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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc.  
Monday August 27, 2007  
1:00-3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc. was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President John Guskowski.

Present: John Guskowski, President  
Norma O'Leary, Secretary  
Tom Seidel, Council Member  
Paula Stahl, Council Member  
Lee Szruba, Council member

Rebecca Augur, CRCOG, Vice President  
Elizabeth Rogers, NRCS  
Amanda Fargo-Johnson, ERT  
Barbara Kelly, NCCD, Treasurer

**Secretary's Report:**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of 06/25/07

**Motion Made by:** Norma O'Leary

**Seconded by:** Tom Seidel

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion:** To accept Treasurer's report as submitted

**Motion Made by:** Lee Szruba

**Seconded by:** Rebecca Augur

**Voted:** Motion passed

The Council requested a dated close out report for Fiscal Year 2007 for the RC&D and ERT programs to be made available at the next council meeting.

The RC&D office relocation from Tolland to Brooklyn will present a long commute for Heidi Cerrigione, the council's bookkeeper. Barbara Kelly recommended reviewing the current working arrangements with Heidi to compensate for the change.

**Motion:** To authorize the council's treasurer to negotiate the bookkeeping arrangements with Heidi Cerrigione

**Motion Made by:** Rebecca Augur

**Seconded by:** Norma O'Leary

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Environmental Review Team:**

Amanda Fargo-Johnson submitted a written report and discussed the status of requested and conducted reviews. Amanda discussed the use of GPS on reviews to locate tract points which are available for current reviews on the ERT website. The next ERT subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 5th

**Greenways:**

**South Branch of the Park River (SBPR):** DEP is requiring the council to enter into a licensing agreement with the state and the city of Hartford for the SBPR project

**Motion:** To enter into a License Agreement with CT DEP and The City of Hartford for the South Branch of The Park River Trail project.

**Motion Made by:** Rebecca Augur

**Seconded by:** Barbara Kelly

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Livable Communities:**

**Tour des Farms:** This year's Tour des Farms will be September 29<sup>th</sup> in Glastonbury.

**LULA:** The Council has received a \$35,000 grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for LULA. The grant money will be used to leverage other funds to conduct two LULA sessions in the spring of 2008. Last week the council submitted a \$13,000 grant proposal to the Greater Area Bridgeport Foundation to leverage NFWF funds for LULA. WINCOG and The Farmington River Watershed Association are interested in applying for separate grants under the CT DEP of Agriculture's, Agricultural Viability grant program to conduct LULA programs next fall.

**Middletown Agriculture Viability Grant:** RC&D has completed a document that identifies the Federal and state farmland preservation programs and funding sources, private funding sources for farmland preservation and creative land acquisition strategies.

**Agriculture Committee:**

**Woodstock Feasibility Study:** Wright-Pierce has completed the feasibility study. The next project meeting is scheduled for 8/29 at the Woodstock town hall, this will be a wrap up meeting for the feasibility study.

**Willingness to Pay Survey and Woodstock Feasibility Study:** The RC&D Council and GVI are partnering on a series of workshops on land use issues. The first workshop which will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> will highlight the results of the Willingness to Pay Survey, Woodstock Feasibility Study and the Fiscal Impact study for Lebanon. The second workshop which is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> will focus on Limited Development techniques and using regulations for land use protection. The third workshop which will be held in November will focus on transfer of development rights. The workshop date has not been set.

**Council on Soil and Water:**

The next meeting is scheduled for September. Barbara reported that much of the Council's time has been spent on the 2007 NACD Northeast Region meeting which was held earlier this month. Barbara will ask the Council if they will be available to assist RC&D with the planning of the fall 2008 NE RC&D Meeting. Barbara also discussed a grant project the Council has been working on. The project is a library of erosion and sedimentation control pictures that will be tied into the Erosion and Sedimentation Control manual.

**New Business:**

**John Guskowski**

**Enter into agreement with CT DEP for North Canaan 319 grant, \$144,796.00**

**Motion:** To enter into an agreement with CT DEP for North Canaan 319 grant, \$144,796.00 for a regional composting facility project.

**Motion Made by:** Barbara Kelly

**Seconded by:** Rebecca Augur

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Apply for 2008, 319 grant, North Canaan, Nutrient Management**

The Council decided by consensus to apply for the grant

**Enter into agreement with the Mystic Hilton, 2008 NE RC&D Meeting**

**Motion:** Enter into agreement with the Mystic Hilton, 2008 NE RC&D Meeting

**Motion Made by:** Rebecca Augur

**Seconded by:** Paula Stahl

**Voted:** Motion passed

**RC&D office move to Brooklyn**

The office will be relocating to Brooklyn by the end of September. The next Council meeting will be in the new location.

**CT Ag. In the Classroom, request donation**

**Motion:** To donate \$250 to Ag in the Classroom for books to be placed in the school system of Willimantic, East Hartford or New London

**Motion Made by:** Paula Stahl

**Seconded by:** Rebecca Augur

**Voted:** Motion passed

**NACD dues request**

**Motion:** To give \$50.00 to NACD for dues

**Motion Made by:** Barbara Kelly

**Seconded by:** Norma O'Leary

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Old business:****New England Association of RC&D Fall Conference 2008, CT**

Council members meet at 11:00 to start planning the fall conference

**New England Association of RC&D 2007 fall Conference, October 18-20, Rhode Island**

The Council agreed to cover the cost of registration and lodging for council members who wish to attend the New England RC&D meeting that will be held this October in RI.. Also the Council will be sponsoring the Saturday morning break at the meeting,

THE Next Council meeting will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the RC&D office in Brooklyn. A planning meeting for the Fall 2008 RC&D Conference will be held at 11:00 on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45