



I. The Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts

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Meeting
February 14, 2011
USDA/NRCS
60 Quaker Lane
Warwick, RI 02886
4:30 PM

Present: Dick Went, Paul Dolan, Norm Hammond, Rudi Hempe, Harriet Powell, Keith Rogers and Ramona LeBlanc.

President Dick Went called the meeting to order at 4:31.

I. Minutes

- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 2010 meeting minutes as presented: Harriet/Norm, unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the report: Paul/ Keith, unanimous.

III. Budget:

- The proposed budget is not balanced with insurance and administrative assistant as necessary expenses. Travel is the only line item that can be modified.
- A motion was made to ask SCC to pay \$1200 for Dick Went to attend NACD Legislative meeting in Washington, D.C.: Paul/ Norm, unanimous.

IV. MOU:

- Dick explained the reasons that he created an MOU with the Conservation Districts.
- The quality of work performed by Conservation Districts is essential to their reputation with partners and future projects depend on it.
- The MOU sought to establish oversight by CD Boards of staff work being completed by CD staff.

V. Work:

- Dick would like each Conservation District to develop a strategy for how to complete work where contracts are signed. This should include sufficient staffing for additional work load.
- Dick suggested that a CD display be developed for venues such as the Land & Water Summit.

VI. District Reports:

- A. ERICD: Not present.
- B. SRICD: Board is meeting monthly. District Manager is busy on several projects.
- C. NRICD: Seedling Sale is scheduled for April 22nd & 23rd. SRWEP theme this year follows International Year of the Forest and will include both a poster contest and photo contest for students in the watershed.

VII. President's Report:

- A. Nashville: Many resolutions were passed that will now become NACD policy and will shape lobbying efforts.
- B. Louisville:
 - Documents for improving leadership skills have been distributed.
 - NACD promoting national certification of CD Boards. Outline of training was distributed.
 - NELM will be on March 24th & 25th. Agenda items include: NE Cottontail, Board Training, success stories, TMDL presentation.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Grant Proposals: Dic will no longer write grant proposals. Rather he will bring opportunities to CD's and leave it to them to act upon them.

IX. Other:

- NACD has new strategic plan.
- Dick Went has an appointment with Congressman Cicilline in March.

Next Meeting will be on May 5, 2011.

Motion to adjourn made at 5:36: Paul/ Norm, unanimous.