



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

775 Bloomfield Avenue

Windsor, CT 06095

I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. by phone from Washington, D.C., where he was attending a conference of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

Other council members in attendance were James Guida, Jason Hoagland, Herb Holden, Jr., Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty, Shelly Oechsler, Kevin Sullivan, Jr., Henry Talmage, and Dr. Gregory Weidemann. Staff from the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association and Connecticut Department of Agriculture also were present.

Council members Allyn Brown, III, George Hindinger, and Peter Orr were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from November 12, 2013. Dean W. moved to approve them. Jason Hoagland seconded. There was no discussion and the council accepted the motion unanimously.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky congratulated the council on a very successful town hall meeting on January 29, 2014. He provided an overview of the NASDA conference he was attending, including an update on the federal Farm Bill and Food Safety Modernization Act. He asked for volunteers to staff a council table at Agriculture Day at the Capitol on March 19, 2014. He also provided a reminder that the state statute establishing the council requires members to miss no more than two meetings in a calendar year. Chairman Reviczky then asked Vice Chair Talmage to lead the rest of the meeting.

IV. UPDATE ON 2014 WORKING GROUPS

Co-chairs from the council's four 2014 working groups, Food Safety Modernization, Infrastructure and Wholesale Markets, Producer Education and Innovation, and Marketing, provided updates on the groups' progress to date and goals for their next meeting on February 27, 2014. Other council members provided comments.

V. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING(S)

The four working groups will meet again on February 27, 2014. The council's next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2014.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Vice Chairman Talmage adjourned meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz
February 4, 2014