



## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

**Agriculture Committee Members Present:** **Kehl, Brick**, Brunner, King, Becker

Absent: Hastings, Copeland

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Cook/Budget Officer; A. D. Berwanger/Board Chair; K. Granger, T/Castile; J. Davis, T/Covington

**Green Energy Committee Members Present:** Granger, Brunner, Brick, Becker, Copeland

Absent: **May, Hastings**

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
4. <b>FYI:</b> Change date of the January 29, 2020 Committee Meeting to <b>Wednesday, January 22, 2020</b> at 10:30 a.m. due to the NYSAC Winter Conf. being held 01/26/20 – 01/29/20.	<i>Changes to date, time and location are the privilege of the Committee Chair ~ no action required.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
5. <b>FYI:</b> <a href="#"><u>New York State Department of Environmental Conservation letter</u></a> dated December 5, 2019 to Joseph Mancuso regarding Wetland WW-7 Boundary Delineation in the Town of Wethersfield on Poplar Tree Rd.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
6. <b>Reappointment:</b> <b>Seneca Trail RC&amp;D Council</b> <b><u>Member at Large.</u></b> <i>Three (3) year term effective January 01, 2020 through December 31, 2022</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>E. Joseph Gozelski</i>, 6175 E. Lake Rd., P.O. Box 331, Silver Springs, NY 14550</li> </ul> <b>Board of Supervisors Representative</b> <i>One (1) year term effective January 01, 2020 through December 31, 2020</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brian Becker</i>, 1514 Perry Rd. N. Java, NY 14113</li> </ul>		Motion: Brick Ayes: 5 Noes: Absent: 2 Hastings; Copeland	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>Walk-in:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmshine, Friday, November 29, 2019 article,                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>“Single manure to biogas project involves 11,000 cows.”</u></a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>At the request of Supervisor Brick, T/Perry</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>11:00 AM Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
1. <a href="#"><u>November 2019 Wyoming County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Newsletter.</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <a href="#"><u>11-26-19 Wyo. Co. SWCD Activities Update.</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">CDL Course</a></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SPRING 2019 CDL for Farm Operators and their Employees                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 30 Students completed the Spring 2019 CDL Class, and 14 have achieved their permits. Currently scheduling road hours and testing. 11 Farm employees have passed their road test and acquired their CDL license.</li> <li>▪ New CDL license rules were expected to be initiated next year, but according to BOCES have been delayed for 2 years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ FALL 2019 CDL                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Fall CDL license training was held on October 30 and attracted 38 students. 15 already have their permits and are scheduled for road tests</li> <li>▪ Spring 2020 CDL is scheduled for March 5, 11 and 12.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Brakes Components ID Class</a></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Held at Marquarts facility in Gainesville attracted 21 people. A number of farm shops sent owners and employees. The program was led by Chris Durfee, Service Manager, and Clayton Utz, customer support. Many questions were asked by the farm shops.</li> <li>○ Currently planning with Ron Hotis and Commercial Enforcement inspectors to hold a Truck Inspection class in the spring for farm owners and their employees, tentatively scheduled for February.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maple             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FALL MAPLE WORKSHOP                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The fall Maple Tubing Workshop was held on September 14 at Moore’s Maple, attracted 30 attendees. This workshop included a sugarbush tour at Moore’s of their soft maple (red maple) low-invert woods, with a display of a sap ladder. NYS Maple Specialist Steve Childs reported on low invert research at Cornell.</li> <li>▪ The splitting of sucrose, commonly by the action of microorganisms (bacteria), or acids, produces invert sugars. A certain amount of invert sugar is desirable in maple syrup that is to be made into a maple confection because it dissolves well. In general, all grades of maple syrup contain some invert sugar. Early, lighter syrups generally are low invert syrups; later, darker syrups are higher invert.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <u><a href="#">WNY MAPLE SCHOOL</a></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ December 7 was the date for the WNY Maple School, held at Attica Central School; 120 people attended, including the Attica FFA students who worked throughout the day with registrations, classrooms, and vendors.</li> <li>▪ One of the questions asked at the Maple School was how to handle used maple tubing. D. Welch will be working with WNY Maple Producers and Eric Randall on the issue to find a solution and recycler to take the tubing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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<b>10:45 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <a href="#"><u>November 2019 Monthly Update</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Cooperative Extension w/ Don G. &amp; D. Welch</b>			
1. <i>Miscellaneous continued:</i> <i>D. Gasiewicz</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydroponic nutrient solution (<a href="#"><u>Lettuce photos</u></a>)</li> <li>• DEC is accepting applications for <a href="#"><u>Urban Forestry Projects</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
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<b>County Forestlands w/</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Fair Association w/</b>			
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<b>Green Energy Committee</b>			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/B. Kehl & S. May (minutes prepared by \_\_\_\_\_).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 10:30 AM.**

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