

# AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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<b>10:30 AM County Forestlands</b>			
<p>1. <i>Presentation of Ten (10) Year Forest Management plan proposals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>AMRO Forestry</u></a> (start time 10:30 AM)</li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Pioneer Forestry</u></a> (start time 10:45 AM)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#"><u>AMRO presentation</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Pioneer Forestry presentation</u></a></p>	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p><i>Choose between Agenda Item #2 or Agenda Item #3. Committee Chair Klein directed a roll call vote of the committee members. Members were instructed to answer either AMRO or Pioneer with the following results...</i></p>			
<p>2. <i>Bid Award:</i> Authorize Chairman to award bid and sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §103, with <i>Pioneer Forestry, LLC</i>, 4000 Skunk Hollow Road, Jamestown, NY 14701 for a Ten (10) Year Forest Management Plan in an amount not to exceed:</p> <p><u>Phase I:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Management Plan Update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$9,000.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Phase II:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing Designated Forest Management Treatments                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Timber Sales</b> – 10% commission fee (based on the gross proceeds received from the timber sale).</li> <li>○ <b>Remaining Designated Treatments</b> – Cost structure will be based on an expected time and material basis to complete each individual project using:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Hourly rate:</b> \$50/hour</li> <li>▪ <b>Materials:</b> at cost</li> <li>▪ Effective 01/01/21 through 12/31/30.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Motion: Pioneer: Klein, Brick, Brunner, Roche, Granger, Berwanger Noes: Absent: Kehl, Jacoby</p>	<p>Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:</p>
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<b>11:00 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>													
1. <u><a href="#">January 2021 Monthly Update</a></u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:										
2. <i>Amend Resolution #20-404 to reflect \$5/altered and \$10/unaltered. All else remains the same.</i>		Motion: Roche Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Kehl, Jacoby	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: * <b>RESOLUTION</b>										

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<b>11:15 AM Ag. and Farmland Protection</b>			
<p>1. <b><i>Clarification to the 01/27/21 Ag. Committee Meeting Minutes:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smithgalls (Smithgalls were the very first farm to be accepted into the Genesee Valley Conservancy) applied for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program three times. Their third application was finally approved by Ag. &amp; Markets – on 11/2/2016, the contract was signed 08/21/2017....and funding/closing occurred on 05/08/2019. Time for all three applications to be submitted (the first two applications did not qualify for funding) and the eventual payment added up to 9 or more years, but they were never entitled to funding until their last application was approved so they waited two and a half years.</li> </ul>		<p>Motion:</p> <p>Ayes:</p> <p>Noes:</p> <p>Absent:</p>	<p>Carried:</p> <p>Defeated:</p> <p>Referred to:</p>
<p>2. <b><i>Placement of Solar Projects on Farmland</i></b> w/Wyo. Co. RPTS Director, S. Lippincott &amp; Cornell Cooperative Extension Regional Farm Business Management Specialist, J. Petzen.</p> <p><b><i>Joan Petzen documents:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><b><i>Renewable Natural Gas Resources</i></b></a></li> <li><a href="#"><b><i>Solar Energy Resources</i></b></a></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Sarah Lippincott documents:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><b><i>Informational Solar packet</i></b></a></li> </ul>	<p><b><u><a href="#">02/18/21 Press Release:</a></u></b></p> <p><b><i>Governor Cuomo Announces Community Solar and Storage Program for Local Governments That Will Create 1,250 Clean Energy Jobs</i></b></p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p>Ayes:</p> <p>Noes:</p> <p>Absent:</p>	<p>Carried:</p> <p>Defeated:</p> <p>Referred to:</p>
<p><b><i>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry shared that during the last Ag. &amp; Farmland Protection Board meeting RPTS Director, S. Lippincott shared what the Town of Henrietta did. She offered that a Local Law was passed setting stipulations for landowners not to remove prime farmland for use in solar projects. She described it as a win/win for the landowner and the community. J. Petzen spoke to the many considerations that accompany a sizable solar project for the community and the private land owners. She encouraged a closer look into the subject and pointed out the importance of recognizing the amount of land ag producers rent. Count make a significant impact on operational plans. Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon recognized a lack of next generation farms and the ability for the current generation to make more money leasing to solar projects than to farms for farming... This is especially attractive to producers looking to retirement. Supervisor Klein, T/Castile asked the question, “do you believe in landowner rights or do you want government interference?”</i></b></p>			

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<b>11:30 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
1. <i>FYI ~</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Wyoming County Workshops to Detail Farmland Protection release by Joan Petzen, dated February 01, 2021</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>General Updates</u></a></li> <li>• J. Petzen provided additional updates on the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good participation corn and bean congress via zoom</li> <li>○ CDL training by BOCES this week and next</li> <li>○ Change in staffing Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock &amp; Field Crops                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Libby Eiholzer/Bilingual Dairy</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ PPP forgiveness for small business and farms – getting a lot of questions. Process is taking up to 2 mos. but ultimately seeing forgiveness.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:	
<b>Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
1. <i>Proclaim</i> March 2021 as Ag Month in Wyoming County.	<a href="#"><u>2020 Proclamation attached</u></a>	Motion: Roche Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: 2 Kehl, Jacoby	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
2. <i>FYI ~</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>DEC invites Public Comment About Proposed Deletion of Site on Industrial St., Warsaw from the Registry of State Superfund Sites</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <i>FYI ~</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Senator Gallivan's letter dated February 11, 2021 to state senate leaders asking for support of Ag. related funding.</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
1. <i>Review of Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement &amp; Control Program (Round 21):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u><i>Cattaraugus Creek Ag BMP Implementation Project (contract #C701233)</i></u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Fair Association w/</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Green Energy Committee</b>			
<i>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry reported that he and IDA Exec. Director, Jim Pierce will be attending a Zoom meeting with Larson Engineers regarding a solar project with American Classic Outfitters.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, March 31, 2021 @ 10:30 AM**.

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