

Minutes of the Watershed Agricultural Council Meeting

April 26, 2011

I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Directors Present:

Fred Huneke	Darby Hartwell
John Riedl	Tom Donnelly
Steve Reed	David Cammer
Tom Hutson	Barbara Howard – via Polycom
Richard Giles	Ken Smith
Sally Fairbairn	Joe Eisele
John Verhoeven	John Schwartz, NYC DEP

Directors Absent:

Chris DiBenedetto

Others Present:

Craig Cashman	Cheryl Marion
Jeff Graff	

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March, 2011 WAC meeting.

Motion: Sally Fairbairn

Second: Tom Hutson

Approved

III. Executive Director Reports – Craig Cashman

Craig gave his Director's report including an update on the Water Supply Permit and Agreement in Principal, the Strategic Plan & Executive Coaching, Update on Participant events, and the Human Resources Audit.

Program Managers gave individual program reports – see Committee minutes for details.

IV. Chair's Report – Fred Huneke

Fred presented his written Chair's Report. Tom Hutson and Richard Giles spoke of their recent trip to Albany for the No Farms No Food Rally. They felt it well organized and each team met with staff from six legislative offices. Tom and

Richard felt it was important for WAC to remain visible even though funding is reduced in the new state budget. Fred also discussed the conference call between WAC staff, DEP staff, himself and regulators.

Creating a position on hydrofracking was also discussed. WAC needs to formulate a formal position to serve as a response when staff or Council Directors are asked.

Action to be taken: The Executive Committee will draft a position over the next month or two to bring to the Council for a vote. There was a universal feeling that everyone needs to be better informed before making a decision. A concern was expressed as to how to educate the Council.

V. Finance Committee – John Riedl

Motion to accept the February Financial Statement on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Second: Joe Eisele

Approved

A presentation will be conducted in the near future to give an explanation on reading the monthly financial statements.

VI. NYC DEP Report – John Schwartz

John mentioned that the CWC has posted a wealth of information on fracking on its website. He also complimented the WAP staff on their recent farmer participation meetings. The FAD negotiations are kicking up and a great many meetings are being scheduled.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion: Joe Eisele

Second: Dave Cammer

Approved

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

Motion: John Verhoeven

Second: Dave Cammer Approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.