

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
10:30 AM County Forestlands w/E. Stawitzky			
1. <i>Ten (10) Year Plan Update</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Soil & Water w/A. Fagan & R. Campbell, Technician			
1. Review <u>Final Report for a New York State CAFO Storage and Transfer System Program Project</u>	<i>District Manager Fagan reviewed this report with committee members.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Review <u>FL/LOWPA Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (Contract #C30539-1819)</u>	<i>Ms. Campbell reviewed this report with committee members.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <i>District Manager Fagan provided a “Yearly Wrap Up” of 2021 events.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/J. Petzen			
1. Misc. Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Annual Report • The Wyoming County Farm & Homestead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December 2021 – January 2022 Vol 9, Issue 1 • The Wyoming County 4-H News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December 2021 – January 2022 Vol 59, Issue 6 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. Results of NYS DEC's Holiday Hunt Opt-Out proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment period closed November 14, 2021 • There has been no decision by the DEC to approve an opt-out option for counties, therefore, the Holiday Hunt will proceed as approved. • December 6, 2021 e-mail from M. Schiavone, Game Management Section Head, Division of Fish and Wildlife to County Legislative Clerks • Public Comments to Wyoming County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike Shaw, Attica ○ Joel Davis, Warsaw 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <i>Animal Control Officer Goodell will be working from home until January 17, 2022</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Ag. & Farmland Protection w/J. Bragg			
1. <i>Appointment/Re-Appointment Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board To fill the vacant unexpired four (4) year term; effective through December 31, 2022</i> <i>Farm Member</i> • Vacant, (replacing the late Augustus "Gus" Youngers)	<i>There were a few potential candidate names discussed during the meeting...</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
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Fair Association w/M. Roche			
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Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
Special Guests: 1. Bethany Bzduch (Committee Chair Klein's daughter) , provided an update from NYS Soil & Water Conservation District Non-Point Source pollution programs, things to come. 2. Riley Wolfanger (Committee Chair Klein's Granddaughter) a SUNY Morrisville student provided the committee with an overview of her Perry Central high school FFA project growing sunflower business, which took bronze at both state and national levels.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Dairy Industry Not much to report as Upstate Niagara Milk Cooperative did not have a meeting this month due to the holiday. Milk production declining Milk prices rising, this is good news for the farmers.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<i>Counties in the News</i> Seneca County is rolling out an Ag. Enhancement Plan Wyoming County Sr. Planner, Jim Bragg was tasked with understanding what that's all about.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Green Energy Committee			
<i>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry reported that he received a text from a local farmer that has had a manure digester for 15 years. After recently replacing the generator on the system NYSEG told him getting new Solar Projects on line take precedence over restoring his system connection to the grid.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Chairwoman Ryan thanked Ag. Committee Chair for his leadership and contribution to the committee and to the entire Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Klein was asked to continue to provide the monthly Dairy Industry update.</i>			

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

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 10:30 AM.**

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