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Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM

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Present: Cara Sawyer, George Motel, Jamie Jones, Hilary Criollo, Washington da Silva, Richard Ruggiero, Ellen Woolf

Absent: Indrajeet Chaubey, Linda Auger, Commissioner Hurlburt, Jonathan Edwards

DoAg Staff: Ally Hughes, Michael Wolf, Jaime Smith

Guests: None

1. Call to Order by Ally Hughes at 10:02am
2. Review and approval of:
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2024
Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2024 made by Hilary Criollo, seconded by George Motel, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes per speaker)
N/A
4. Reports
 - a. Marketing
Jaime Smith provided an update on the agency RFQ and how it will impact the councils' marketing efforts.
 - b. Legislative
No budget changes to report from the session,
 - c. Big E
 - i. Action on applications received.
Eight applications were received.
Hilary Criollo moved to accept the applications as presented, seconded by Cara Sawyer, all in favor, motion carried.
 - d. Research and Education
The farm winery symposium was held in March at Jones Auditorium with very positive reviews. DEEP credits were offered which appeared to be a big draw. Conversations about another symposium are in the works for another date.
 - e. Passport
 - i. Update on launch.

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The passports were delivered on or around May 3rd for the launch of May 4th. Over 700 online app uses were reported on May 4th alone.

f. Financial

Account balance \$118,687.86 as of 5/7/2024 with an available balance of \$69,026.45 and an available balance less liabilities of \$33,026.45.

Hilary Criollo moved to accept the financial report as read, seconded by George Motel, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Old Business

a. CT Grown Magazine ad location

The ad was moved to page 5 across from the table of contents.

6. New Business

7. Adjournment

George motel moved to adjourn at 10:28am, Jaime Jones seconded, next meeting July 11th.

Respectfully submitted by Michael R. Wolf, Agriculture Marketing and Inspection Representative I, May 13, 2024