



# CONNECTICUT

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

1066 Saybrook Road

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 03/12/20, 4:00 – 5:30**

## **Conference Call**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Margot Burns, Judy Rondeau, Lynne Pike DiSanto, Rosa Browne, Joanna Shapiro, Rick Huntley, Aaron Budris, Rebecca Andreucci, Justin LaFountain (joined 4:38), Lillian Ruiz

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Matt Fulda, Mark Nielsen, Jim Larkin, Mark Goetz, Jim Costello, Chris Sullivan, John Guszowski, Briana DeVivo, Jim Sipperly, Lois Bruinooge

**Other:** Jeanne Davies; Amanda Fargo Johnson, Jane Flynn, Andrea Peres, Tim Larson, Tracy Ohaus, Chris Smith

Judy Rondeau called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm and noted that there was a quorum.

### **Secretary's Report:**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes 01/21/20.

**Motion made by:** Rick Huntley

**Seconded by:** Rosa Browne

**Voted:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Presidents Report:**

**Motion:** To appoint Amanda Fargo-Johnson to be a steering committee member for Working Lands Alliance.

**Motion made by:** Rick Huntley

**Seconded by:** Lynn Pike DiSanto

**Voted:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial administrator/Treasurer report:**

**Motion:** To authorize CT RC&D to apply for a USDA RBDG grant to fund CT Farm Energy and CT Farm Up programs

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 \$ 85,000.

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:** Rick Huntley

**Seconded by:** Lynn Pike DiSanto

**Voted:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Council Membership:**

Jeanne introduced 3 potential new council members and organizations: Tracy O'Hause; Tim Larkin, Liberty Bank, Chris Smith, Land Use Attorney

### **Executive Director / Environmental Report:**

Jeanne reported on the DOAG viability grant, the April Hydrilla ERT presentation, the 12 town Airline Trail project, Job Jump Start, the Andover and Bristol ERT's, and also reported the town of Monroe has put in an ERT request. Soil Health programs and conference are cancelled due to covid. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Tour de Farms for 2020 also cancelled but we will look forward to working with all involved for 2021 and the possibility of scheduling during the Apple Festival Weekend and possibly ending at Hops on the Hill.

### **Partner Updates:**

Aaron Budris reported the Connecticut Trail Census is still collecting data at 20 sites and that Charles Tracy is the new coordinator.

Justin LaFountain joined the meeting at 4:38.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 4:50.

**Motion made by:** Rick Huntley

**Seconded by:** Joanna Shapiro

**Voted:** Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Burns, Secretary