



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 9, 2013 CT Department of Agriculture Large Conference Room 165 Capitol Ave, Rm G8A, Hartford, CT 06106

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Sullivan, working group chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Other working group members present were:

Dr. Richard Fu
Dr. Leah Mayor
Dr. Jeff Ward
Dean Gregory Weidemann
Dr. Lisa Milke
Russell Holmberg

Working group members Joe Wettemann and Kristin Banick were absent. Commissioner Reviczky and Linda Piotrowicz were also in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Working group members were introduced by Chairman Sullivan.

After introductions Chairman Sullivan presented the minutes from the June 10, 2013 Research Working Group Meeting. Dean Gregory Weidemann made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Jeff Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF WORKING GROUP ASSIGNMENT

Chairman Sullivan reviewed the assignment of the Research Working Group which is to assess Connecticut's existing agricultural research infrastructure and develop suggestions for improvement.

IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OF SUBGROUP WORK AND OUTCOMES

Chairman Sullivan reviewed the recent activities of the working group from the last two months and provided supporting materials from each subgroup.

V. CRITIQUE OF DRAFT DELIVERABLES

Chairman Sullivan provided the group with a summary sheet which compiled common themes identified in each of the subgroups. The members used the summary sheet to develop four recommendations to present at the August 20, 2013, GCAD meeting.

VI. RECAP AND NEXT STEPS

Chairman Sullivan recapped the highlights of the discussion and the next steps, which include all members reviewing the language of the four recommendations by Wednesday, August 14, 2013, and again on Friday August 16, 2013.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Chairman Sullivan adjourned meeting at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jaime L. Smith
August 13, 2013