



RI Association of Conservation Districts

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November 8, 2010 Meeting

Called to order at 4:40 pm by President.

Secretary report accepted as presented Harriet/Emerson, unanimous.

Treasurer's report accepted as presented. Harriet/Rudi, unanimous.
Dick reported that the audit was performed and acceptable.

Nominating committee: Dick and Rudi were nominated to return as directors. Eastern had no one to fill out their quota so Keith Rogers was nominated to bring the directors slate to the required number of nine. Harriet/Emerson, unanimous.

Norm reported that only Dick and Harriett returned his call for officer nominations.
Nominating committee suggested the current slate be returned.

President asked for nominations from the floor. Rudi moved to close nominations. Rudi moved and Harriet seconded the motion to have the secretary cast one ballot for the slate. Unanimous.

District Reports – SRI- Survey of Pawcatuck. Peter Lord to do article on Rivers. Doug to look into doing energy audits. Aperia got grant to do energy work.

ERI – They held their annual dinner. A success with local food. Discussion of FFOS, someone is abusing the program. Question as to who should inform who. Question on when farmer puts up wind turbine. Does he lose part of FFOS? They have several applications for an employee. Will review at next meeting.

NRI – Gina put in for a NOAA Grant. Dick covered rest of report in Presidents report.

President's Report – Geese contract now under State Comm. Doug working on it. Will be 3 meetings. Districts will do Education part and Egg oiling with volunteers.

Association Contract – Rivers Assessment – EWP ok to do t. Pooh wants to do it. Dick requested money and got it to pay for time we have put into it so far. First two are Pocasset and Pawcatuck. If we go to next 3 rivers we will increase the price. Conference with Pooh to do Forestry instead of NRCS.

NRCS will train and help pay for Ag. Techs.

RIFCO – will present a youth award to an eagle scout from Southern at their annual meeting.

Dick met with the new Dean of CELS. State Ag. Plan is being presented at URI on Tuesday.

RIRLA dinner was a success.

Dick is going to a leadership meeting in Louisville in December. He obtained a stipend to attend. Suggest that State Committee pay for dues for District employees.

SWCS meeting in December at UConn.

Task Force 2012 – weekly calls. Farm bill should be flat funded this year. Talk of combining WHIP and EQIP.

New Business

Grant proposals - For RBOG – Equipment Bank turned down. Too many applications for funding available. Will reapply.

\$ 750 K for small farmers/ranchers going under Association heading.

MOU – Dick wants to develop an MOU between Association and Districts.

Moved by Rudi and seconded by Harriett to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm