



## Agenda

### November 27, 2023

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

September 25 2023 meeting minutes

#### 3. Reports

**3a. RI USDA- NRCS State Conservationist-** Jameson Long

**3b. RI Association of Conservation Districts** Cassius Spears Sr.

**3c. RI State Conservation Committee** Phil Moreschi /Kate Sayles

**3d. District Manager** Gina Fuller

- i. **Agreements Update** AT 535, NACD TA, RCPP Implementation, Outreach, RIDOT Stormwater, People's Garden, PL 566,, IRA
- ii. **Grants**, NOAA Resilience LASA, RIDEM Specialty Crop Grant, SWIG-Westerly Main St., RI Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) MRP with Westerly, Mystic STEM Mentoring RI, NACD TA 23, SWIG/SOAR, and BFRDP.
- iii. **Fresh Harvest Kitchen Update**

**3e. Resiliency Radio K.Kieffer**

November 30: #116; Nick Hegedus, Dune Bros

December 7: #117 Rachael Laporte plus 2 (Town Made)

December 14: #118 Senator Victoria Gu

December 21: #119; Luke Gervais; Chapman Pond Lake Management

December 28: no show

January 4: Westerly Land Trust

January 11: Rep. Mike Chippendale

January 18: Senator Lou DePalma

#### 4. Old Business

- a. New Board Members
- b. Legislative Outreach Updates
- c. Staff Updates

#### 5. New Business

5a. Employee Handbook Update

5b. Proposed 2024 Calendar

**SRICD Board Meeting November 27, 2023**

Proposed change from Monday to Tuesday at 6pm and from last week of the month to the 2nd week of the month

| <b><u>Month</u></b>                     | <b><u>Monday</u></b> | <b><u>Tuesday</u></b> |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>January</b>                          | <b>8</b>             | <b>9</b>              |
| <b>February</b>                         | <b>12</b>            | <b>13</b>             |
| <b>March</b>                            | <b>11</b>            | <b>12</b>             |
| <b>April</b>                            | <b>8</b>             | <b>9</b>              |
| <b>May</b>                              | <b>13</b>            | <b>14</b>             |
| <b>June</b>                             | <b>10</b>            | <b>11</b>             |
| <b>July</b>                             | <b>8</b>             | <b>9</b>              |
| <b>August</b>                           | <b>12</b>            | <b>13</b>             |
| <b>September</b>                        | <b>9</b>             | <b>10</b>             |
| <b>October</b><br>(Columbus Day 14th)   | <b>7</b>             | <b>8</b>              |
| <b>November</b><br>(Veteran's Day 11th) | <b>18</b>            | <b>12</b>             |
| <b>December</b>                         | <b>9</b>             | <b>10</b>             |

**6. Future Agenda Items**

**7. Adjournment**

**Notes:** Reed Touts \$738,000 for RI Food Policy Council to Help Local Farmers Grow Their Business  
WASHINGTON, DC – In an effort to help beginning farmers and food producers in Rhode Island grow their business and achieve success, U.S. Senator Jack Reed today announced a new \$737,929 federal grant for the Rhode Island Food Policy Council (RIFPC) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP).

The funding will support RIFPC’s Advancing Equity in Capital Access for Beginning Farmers project which will lead state and regional partners to provide customized education, mentoring, and networking services to more than 100 Rhode Island farmers. This support will build farmers' financial literacy and allow them to access the capital they need to succeed.

Partnering organizations on this project include the African Alliance of RI, the Carrot Project, the RI Association of Conservation Districts, Farm Credit East, Young Farmer Network, and the Sankofa Program of West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation.