



Eastern Connecticut RC&D

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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 28, 2014 24 Hyde Ave. Vernon, CT

Board Members in Attendance: Barbara Kelly, John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Jim Larkin, Margot Burns

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

Other Attendees: Sal DeCarli, Elaine Sych, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Francis Pickering, Raymond Covino

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 12:15pm

Secretaries Report:

Motion: to accept the meeting minutes from February 24, 2014

Motion Made by: Barb

Seconded by: Judy

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: Margot

Seconded by: Jim L.

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.

Farm Energy Program (Contact Amanda for distributed Report)

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



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Motion: To allow the Farm Energy Program to assist the New England Farm Energy Collaborative as detailed in the handout provided by Amanda.

Motion Made by: Barb

Seconded by: Margot

Voted: Motion passed

Project Manager Update

- Peat 319: Project is awaiting new contract from DEEP
- Lake Shore Management: Project Concluded
- Soil Health Workshops: Next workshop planned for June 7th
- Advocate: Train the Trainer: Fairly successful conference with 50-60 people in attendance.
- Value Chain Partnership: Open house scheduled to showcase new capabilities and equipment.

Committee Reports

Motion: To dissolve the Agriculture, Greenways, and Sustainable Communities subcommittees.

Motion Made by: Margot

Seconded by: Judy

Voted: Motion passed

New Business

Annual Meeting

- Will explore options in Hartford for the annual meeting. This will allow the meeting to be centrally located in hope of a Kings Mark-Eastern merger

2014-2015 Budget

- A separate meeting will be scheduled at a later time to discuss the budget.

Executive Director

- Continue to future meeting once a “merger option” and its details have been ironed out

Old Business

RC&D Merger

Motion: To support the structure of the presented MOU between Kings Mark and Eastern, and authorize the signing of the MOU by Eastern CT RC&D.

Motion Made by: Barb

Seconded by: Margot



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Voted: Motion passed

Motion: Should Kings Mark not be able to get a quorum by May 23rd Eastern will write a letter to the Connecticut Secretary of State, and inform her of the status of Kings Mark

Motion Made by: Barb

Seconded by: Margot

Voted: Motion passed

New By-laws

- Continue until a future meeting once the future merger of Kings Mark and Eastern is better organized and a decision has been made

Partner Updates

(none)

Adjourn

Next meeting, 12:00pm June 23, 2014 (Annual Meeting) location TBD

Motion: to adjourn at 1:50pm

Motion Made by: Judy

Seconded by: Jim

Voted: Motion passed