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Absent: Roche, Granger (Zoom), Jacoby

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
10:30 AM Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. <i>Per Board Chair Ryan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMPORTANT NOTICE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When a department is directly notified they are about to be audited, their Committee Chair and the Chairman of the Board should be immediately made aware. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <i>Review DEC Giant Hogweed Control Summary</i>	<i>Provided by Rachel Buchner, Office Supervisor Division of Lands and Forests / Invasive Species & Ecosystem Health</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
<i>FYI ~ Referred to 07-06-21 Finance Committee from 06-29-21 Human Resources</i> <i>Amend Schedule S:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the position of <i>Laborer</i> (position code 004.144) under ANIMAL CONTROL from the salary schedule as it does not belong on this schedule...^{cjk} 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
1. <i>May 2021 Monthly Update</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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2. <u>Review NYS Ag. & Markets Reports:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dog Control Officer Inspection Report (completed on 05/25/21)</u> • <u>Municipal Shelter Inspection Report (completed on 05/25/21)</u> 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <u>Puppy Playground Reveal & Celebration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted by the Animal Friends of Wyoming County volunteer group • The event will take place at the Wyoming County Animal Shelter, Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM. • Please RSVP your attendance by July 9, 2021 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <u>General Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H: We will be running a full slate at the Wyoming County Fair as per usual; 4-H will not be participating in the NYS State Fair, as the decision was made by the state 4-H office and state officials to preclude 4-H participation in light of COVID restrictions; looking forward to utilizing the new barn; exploring potential hybrid bidding options for the livestock auction; fair books are available at the office • Ag: fielding many questions about the recent bee-keeping update to Article 15 of the AML. The update: 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ provides for the Apiary Industry Advisory Committee and designates the Commissioner of Agriculture as the chairperson of the committee; ○ establishes a cooperative honeybee health improvement program, which includes the registration of apiaries (noting number of colonies, county where located, and contact information for person responsible); ○ provides for an annual inspection of apiaries selling nucleus colonies; ○ requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to provide beekeepers with advance notice of apiary inspections; ○ amends the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) to clarify the farm buildings property tax exemption for the bee industry; and ○ amends AML section 301 (9) to include more bee products in the definition of “gross sales” for the Agricultural Value Assessment program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Both our programmatic and regional Ag teams are back in the field and have a full slate; our local Ag team had a very successful garden day event at the outset of summer ● Wyoming County will be completing the RFP for the Western Region’s Shared Business Network this fall; the cycle was delayed for a year due to COVID. ● Our new model milking cow is proving VERY popular! ● CCE Wyoming lost a dear friend and incredible advocate. It is with deep sadness that Exec. Director Griffith inform you all that Cindy Parker, (Board of Directors President) passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, 5/31. 			

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Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
1. <u>Review Spring 2021, 2021 Wyoming County Project Spotlight.</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
County Forestlands w/			
There was some discussion over the oak tree infestation and the Gypsy moth.	County Forester, Eric Stawitzky will be invited to the next Ag. Committee meeting to discuss further...	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
Committee Chair Klein, T/Castile offered that Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington asked him how to attract more veterinary business to Wyoming County? There was discussion over the cost of everything doubling. Trucking, availability and cost are all an issue. There was talk over the state creating legislation to completely do away with plastics and exactly how that could be accomplished. A long conversation over recyclables took place. Committee Chair Klein, T/Castile shared that Happy the elephant from a NYC Zoo has been granted habeas corpus and what that could mean for the dairy industry.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Conservation w/			
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Fair Association w/M. Roche			
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At 11:47 AM Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica motioned the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, July 28, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

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