

Northern Rivers Land Trust
Board Meeting 1/27/11 at CAE

Trustees Present: Pat Gahagan, Clive Gray, Bob Hawk, George Hemmens, Susie Houston, Ann Ingerson, Chris Jacobs, Steve Meyer, Nancy Moran, Steve Young

Trustees Absent: Paul Cillo,

Guest: Todd Hardie

Agenda distributed by Susie

Minutes: Ann moved, Steve Y. 2nd, unanimous acceptance of Minutes

Financials: Ann handed out Financial Report as of January 27, 2011. Highlights:

- Finished 2010 with 109 members, 2 less than previous year.
- Operating Funds: \$6,441.37 in checking; \$2,943.38 in FlexCD
- Stewardship Endowment stands at \$10,401.19
- Operating Endowment stands at \$10,458.18
- Total member donations and additional gifts: \$7,725 (including 11 board members and \$1,000 grant from Fieldstone Foundation).

Todd Hardie: owner of Caledonia Spirits and living in Greensboro, was introduced by Clive.

Jan. 26 CAE-NRLT-VLT Meeting Report:

- Both NRLT and CAE expressed support, but did not guarantee to raise a specific amount of \$\$
- NRLT Renewal letter will not mention the collaborative project, but it could be mentioned later in the year, perhaps the Fall Newsletter
- Nancy suggested adding this project to our homepage. **Susie** will talk with Nancy, then contact Bill Werely
- Bob expressed concern about NRLT's ability to participate in the \$100,000 – 200,000 larger reserve fund campaign. Susie indicated that it is a 2-step process, and that the first step (the \$30,000 for the 3 local farms) is independent of the second.

Renewal Letter:

- Susie presented her draft based on Paul's original draft.
- It was suggested that 1 sentence about Heartbeet needed to be added, along with website. **Susie** will check.
- **Chris & Bob** will help stuff and stamp, adding a short thank you for those members who recently contributed.

NRLT Connective Habitat Map: tabled to lack of time

Gahagon Property Update and NEGEF status:

- Pat presented her lawyer's response to NRLT's proposed BDR
- Lands Committee (include Susie) and Pat need to meet to discuss BDR. **Steve Y. will organize first week in February.**
- George asked the Lands Committee: what acreage in and out of con. Easem.?
- **Ann** will send info on budget questions to George: what include?, value of donated easement?

- George asked all Trustees to send feedback on his grant asap since the deadline is 2/15
- **Steve M.** will check Woodbury Fund for additional grant money, and will represent NRLT there.

Heartbeet Property Update and GMF status:

- NRLT is waiting on Mortgage Subordination from CampHill
- There is some uncertainty as to the actual acreage, though Hardwick's tax maps are notoriously inaccurate.

Motion: Chris moved, Clive 2nd, unanimous to send Heartbeet a letter stating: NRLT intends to pursue a conservation easement on the Heartbeet property when Heartbeet provides a Mortgage Subordination Release.

Other Business:

Motion: Steve Y. moved, Steve M. 2nd, unanimous that Todd Hardie be invited to join the NRLT Board as a second representative from Greensboro. (**Susie** will check with Paul re: By-laws).

Legislative Day at the State House is from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM on February 16, 2011. Clive urged all to attend and support full funding for VHCB.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 24th at C.A.E. at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hawk