



# CONNECTICUT

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*John Guskowski, President*  
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*Justin LaFountain, Treasurer*  
*Margot Burns, Secretary*

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday 9/30/21, 4:00-5:30PM**  
**CT RC&D Zoom Room**

**Board Members in Attendance:** John Guskowski (WLA), Margot Burns (RiverCOG), Judy Rondeau (ECCD), Rosa Browne (At Large), Rick Huntley (At Large), Aaron Budris (NVCOG), Joanna Shapiro (NCCD), Rebecca Andreucci (SCRCOG), Tyra Penn-Gesek (At Large), Tajah Anderson (AT Large), Jane Brawerman (CRCCD)

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Chris Sullivan (WCCD), Jim Sipperly (CFPA), Jim Larkin (NECCOG), Justin LaFountain (SECCOG), Mark Hoover (MetroCOG), Lois Bruinooge ((ILGV)

**Other:** Jeanne Davies, Jillian Shea, Jane Flynn, Christopher Roberts, Amanda Fargo Johnson, Hannah Huber, Ben Roosa

**Agricultural Programs:**

Amanda updated all on Farm Up, application for a OPPE USDA Grant for underserved and veteran farmers, the Soil Health Initiative, and the Cover Crop Program Challenge, no till equipment sharing grant, Energy Efficiency Program and REAP grant projects.

**Education Outreach:**

Jillian updated – Tomorrow's Leaders Program will be closing out, update on partnering youth and business programs.

Tour de Farms: The 2021 virtual Tour de Farms has closed with 44 participants and fees and donations of \$1,200.00.

Job Jump Up Program (NRCS) – 2 new employees and there is an extension of the 2020-2021 program with additional funds.

Lebanon Affordable Farm Project – Conway School to help with final report along with Kip Kolesinskas, Bob Bernstein and Mike Burns.

Airline Trail – A consultant has been hired to work with the Infrastructure Committee, the Environment Committee met on 9/29/21 and the project will be utilizing the UConn trail survey of users.

Access to AG – Windham and Estuary Transit – screens should be up soon, there are 4 screens available for the project and posters with QR codes. Working with Big Y maybe a future project.

2 new ERT's – Hebron and Middletown.

**John Guskowski arrived and called the meeting to order at 4:30**

**Secretary's Report:**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes 5/25/21.

**Motion made by:** Judy Rondeau

**Seconded by:** Rosa Browne

**Voted:** Unanimously, Jane Brawerman abstained

**Grants Update:**

Grants are on track with necessary extensions filed.

MidAtlantic area business meeting is on track for the beginning of November. Virtual session between conservation districts and RC& D's

**Council Leadership**

Judy Rondeau will be leaving as Vice President, that position will need to be filled. Committee work needs to be started. There is a need for a backup for Jane. There is need for a new office space due to UConn basement flooding issues. Rosa Browne will be joining the governance and finance committee and meeting dates for committees will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Burns, Secretary