



CONNECTICUT

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

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John Guskowski, President
Judy Rondeau, Vice President
Justin LaFountain, Treasurer
Margot Burns, Secretary

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 3/2/21, 8:30-8:45AM
CT RC&D Zoom Room

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Margot Burns, Judy Rondeau, Rosa Browne, Rick Huntley, Lois Bruinooge, Chris Sullivan, Taijah Anderson

Board Members not in Attendance: Justin LaFountain, Jim Sipperly, Jane Brawerman, Aaron Budris, Mark Hoover, Rebecca Andreucci, Joanna Shapiro, Lynne Pike DiSanto

Other: Jeanne Davies, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Jane Flynn, Jillian Shea

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 8:34AM and noted that there was a quorum.

Introduction of new member: Taijah Anderson who has worked with CT RC&D through her former position with Congressman Courtney's office was introduced to the Council as a potential member at-large for consideration. After introduction and discussion, the Council enthusiastically welcomed Taijah as a new council member to CT RC&D with a special invitation from Chris Sullivan to connect to Southwestern Conservation District in Taijah's new position in New Haven.

Motion: To approve Taijah Anderson as a board member at-large.

Motion made by: Chris Sullivan

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Unanimously

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Membership Update:

Jeanne noted that she had reached out to the Conservation Districts and COGs on members.

Resolution for USDA – RBDG #8:

Jillian reported that the goal of the grant was to connect technology students to farmers and growers as well as rural small business to create a liaison between the two groups. A resolution was presented for the CT RC&D Council to apply for the USDA RBDG grant not to exceed \$47,030 with the authorization for Margot to sign resolution.

Motion: To accept resolution as written not to exceed \$47,030.00.

Motion made by: Rick Huntley

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Unanimously

Financial Report:

Motion: To accept financial report as presented by staff.

Motion made by: Rick Huntley

Seconded by: Chris Sullivan

Voted: Unanimously

Secretary's Report:

Motion: To approve the minutes 12/2/20.

Motion made by: Judy Rondeau

Seconded by: Rosa Brown

Voted: Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Burns, Secretary