

Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District  
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ERICD Board Meeting  
January 10, 2012  
7:00 PM

Chairman Walter Elwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Directors Walter Elwell, Ron Mucci, Suzanne Hourihan, Emerson Wildes and Richard Hart; Associate Director, Steve Horowicz; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee; Melissa Hayden, NRCS; Jessica Blackledge, ERICD Project Manager.

I. Minutes: Minutes of the December Board meeting were declared adopted as presented.

II. Reports:

A. Treasurer's:

- A motion was made to accept report as presented: Emerson/Suzanne; unanimous.

B. Project Manager: written report distributed.

1. Program Development:

a. NRCS Geese 2012:

- During next month Jessie plans to conduct outreach for training session, field work, and workshops. She plans to conduct egg oiling training workshops by end of January and expects to have outreach materials compiled by January 14.

b. NRCS Outreach:

- Jessie has had follow up contact with 8 landowners as a result of the December workshop. Of those 8, three NRCS applications have been submitted and three are in progress.

2. Other:

- Annual report is finalized and will be sent with request for town funding.
- Website updates are being kept current.

C. Chair: Nothing to report.

D. Directors:

- Dick: Plans to attend classes on aquaculture being offered by RWU.
- Suzanne: Plans to attend a non-profit workshop being held in Providence.

E. Office: Use remains high.

F. NRCS: Written report distributed.

- Round 1 ranking will be completed by 2/3.
- WHIP is not yet funded.
- CSP application deadline has been extended.
- Renewable energy practices will not be funded.
- 2 new conservationists are being hired.

G. SCC:

- An Engineering Tech and PE have been hired to work on Engineering Agreement and EWP projects.
- Rivers:
  - a. Board requested regular monthly reports from Becca.
  - b. To date she has completed research on waterways/waterbodies in Bristol and Newport Counties. Currently, she is contacting municipalities and local interest groups to begin a prioritized list of water quality threats combined with surrounding agricultural lands.

H. RIACD:

- Equipment Bank: Online survey has been posted and has gotten 97 responses to date.
- Becca is going to be conducting on site and phone follow-ups and has been in touch with existing equipment bank. She plans to address financial side of enterprise next.

III. Old Business:

A. Nomination Papers: Ron submitted his completed nomination forms.

IV. New Business:

A. Bills: A motion was made to pay bills presented: Suzanne/Emerson; motion passed with 1 abstention.

B. Grow Smart Workshops: Land Use Review Workshops will be held in East Bay on 1/26 and 2/23.

C. Other: A motion was made to pay \$50 for the next 2 quarters toward NACD membership dues and to re-evaluate at end of fiscal year to decide if additional dues can be paid: Suzanne/Emerson; unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.