



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

775 Bloomfield Avenue

Windsor, CT 06095

I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Other council members in attendance were Jason Hoagland, Herb Holden, Jr., Michael Keilty, Kevin Sullivan, Jr., Henry Talmage, and Dr. Gregory Weidemann. Staff from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also was present. Council members Allyn Brown, III, Jamie Jones, and Shelly Oechsler, and Peter Orr attended by phone.

Council members Winter Caplanson, James Guida, and George Hindinger were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from August 20, 2013. Dean Weidemann moved to approve them. Jason Hoagland seconded. The council accepted the motion unanimously.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky thanked members for their participation on and contributions to the working groups. He also thanked them for their work on the council as a whole, saying that the progress over the past year and a half has been incredible. He reviewed the timeline for the remainder of the 2013 and then asked George Krivda, the Department of Agriculture's legislative program manager, to provide a summary of the process for legislative proposals and how it would relate to any proposed legislation the council might have.

IV. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUP CHAIRS

Chairman Reviczky led the council through a review of working group reports from August, noting items that could become council recommendations for 2013—both legislative and otherwise—and asked working group chairs to provide additional comments and information as appropriate.

V. DISCUSSION

The council engaged in an in-depth discussion of the possible recommendations and asked the Department of Agriculture to draft and distribute a list of suggestions discussed for legislative proposals and more general recommendations for review and finalization at the next meeting.

VI. NEXT STEPS

Members came to consensus that a special meeting was needed in October to finalize the draft recommendations for legislative proposals and for the council's 2013 report.

VII. NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Department of Agriculture will send out possible dates and poll member availability for a special meeting in October. The council's next quarterly meeting will be held November 12, 2013.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Chairman Reviczky adjourned meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
September 6, 2013