

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, September 01, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center & Zoom Conference Call.*

Agriculture Committee Members Present: *Klein, Brick, Kehl, Roche, Becker, Granger,*

Absent: Brunner, Jacoby, Berwanger

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Davis, T/Covington

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Committee Chair's Agenda			
<i>Pop Quiz!! How many regular sized ice cream cones can you get from one (1) gallon of ice cream mix?</i>	<i>The answer can be found at the end of these minutes.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:30 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <i>General Update:</i> • Fair Highlights		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
<i>At 10:43 AM Chairwoman, B. Ryan, T/Warsaw entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
1. <i>NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets SEQR adoption process for future Ag District review.</i> • Set 30 day review period ○ 30 days from 09/21/21 is 10/21/21 (The next BOS mtg. is 10/12/21) ○ 30 day review period closes on 10/21/21. Make this information part of the resolution to set the 30 day review and set the date of the public hearing. • Set Public Hearing for November 9, 2021 in the Supervisors' chambers @ 2:30 PM during the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors.	<i>New SEQR short form specifically for Ag. District Review</i>	Motion: Becker Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 3 Brunner, Berwanger, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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2. Amend Resolution #21-014 to reflect a contract increase of \$3,518.34 to complete Ag. District #5. Total amended contract not to exceed \$18,518.34	Consolidation of District 5 to follow town lines.	Motion: Kehl Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 3 Brunner, Berwanger, Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
3. Review 2022 County Appropriation request. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 contract should be considerably less. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anticipate only having to advertise 30-day review period • Request restoration of the Joint Erie-Wyoming County Soil & Water (Buffalo Creek) annual subsidy to \$3,000.00. 	Ag. District 2 review scheduled for 2023.	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. <u>General SWCD Programs Update:</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/M. Roche			
1. Fair Highlights		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>July 2021 Monthly Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
1. General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk production continues to rise • Great feed harvest so far • Processors / Supply chain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hard to find supplies such as plastic jugs and pallets and transportation, creating a rise in the price of groceries ○ Off-loading supplies from ports across the U.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large number of ships (40+) off the coast of LA in California can't get off loaded. ▪ Labor shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic ○ Exports are up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 13% in July 2021 ○ China beginning to experience shortage in labor • Supervisor Brick, T/Perry questioned methane transportation in relation to Fire Dept. Training 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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County Forestlands w/			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 29, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**