



Connecticut RC&D

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RC&D Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2015
9:30- 11:30am,
Middlesex UConn Extension Center
1066 Middlesex Turnpike
Haddam, CT

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Jim Costello, Margot Burns, Barbara Kelly, Lois Bruinooge, John Weedon, Judy Rondeau, Francis Pickering

Board Members not in attendance: Jim Sipperly, Mark Nielsen. Sal DeCarli

Other Attendees: Jeanne Davies, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Patricia Bisocky CT DPH, Raymond Covino NRCS, Tom Morgart NRCS

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m..
The meeting began with introductions and welcome.

Ct RC&D Business:

Secretaries Report

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

Motion made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Jim Costello

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Ray Covino arrived at 9:50am

Motion: To accept the January 14, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by: Jim Costello

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reporting

990 review and audit has been completed. A new bookkeeper has been hired, Priority Bookkeeping Services, Manchester, CT. Due to a computer problem there was no report handed out but a profit and loss statement will be emailed to board members and a teleconference call meeting will be held if necessary.

Agricultural Program: (Contact Amanda for distributed Report)

Amanda presented a power point presentation on RC&D Agriculture and Farm Energy Programs. The 319 peat replacement grant has been closed out and there will be a soil health workshop on March 23rd.

Francis Pickering arrived at 10:25am

Welcome and introduction of Jeanne Davies the recently hired Executive Director. Jean's official start date will be March 2nd.

Motion: To close the TAC office by March 31st, 2016

Discussion concerned retaining the office space until the end of April. Jim Costello volunteered a truck to help with the move. It was decided that we need to keep pertinent records for 7 years.

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Jim Costello

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Project Updates:

Environmental Program:

Jeanne will be putting together a report concerning the outstanding ERT request and method for completing them.

Salmon River Association:

Pat Young not present but a project update report was handed out by Amanda and there will be a Frog Watch, Frog Whisperer workshop on March 9, 2016.

Last Green Valley RCPP has an upcoming presentation concerning their project.

Urban Oaks: Liz Aronson recommended turning over the full amount of funds received from UIL in the amount of \$3,741.23.00 to Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford.

Motion: To turn over check to Charter Oak.

Discussion: Appropriate documentation needs to be presented and kept concerning the transaction.

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau.

CLCC:

Request for sponsorship of annual conference.

Motion: To Sponsor CLCC annual conference for \$100.00.

Motion made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Lois Bruinooge

Voted: Motion approved, John Weedon voted no.

CACIWC:

No update.

Responsible Growth and TOD Grant:

RC&D in conjunction with Western CT COG \$61,000 grant to OPM – How can the environmental program work with COG's to help with regional reviews of significant consequence and upgrade the ERT process.

Partner Updates:

Patricia Bisocky, CT DPH offered help with environmental reviews.

NRCS:

Health Forest Reserve Program. This is a conservation easement and management plan program. 1 – 3 match associated with the program. The conservation innovation grant program will be announced soon and there is .5 million dollars available for the environmental quality grant program to reduce global warming (EQIP)

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held April 18, 2016 from 9:30 – 11:30am. Location to be determined.

Motion: To adjourn.

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Jim Costello

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Burns
Secretary