

## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>10:30 AM Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
1. <b><i>FYI:</i></b> Change date of the November 25, 2020 Committee Meeting to <b><i>Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.</i></b> due to the Thanksgiving holiday.	<b><i>Changes to date, time and location are the privilege of the Committee Chair ~ no action required.</i></b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <b><u><a href="#">Review Wyoming County Wildlife Federation letter dated October 22, 2020</a></u></b>	<b><i>Reviewed and attached.</i></b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <b><u><a href="#">September 2020 Monthly Update</a></u></b> Photos ( <b><u><a href="#">Momma &amp; her babies I</a></u></b> ; <b><u><a href="#">Momma &amp; her babies II</a></u></b> )	<b><i>Reviewed and attached.</i></b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan (unable to attend)</b>			
1. <b><u><a href="#">October 2020 Update</a></u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former District Manager, G. McKurth has indicated he would be willing to stay on another 6 mos. before completely retiring...</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
<b>1. General Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>4-H Autumn Harvest Chicken BBQ</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drive through</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wyo. Co. 4-H yard signs for sale - \$15 ea.</li> <li>• 11/12/20 Annual mtg.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RSVP the event (either Zoom or in person)</li> <li>○ Open house begins at 6 pm / mtg. starts at 7 pm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Dairy Industry w/S. Klein</b>			
<b>1. General Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the county level:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Production report:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Potato harvest wrapped up (equipment moving back)</li> <li>▪ Corn and Soybean harvests are about done</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Producers are reporting they may not have enough to sell</li> <li>○ 4" measurable rain fall at the Klein Farm.</li> <li>○ Silver Lake water level was receding. New concerns around the lake about the county garbage collection contract renewal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• National Level:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The National Milk Producers Federation conference scheduled to be held in Orlando, Fla. this year is being held virtually. Typically, Supervisor Klein, T/Castile reports he attends the conference with Upstate Niagara Cooperative               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Several quality presenters (appearing virtually from their homes).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Two major processors went bankrupt               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Borden and Dean Foods</li> <li>▪ 40% of the countrys processing capacity was at risk due to bankruptcies and covid 19 (a</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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	disaster waiting to happen). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Locally, there was no milk dumped. However, there were reports of dumping taking place in other parts of the country.</li> <li>▪ Ultimately, having a very good year!</li> <li>▪ Sold more dairy products than ever before across the entire planet.</li> </ul>		
<i>At 11:00 AM Supervisor Jacoby, T/Wethersfield entered the meeting via Zoom during the below agenda item.</i>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dave Wasserman/NBC political analyzer                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supervisor Klein, T/Castile reported watching a segment recently and disagreed with several of his points.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Wasserman instructed watchers to pay special attention to Sumter Co. Florida as a barometer for the national election. Predicting President Trump needing a 2-1 margin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Committee Chair Berwanger, T/Arcade reported that he read in Hoard's Dairyman magazine that Upstate Niagara Milk Cooperative ranked 15 out of the top 50 dairy co-ops to retain market share (<a href="#"><i>article attached</i></a>).</li> <li>○ Aluminum can shortage due to the beer industry selling more cans than kegs during the pandemic.</li> <li>○ Committee Chair Berwanger talked about an article he read on the benefits of whole milk in schools. He was going to try to get the article so that it could be shared with the entire Board of Supervisors...</li> </ul>		
<b>Fair Association w/M. Roche</b>			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
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<b>County Forestlands w/</b>			
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<b>Green Energy Committee</b>			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/A. D. Berwanger & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 24, 2020 @ 10:30 AM.**

**NOTE: Change in day due to Thanksgiving Holiday...**

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