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<b>10:45 AM Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan &amp; J. Kelly</b>			
1. <i>Resolution calling for a 30 day review of Ag. District #2 for the towns of Eagle, Gainesville, Pike, and Wethersfield</i>		Motion: Jacoby Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1Becker	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
2. Resolution approving MOU by and between the County of Wyoming and NYS Ag. and Markets establishing SEQRA procedures to eliminate the overlap and duplication in comment and review and to create uniformity in the SEQRA processes within the context of Article 25-AA for certain actions related to Agricultural Districts within Wyoming County. Effective 04/12/22 through 04/11/30 with a one year automatic renewal for an indefinite period at no cost to the county.	<b>Resolution Required</b>	Motion: Kehl Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1Becker	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
3. <u><a href="#">2021 Annual Report</a></u>	<b>Reviewed and Attached</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Committee Chair's Agenda w/A. Fagan &amp; J. Kelly</b>			
4. <b>Review <u>letter dated 03/01/2022 from NYS DEC to Jeffrey Williams</u></b> regarding Wetland DA-24 Boundary Delineation Proposed Stream Crossing Location Town of Orangeville, Wyoming County.	<i>Wyoming County Soil and Water is working closely with the land owner, DEC and Army Corp of Engineers</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>At 10:46 AM Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon entered the meeting during the below Agenda Item.</b>			
<b>10:45 AM Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan &amp; J. Kelly continued</b>			
5. <b>Updates:</b> • Pearl Creek / Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper project		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
1. <b><u>General Update:</u></b>  <i>A plaque was presented to Ag. Committee Vice Chair Brick, T/Perry recognizing his more than 15 years of service on the Cooperative Extension Board of Directors.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <u><a href="#">February 2022 Monthly Update:</a></u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>At 10:46 AM Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon and Agriculture Committee Chair entered the meeting via Zoom prior to the next Agenda Item.</b>			
<b>Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
<b>Vice Committee Chair Brick, T/Perry asked Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade, as the Chair of the NYSAC Standing Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs to review the following proposed resolutions.</b>			
1. <u><a href="#">Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</a></u> • Resolution Supporting Maintaining the 60-Hour Work Week for Farm Workers		Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
2. <u><a href="#">Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</a></u> • Expressing Frustration with the Lack of Local Input in Renewable Energy Siting and the Conversion of Farmland		Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
3. <u><a href="#">Winter NYSAC Conf. Resolution:</a></u> • Resolution in Support of New and Expanded Tax Credits to Support Food Production		Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>

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4. <b>FYI:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYS Dept. of Ag. &amp; Markets request:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee Chair Becker granted access to County owned forestlands on 03/23/22 so that NYS Ag. &amp; Markets can conduct a study on the European Cherry Fruit Fly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">E-mail</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Questions &amp; Answers</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Pest Alert</a></li> </ol>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
6. <b><u>Oatka Valley Snowmobile Association, Inc.</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowner Appreciation Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ, Sunday, May 1, 2022 / 12 noon at the Warsaw Legion Building</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permission to continue use of trails through Wyoming County Owned Property.</li> </ul>		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Fair Association w/M. Roche</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bridge on the Fairgrounds is coming along nicely.</i></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Dairy Industry w/ J. Brick</b>			
<i>Ag. Committee Vice Chair Brick, T/Perry provided several updates from information he read in the 03/25/2022 edition of Farmshine.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Ag. &amp; Farmland Protection</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>County Forestlands w/</b>			
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<i>Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade commented on a conversation he had with Village of Arcade Supt. of Public Works during a recent waterline project meeting where Supervisor Berwanger questioned the push for electric vehicles. Supt. of Public Works, Larry Kilburn's comment was along the lines of, "There's only so much electricity." The village of Arcade also owns and runs a municipal electric company.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/J. Brick & M. Roche (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 10:30 AM.**

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