



Connecticut RC&D

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Barbara Kelly, Treasurer
Margot Burns, Secretary

RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2014
Conference Room
City of Middletown Water & Sewer Department
82 Berlin Street, Middletown CT

Board Members in Attendance: Barbara Kelly, John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Margot Burns, Lois Bruinooge, Mark Nielsen, Aaron Budris, John S. Weedon, Francis Pickering

Board Member not in attendance: Sal DeCarli, Jim Sipperly

Other Attendees: Raymond Covino, Elaine Sych, Carol Donzella, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Pat Young, Javier Cruz, Amy B. Paterson

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. 9 current letters of appointment received with 2 pending.

Secretaries Report:

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes from August 24, 2014

Motion Made by: Judy

Seconded by: Barbara

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

No report to be made at this time but the former Eastern CT RC&D and King's Mark treasuries need to be merged and new signature cards need to be signed.

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 projects, and upcoming events.

Motion: To ratify nondiscrimination policy and enter into lease with UConn Extension – Haddam for 1 year extension.

Motion Made by: Barbara

Seconded by: Mark

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

AGvocate and slaughterhouse Grants

Only item left for slaughterhouse Grant is open house.

Soil Health Workshops

Nov. 4th workshop, South Hall, South Windsor – 40 signed up. There is a 2 yr. contract for doing 4 workshops. The next will be after planting season.

CT RC&D Organizational Details

Eastern CT RC&D bylaws have been modified to reflect changes for/to CT RC&D Area.
Letter from Francis Pickering for petition to become board member.

Motion: To accept petition.

Motion Made by: Mark

Seconded by: Lois

Discussion: Barbara spoke in favor of.

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

CT RC&D will be officially incorporated Nov. 1, 2014.

Organization should present to CARPO and outreach to conservation districts.

Discussion concerning the change of meeting dates and teleconference capabilities.

Next couple of months should be used to think about officer nominations, to increase membership, and to look at organizational capacity and staffing needs.

Motion: To allow treasurer and bookkeeper to pay programmatic expenses or professional services needed to complete merger.

Motion Made by: Lois

Seconded by: Judy

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Pat Young, Salmon River Association. Discussion concerning CT RC&D becoming their fiscal sponsor.

Discussion concerning possible AGviability grant - a guide to help farmers navigate through climate change. Francis to investigate match component.

Jim Sipperly will be going to New England RC&D meeting.

Partner Updates:

Sam Gold new Executive Director for RiverCOG.

Next Meeting – Dec. 16th 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55pm.