



Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc. Monday December 1, 2008 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc. was called to order at 11:00 p.m. by President John Guskowski.

Present: John Guskowski, WLA, President
Norma O'Leary, ECCD, Secretary
Elaine Sych, ERT
Wini Olson, CRERPA, Council Member
Barbara Kelly, NCCD
Joanna Winkler, NCCD

Paula Stahl, GVI
Elizabeth Rogers, NRCS
Amanda Fargo-Johnson, ERT
Tom O'Dell, CRCCD, Council member
Tom Seidel, SECCOG, Council member
Jim Larkin, NECCOG, Council Member

Secretary's Report:

Motion: To approve the minutes of 10/06/08

Motion Made by: Wini Olson

Seconded by: Norma O'Leary

Voted: Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report for RC&D and ERT for audit

Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary

Seconded by: Paula Stahl

Voted: Motion passed

Environmental Review Team:

Elaine Sych submitted a written report and discussed the status of requested and conducted reviews. Reviews are scheduled for December in Franklin, Enfield, and Mansfield. The Candlewood Lake Authority Study in New Fairfield and The Eisenhower Park study in Milford have been conducted and are waiting on reports from team members.

New Business:

John Guskowski

- **Capacity Building Strategy:** A committee was formed to develop a plan to address this issue and report at the next council meeting. Committee members are John Guskowski, Paula Stahl, Elaine Sych and Liz Rogers
- **Energy Audits, Rural Development:** Norma O'Leary and Liz Rogers reported on a meeting they had with Joanne Demars, USDA, Rural Development. Rural Development has an energy grant program that provides up to 25% cost share to farmers who are interested in installing energy conservation measures. Rural Development staff assists farmers with the development of the grants. They would like to expand the number of grants they receive and are offering grants up to \$50,000.00

to groups interested in working with the farmers on energy grant proposals and providing outreach on the availability of the program.

Motion: To apply for a Rural Development Grant to assist farmers with grant writing, provide outreach activities and assign project leadership to the agriculture committee.

Motion Made by: Paula Stahl

Seconded by: Norma O'Leary

Voted: Motion passed

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009 in the Brooklyn RC&D office

Business Meeting Adjourned 12:00

The business meeting was followed by a Holiday luncheon and networking session with representatives from King's Mark RC&D