were doing small scale USDA processing were incorrect. Working with Brothers on equipment purchases. John has drafted an agreement and conditions of the equipment being purchased (see attached). Looking for Brothers to finalize equipment list for increasing processing capabilities.
  - **Motion:** to revise draft agreement John presented to the board, and have it reviewed by a qualified attorney, and then authorize Lois to sign the agreement on behalf of RC&D.  
**Motion Made by:** Lois  
**Seconded by:** Barb  
**Voted:** Motion passed

## Committee Reports

*Agriculture* - Has not met.

*Greenways* - Has not met



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*Sustainable Communities* - Has not met, but did provide a handout with some updates

## New Business

### CLCC

- Amy Patterson from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council was present at the meeting to request that RC&D support the upcoming conference. The board believes that because of the new ERT mission that ERT should consider sponsoring the conference, and that it would be an excellent venue for them to showcase their new focus areas.

### Membership

- Carry over to next meeting

### GeoLab

- The council was left with more questions than answers after the presentation about GeoLab. John is going to contact the North Country RC&D and see if he could get more information. Overall consensus was that GeoLab was not well aligned with the Eastern CT RC&D mission.

## Old Business

- RPO Reorganization/Membership

## Partner Updates

### NRCS

- Farm Bill extended for another month. Applications periods are currently open. Soil Health webinars are coming up in February.

## Adjourn

Next meeting, 12:00pm February 24, 2014 at the Tolland Agricultural Center in Vernon, CT

**Motion:** to adjourn at 1:33pm

**Motion Made by:** Barb

**Seconded by:** Judy

**Voted:** Motion passed