



SRICD Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 6:00pm
Fresh Harvest Kitchen
9 East Ave Unit F
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes

March 27, 2024

Call to Order

Phil Moreschi called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
Phil Moreschi, Clarkson Collins, Katy Keiffer, Cassius Spears Sr. and Gina Fuller were in attendance.
Minutes taken by Christine Cooke

2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

P. Moreschi made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2024. K. Keiffer made the second.
Discussion ensued and the motion passed 4-0.

5. New Business:

a. Resolution: NACD Request for Grant Proposals, Urban and Community Conservation (UAC) Grants - FY2024.

G. Fuller explained the need for a resolution to be included with the application for a "Conservation Help Desk" proposal at Fresh Harvest Kitchen which is due on March 29. This grant builds off of the previous grant from 2019. No other district in the state is eligible to apply for this particular grant. This grant will allow us to provide more technical assistance to partners and help them find funding and impact food resiliency and sovereignty.

The grant will allow us to hire cultural ambassadors, produce merchandiser and staff for the Fresh Harvest Kitchen. We may hold one event at C. Spears' farm and an event at Fresh Harvest Kitchen.

For the \$15,000 match we will use 2501 grant and the RI Foundation Grant.

P. Moreschi asked for clarification and definition of the NACD and to clarify the term Conservation Help Desk. C. Spears pointed out how helpful a help desk will be but agreed that clarification is needed on what exactly this will be. C. Spears suggested that we have a place where SRICD staff can work similar to what NRCS has in Warwick as a staff retention tool.

K. Keiffer made a motion to approve the resolution to pursue a UAC grant to develop at Conservation Help Desk at FHK. C. Collins seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

b. Appointment of Civil Rights Coordinator

During a recent audit, the SRICD was cited for checking "no" on the box as to whether we have a Civil Rights Coordinator for the district. It is recommended that someone from the RIACD and that we have one person appointed for all three districts. The person would need to field any potential civil rights complaints. A motion was made by P. Moreschi to nominate C. Spears as the Civil Rights Coordinator for SRICD. C. Collins seconded. The motion passed 4-0.



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c. New logo for the SRICD

Keiffer made a motion to adopt the new logo design for the district presented that includes quahogs.
P. Moreschi seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Adjournment

C. Spears made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm, K. Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Meeting minutes approved.

Clarkson A. Collins

Clarkson Collins, Secretary

DATE 6/10/2024

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