



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation



CT Farm Wine Development Council

450 Columbus Boulevard, Conference Room A, North Plaza

Minutes of the Special Meeting

July 28 2017

10 a.m.

Council Members Present: Steven Reviczky, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg). Participating by phone: Rose Bove, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; Jonathan Edwards, Jonathan Edwards Winery; Jim Frey, Walker Road Vineyard; Jamie Jones, Jones Family Farm & Winery; Michelle Niedermeyer, Lost Acres Vineyard;. Michael O'Neill, Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station.

Council Members Absent: Linda Auger, Taylor Brooke Winery; Hilary Criollo, Hopkins Vineyard; Cameron Faustman, Interim Dean, UCONN College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources; Dr. Frank Ferrandino, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station New Haven; Russell Holmberg, Holmberg Orchards; George Motel, Sunset Meadow Vineyard.

Other Attendees: Linda Piotrowicz, Rebecca Murphy, and Jane Slupecki, DoAg.

Call to Order: Commissioner Reviczky called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Big E Booth Operator

Commissioner Reviczky referred to previous extensive discussions about the booth operation and management. A discussion followed. Michelle Niedemeyer made a motion to designate the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association to manage the operation of the wine booth in the Connecticut Building at the 2017 Big E as previously outlined and approved in December 2016 minutes by the council. Jim Frey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Big E Schedule

Rebecca Murphy provided overview of the efforts to fill the schedule for the Big E Wine booth, presenting two draft schedules for the Big E. A discussion ensued to fill in the remaining vacancies. A motion was made by Michael O'Neill to adopt the Option 1 schedule, using the suggested edits from the council to complete the schedule at this meeting, and authorizing the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to make any additional adjustments to the schedule as needed. The motion was seconded by Jim Frey, and carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane E. Murdock
July 28, 2017