



CONNECTICUT

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT
1066 Saybrook Road
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*John Guskowski, President
John Weedon, Vice President
Barbara Kelly, Treasurer
Margot Burns, Secretary*

Annual Meeting Minutes **Thursday 6/15/17, 8:30am – 8:45am** **Parmelee Farm, Rt. 81, Killingworth, CT**

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Margot Burns, Lynne Pike DiSanto, Judy Rondeau, John Weedon, Jim Costello, Aaron Budris, Rebecca Andreucci

Board Members not in Attendance Matt Fulda, Sal Decarli, Francis Pickering, MaryEllen Kowalewski, Mark Nielsen, Lois Bruinooge Jim Sipperly, Barbara Kelly, Mark Goetz, Jim Larkin

Other Attendees: Jeanne Davies, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Kate Rattan, Samantha Amendda, Jessica Rebholz

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 8:40am.

Secretary's Report

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes of 5/11/17.

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Lynne Pike DiSanto

Voted: Motion passed. Abstain – Aaron Budris

Election of Officers:

John Guskowski reported that the nominating committee recommended a slate of the current officers to continue for the coming fiscal year except for replacement of John Weedon, Vice President who is moving to Ohio, by Judy Rondeau.

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the nominating committee to nominate John Guskowski for President, Judy Rondeau for Vice President, Barbara Kelly for Treasurer, and Margot Burns for Secretary.

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Lynne Pike DiSanto

John Guskowski asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of 2017-2018 Proposed Budget:

Discussion concerned there being less of a deficit than last year and that we received the Conservation Innovation Grant from NRCS.

Motion: To accept the as proposed

Motion made by: Jim Costello

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

USDA – Rural Development RBDG Grant Resolution:

This grant would be the primary funding for the farm energy and jump start programs.

Motion:

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of this Association be and it hereby is authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate –

1. To obtain for and on behalf of the Association through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Governmental agency:
 - (a) A loan in a sum not to exceed \$ _____;
 - (b) A grant in a sum not to exceed \$ \$80,000.00 _____;to be advanced by the lender or grantor in one or more advances at such time or times as may be agreed upon.
2. In case of a loan or grant or both –
 - (a) For the execution of such application or applications (including exhibits, amendments and/or supplements thereto) as may be required;
 - (b) For the execution and delivery to the lender or grantor of all such written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such loan or grant; and
 - (c) In its judgment to carry out the terms of this resolution.
3. And in case of a loan –
 - (a) To obligate this Association for the repayment of the loan at such rates of interest and on such other terms and conditions as the Governing Board shall deem proper;
 - (b) To pledge, hypothecate, mortgage, convey, or assign property of this Association of any kind and in any amount now owned or hereafter acquired, as security for any or all obligations (past, present and/or future) of this Association to such lender; and
 - (c) From time to time to pay, extend, or renew any such obligations.

Motion made by: Jim Costello

Seconded by: Lynne Pike DiSanto

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Annual Work Plan:

Motion: To accept the 2017-2018 Annual Plan of Work as presented with an edit to swapping Judy Rondeau for John Weedon as Vice President and to correct South Central Regional Council of Governments from South Central Council of Governments

Motion made by: John Weedon

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:55.

Motion made by: Lynne Pike DiSanto

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Burns, Secretary