



Connecticut RC&D

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RC&D Council Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2016
2pm
Via Teleconference

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Jim Costello, Margot Burns, Aaron Budris for Mark Nielsen, Mark Goetz, Lois Bruinooge, John Weedon, Barbara Kelly, Sal DeCarli

Board Members not in attendance: Matt Fulda, Francis Pickering, Jim Sipperly

Other Attendees: Jeanne Davies, Amanda Fargo-Johnson

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 2:04pm and explained the purpose of the teleconference and determined a quorum was present.

FY 2016/2017 Budget and Financial Policies Procedures:

The 2016/ 2017 Budget and a new Account, Policies, and Procedures Manual were reviewed.

Motion: To adopt the presented Account, Policies, and Procedures Manual with suggested edits.

Motion made by: Judy Rondeau

Seconded by: Sal DeCarli

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

2016 – 2017 Annual Work Plan:

The 2015/2016 Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and discussed with particular discussion focusing on sections 2.2, 2.31, and 2.34.

Grant Resolutions:

FMPP:

Motion: To apply for and obtain for/on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. through the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) for a Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the creation of a Connecticut farmer's market association startup and agriculture geospatial database project and that we authorize Jeanne Davies, Executive Director to enter into a contract on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Motion made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Margot Burns

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

CIG:

Motion: To apply for and obtain for/on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. through the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) a Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Agvocate Program to implement a pilot project of organic no-till/soil health equipment on farms in Connecticut and that we authorize Jeanne Davies, Executive Director to enter into a contract on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Discussion concerned how the equipment would be managed from payment per acre at a reduced price to storage and maintenance. It was suggested that a fee of \$20/hr. for usage would be a good rate.

There are emergency management equipment sharing models that would be useful.

Motion made by: Judy Rondeau

Seconded by: Barbara Kelly

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

CT DEEP SEP:

Motion: To apply for/on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) a contribution agreement in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the soil health initiative and that we authorize Jeanne Davies, Executive Director to enter into a contract on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Motion made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: To correct error on the presented written resolution from \$15,00.00 for the Soil Health Initiative to the correct \$15,000.00 for the Soil Health Initiative and that we authorize Jeanne Davies, Executive Director to enter into a contract on behalf of CT RC&D Area, Inc. with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Margot Burns

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Rural Development:

Motion: To apply for a grant through Rural Development, USDA in the amount of \$90,000.

Motion mad by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: John Weedon

Voted: The motion was voted unanimously.

Annual Awards:

Motion: The annual awards will be reviewed by all board members and voted on by survey monkey.

Motion made by: Jim Costello

Seconded by: John Weedon

Meeting adjourned at 3:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Burns

Secretary