



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2014

Connecticut Department of Agriculture

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

I. CONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Reviczky, chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Other council members in attendance were James Guida, George Hindinger, Jason Hoagland, Herb Holden, Jr., Jamie Jones, Michael Keilty, Shelly Oechsler, Peter Orr, 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 member Allyn Brown was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The council reviewed draft minutes from February 4, 2014. George Hindinger moved to approve them. Shelly Oechsler seconded. There was no discussion and the council accepted the motion unanimously.

III. REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Commissioner Reviczky congratulated the council on the work it has completed so far this year, and reviewed the projected timeline for the remainder of 2014, including development of recommendations to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and a year-end update to the council's Grow Connecticut Farms strategic plan.

IV. 2014 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Co-chairs from the council's four 2014 working groups, Infrastructure and Wholesale Markets, Food Safety Modernization, Producer Education and Innovation, and Marketing, provided updates on the groups' findings, including suggestions to the council for consideration in development of its 2014 recommendations.

V. RECOMMENDATION DISCUSSION/DEVELOPMENT

Council members discussed the findings of the 2014 working groups and ideas for recommendations. Members will continue to develop and refine ideas to be discussed and finalized at its next quarterly meeting

VI. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The council's next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2014.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Chairman Reviczky adjourned meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piotrowicz

April 1, 2014