



SRICD Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 6:00pm
Fresh Harvest Kitchen
9 East Ave Unit F
Westerly, RI 02891

Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

Attendees: Phil Moreschi; Katy Keiffer; Cassius Spears Sr.; Gina Fuller; Christine Cooke; Ashlee Barrett

Minutes prepared by: Christine Cooke

1. Call to Order

Phil M. called to order the meeting at 6:20 pm

2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Katy K. moved to accept the minutes from the August 26, 2024 meeting. Cassius S. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

3a. RI USDA- NRCS State Conservationist

Jameson L. gave an update about the archeologist and agronomist. There has been an increase to the minimum payment for NRCS contracts. We are trying to do more livestock producer outreach. Discussion ensued of the difficulties in attracting producers to our outreach events. Gina F. mentioned doing more creative events at places people already go and different ways to engage people. We will hold an election here at the FHK in November, but need to publish notice of it at the end of October.

3b. RI Association of Conservation Districts

Phil M. recapped his experience at the Summer Meeting in Boston.

3c. RI State Conservation Committee

Phil M. reported on the process to appoint a member from the SRICD based on the research he did. There was a discussion about having an annual meeting. Elections happen in November and the appointments can be made no later than January of the year following the member's term expiring. Gina F. asked that we appoint someone not, but have Phil M. present clear guidelines from the board for SRICD that can be used next year so that the district manager has clear direction to share with the other districts, etc. We should form a nominating committee, recruit tellers to administer the ballots and elect ^{two} ~~three~~ of our SRICD board members for November. K. Keiffer made the motion to form a nominating committee consisting of Phil M., Katy K. and



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Cassius S., with the understanding of asking Clark C. if he is interested in participating. The motion was seconded by Cassius S. Motion passed unanimously. Potential board member Ashlee Barrett gave an overview of her background and will be collecting the required 25 signatures needed for the appointment.

District Manager Report

The Oyster position has been posted. No resolution is needed for the Urban Ag grant.

Fresh Harvest Kitchen

Nastassja Netro will be tabling at the Calamari Festival on Sept. 21. There will be a Tomato Tasting event with Dawn Spears on Sept. 18. Phil M. requested an update business plan for the FHK.

4. Old Business

Employee Handbook updates. Gina F. to make updates and send an updated version.

Future Agenda

Election and appointment of directors.

Update on annual conservation dinner.

Adjournment

Katy K. motioned to adjourn. Phil M. seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Clarkson A. Collins
Minutes approved by Clarkson Collins

10/15/2024
Date