



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2013

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

775 Bloomfield Avenue

Windsor, CT 06095

I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, chairman, attended via Skype. He called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Other council members in attendance were James Guida, George Hindinger, Jason Hoagland, Herb Holden, Jr., Michael Keilty, Peter Orr, Kevin Sullivan, Jr., Henry Talmage, and Dr. Gregory Weidemann. Staff members from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, Winter Caplanson, Jamie Jones, and Shelly Oechsler were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from May 21, 2013. Dean Weidemann moved to approve them. Henry Talmage seconded. The council accepted the motion unanimously.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky remarked that all 12 working groups had met one or more times since the council's May 21, 2013, meeting; he was impressed by the quality of discussion and ideas exchanged and looked forward to each group's progress report. He advised the council to start thinking about its 2013 recommendations to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and priorities for 2014.

IV. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Commissioner Reviczky reported on the Producer Education and Training working group for Jamie Jones, who was unable to attend. Commissioner Reviczky then asked Henry Talmage to chair the remainder of the meeting, explaining that he would continue to participate remotely. Representatives from the remaining 11 working groups delivered their progress reports in turn.

V. DISCUSSION

The council engaged in a discussion of the groups' findings to date, pointing out common themes, intersecting issues, and the need for additional reflection on the information presented.

Commissioner Reviczky left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

VI. NEXT STEPS

The council came to consensus that once they received written copies of all the groups' reports, they would review and consider them further and have a special meeting in September to discuss and develop recommendations.

VII. NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The council scheduled a special meeting for September 17, 2013. (The meeting was later rescheduled for September 5, 2013.). Its next quarterly meeting will be held November 12, 2013.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Vice Chairman Talmage adjourned meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
August 21, 2013