



Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc.
Monday August 18, 2008
1:00-3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President John Guskowski.

Present: John Guskowski, WLA, President	Paula Stahl, GVI
Norma O'Leary, ECCD, Secretary	Elizabeth Rogers, NRCS
Elaine Sych, ERT	Amanda Fargo-Johnson, ERT
Wini Olson, CRERPA, Council Member	Lee Szruba, TRBP, Council member
Jana Butts, WINCOG	Tom Seidel, SECCOG, Council member

Secretary's Report:

Motion: To approve the minutes of 06/23/08, with corrections

Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary

Seconded by: Lee Szruba

Voted: Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report for audit

Motion Made by: Lee Szruba

Seconded by: Jana Butts

Voted: Motion passed

Environmental Review Team:

Elaine Sych submitted a written report and discussed the status of requested and conducted reviews. Reviews have recently been conducted in Southbury, Bolton and North Stonington.

The financial report for the ERT program was reviewed.

Motion: To accept the financial report for audit

Motion Made by: Lee Szruba

Seconded by: Tom Seidel

Voted: Motion passed

Greenways:

South Branch of the Park River (SBPR): A committee is working on the details of the ribbon cutting ceremony which will be held in Oct. The event will be held on a Saturday and include a neighborhood celebration with refreshments.

Motion: To allocate up to \$500.00 for the ribbon cutting ceremony

Motion Made by: Paula Stahl

Seconded by: Norma O'Leary

Voted: Motion passed

Livable Communities:

Tour des Farms (TDF): Eastern Ct RC&D will host TDF on September 20th in Simsbury. Kings Mark will hold their ride on September 27th in Shelton.

LULA: The LULA session in Lebanon will start in Oct and be held at Eastern CT State University in Willimantic.

Agriculture Committee:

Woodstock Marketing/Business Plan: The project is on schedule and the consulting firm is close to conceptualizing a viable digester/ manure solids business model.

North Canaan 319 Grant: Applications for the 2008, 319 grant program are being accepted until October 15th.

Motion: To apply for a 319 grant to continue the nutrient management project in North Canaan

Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary

Seconded by: Paula Stahl

Voted: Motion passed

Council on Soil and Water: The Council on Soil and Water will be a sponsor of the New England RC&D Conference.

New Business:

John Guskowski

- **Rebecca Augur, resignation letter:** Rebecca has accepted the position of assistant planner in Cheshire and submitted her resignation to the RC&D Council. The council wished Rebecca good luck in her new position. John and Liz will meet with CROG and ask them to appoint a representative to the RC&D Council.
- **Brownfields workshop funding and support:** The Council cosponsored a Brownfield workshop in May with CME and other partners. Working with the partners including GVI there is an opportunity to sponsor 2 Brownfield workshops, continuing the initiative that was started this spring.
Motion: To allocate up to \$1500.00 for 2 Brownfield workshops
Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary
Seconded by: Lee Szruba
Voted: Motion passed
- **"Ag Vocate" grant proposal:** RC&D working with The Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor's Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is working on a CT Dept of Agriculture's Agriculture Viability Grant proposal for an "Ag Vocate". The person in this position would be a liaison between the local communities and agricultural producers and partner with other statewide organizations including Working Lands Alliance to address challenges and issues faced by local agriculture.
Motion: To partner on a Agriculture Viability Grant for the "Ag Vocate"
Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary
Seconded by: Tom Seidel
Voted: Motion passed
- **LULA grant proposal, DOA**
Motion: To apply for the Agriculture Viability Grant for LULA
Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary
Seconded by: Jana Butts
Voted: Motion passed
- **Dues Request NACD**
Motion: To give \$50.00 in dues to NACD
Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary
Seconded by: Paula Stahl
Voted: Motion passed

- Liz is working with a committee that is looking at equine issues as they relate to natural resources including best management practices and nutrient management issues in CT. The committee would like RC&D's assistance with a grant application to the CT DOA Agriculture Viability Grant Program.

Motion: To partner on a Agriculture Viability Grant for equine issues.

Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary

Seconded by: Wini Olson

Voted: Motion passed

Old business:

- **National RC&D Meeting June 14-18 2009:** John will be attending the meeting
- **Award Nominations/NE RC&D Meeting:** John and Liz will work on writing the nominations
- **Board Development and Outreach:** This will be a council priority after the October Meeting
- **New England Association Meeting, Volunteers:** Amanda will work on a spreadsheet for the needed volunteers

The next planning meeting for the New England Conference is scheduled for Monday September 15th in the Brooklyn RC&D Office

The next RC&D Council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 6th at 1:00 in the Brooklyn RC&D Office. There will be a New England Conference planning meeting at 11:00 before the council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm