



Connecticut RC&D

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RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
9:30- 11:30am,
deKoven House
27 Washington Street
Middletown, CT

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Jim Costello, Margot Burns, Sal DeCarli, Mark Nielsen, Barbara Kelly, Lois Bruinooge

Board Members not in attendance: Francis Pickering, John Weedon, Jim Sipperly, Judy Rondeau

Other Attendees: Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Chuck Lee CT DEEP, Tom Morgart NRCS

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m..

The meeting began with introductions and welcome to Tom Morgart, NRCS CT State Conservationist.

Ct RC&D Business:

Secretaries Report

Motion: To accept the December 15, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion: Amanda will send edits for Ag. Resiliency program language.

Motion made by: Jim Costello

Seconded by: Sal DeCarli

Voted: Motion approved unanimously with corrections.

Financial Reporting

Profit and Loss Statement was provided for 7/1/15 – 12/9/15.

Motion: To receive Profit & Loss Statement into files.

Motion made by: Sal DeCarli

Seconded by: Margot Burns

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion concerned the need to hire a new bookkeeper because of the departure of the current bookkeeper. She will remain to help the new hire through the transition. Barbara is interviewing bookkeeper company. Agricultural grants need to be reviewed with Amanda.

Project Updates:

Ct DEEP

Payment for 319 2010 grant has been processed and left the Water Bureau on November 27th. EPA wants a peer review but final payment has been made. Amanda will help organize the review. They are working on getting out the RFP for the 2016 319 Grants. Turnaround time will be a month or 2. There is not as much money for broad ranging planning projects.

CT DEEP is interested in partnering with CT RC&D. CT RC&D should contact Chuck Lee with any questions.

There is a DEEP Report coming soon concerning PA 12-155, An Act Concerning Phosphorus Reductions in State Waters, from the Coordinating Committee and 3 working groups.

Agricultural Program: (Contact Amanda for distributed Report)

Amanda would like a program specialist hired to help with the Agricultural Program.

Salmon River Watershed Partnership:

Pat Young not in attendance but Amanda passed out 2 handouts – *Project Updates December 15, 2015* and *Outreach Activities Related to Storm water & Water Quality*.

Urban Oakes

Urban Oakes has ceased to exist but has received a \$5,000 check from UIL.

Motion: To accept \$5,000 donation check from UIL to distribute with the help of Liz Aronson to an organization in New Britain for urban agricultural purposes because Urban Oaks has ceased to exist.

Motion made by: Lois Bruinooge

Seconded by: Sal DeCarli

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

CACIWC

CACIWC is interested in exploring partnership with RC&D. They are in need of administrative assistance with things such as training, Habitat newsletter, and annual conference. They are a standalone 501c3 that is funded by dues. Assisting CACIWC is part of the ERT mission.

Motion: To send a letter of interest to CACIWC concerning partnership opportunities.

Motion made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Jim Costello

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Organizational Capacity & Hiring:

The Executive Committee chose 2 candidates of interest out of the 4 candidates that were interviewed. Both candidates will be invited back for a second interview. An Executive Director program time allocation profile needs to be created. It was decided that all board members could participate in the next round of interviews.

Office Consolidation:

Space needs to be thought about because Amanda stated that she needs help on a contract basis by Feb. 1st.

Office location possibilities were discussed and it was decided to stay at the UConn Extension Office in Haddam.

Motion: To extend the lease authorization amendment of UConn lease for the Haddam office for \$344.79/month and reaffirm the minority discrimination declaration.

Motion made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Sal DeCarli

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held Feb. 22nd from 9:30 – 11:30am. Tentatively to be held at deKoven House.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:55

Motion made by: Sal DeCarli

Seconded by: Mark Nielsen

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Burns
Secretary