

## **Dukes Conservation District Meeting MINUTES**

**Date: 19 April 2016**

**Time: 1:15 p.m.**

**Location: Robert E. Rose Town Garage, 347 County Road Oak Bluffs, MA 02557**

**Present:** Kristen Fauteux, Liz Durkee, Dave Grunden and Bill Wilcox

**Treasurer's report:** As of 3/31, \$8475.94

**Approval of minutes:** March 15 minutes approved as written with Liz abstaining.

**NRCS report:** None.

### **Other business:**

Annual meeting will be in June.

Discussion the Conservation District Innovation RFP- outcome of State Committee meeting on 4/14  
Bill discussed the info session on the CDI grant. One question outstanding is whether the amount available in this coming FY has to be enough to cover all 3 years of grant requests made for the first year of multi-year proposals. If so the \$325,000 available may not be enough.

Another potential problem is that funds are reimbursed rather than provided up front so we will need to wait on the State's process to approve and issue funds.

The members discussed the proposal- it being the assessment of nitrogen budgets for all farms in the watershed of Tisbury Great Pond. The subject of the grant was approved. It was agreed that we should approach proposed in-kind partners (MV Commission providing maps and data tables) and partners we are seeking both funds and in-kind- MVAS and IGI. No others were proposed.

The discussion then focused on the cost of travel and possible per diem if we hire an individual who resides off the Island. This could be substantial. Dave wondered if we might be able to have NRCS leave a vehicle on the Island.

It was agreed that we might need an early meeting in June to focus just on the grant proposal completion and that the annual would still be on the third Tuesday.

Kristen reported that she had run the basic grant topic (educational meetings on soil health, pollinators, invasive plants and other topics that are important both to farm operators and to conservation workers) by Tim Boland, Director of Polly Hill Arboretum and he was interested in participating in those programs.

### **Outstanding Statements:**

MACD dues plus additional approved for a total of \$100

Bills travel expenses to the 4/14 meeting for \$83 approved.

**Next meeting:** May 17

Adjourned