

# Watershed Agricultural Council

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## Minutes of the Watershed Agricultural Council Meeting

May 24, 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	Chris DiBenedetto
Sally Fairbairn	Joe Eisele
John Verhoeven	John Schwartz, NYC DEP

#### Directors Absent:

Kenneth Smith

#### Others Present:

Craig Cashman	Amy Hawk
Jeff Graff	Dave Warne, NYC DEP
Claire Higgins, NYCON	

### II. Approval of Modified Agenda.

**Motion to approve the Modified Agenda as presented.**

**Motion: Dave Cammer**

**Second: John Verhoeven**

**Approved**

### III. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve the minutes of the April, 2011 WAC meeting with correction discussed.**

**Motion: Steve Reed**

**Second: Tom Hutson**

**Approved**

### IV. Executive Session

**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: Dave Cammer**

**Second: Joe Eisele**

**Approved**

**V. Chair – Transparency Policy - Fred Huneke**

**Motion to approve the WAC Transparency Policy attached as Exhibit 3 to the Side Agreement.**

**Motion: John Schwartz**

**Second: Steve Reed**

**Opposed: Dave Cammer**

**Approved**

**VI. Finance Committee – John Riedl**

**A. March Financials**

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

**Motion: John Riedl**

**Second: Joe Eisele**

**Approved**

**B. Draft FY 2011-2012 Budget**

The draft FY 12 budget was distributed in the monthly packets. Council members were asked to review and contact Thomas with any questions. The budget will be presented to the Council in June for review and approval.

**VII. Board Training – NYCON – Claire Higgins**

Claire presented a powerpoint entitled *Watershed Agricultural Council: Board Roles in Transition*.

**VIII. NYC DEP Report – John Schwartz**

Nothing to report at this time.

**IX. Other**

Tom Donnelly reported that the Human Resources Committee is currently reviewing the results of the HR Audit conducted by NYCON with regards to the suggested modifications to the Employee Handbook. The intent is to have a draft handbook to the Council for approval at the September Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.