

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>March 2020 Monthly Update</u>	<i>Reviewed and attached.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Committee Chair Berwanger wished Animal Control Officer Goodell a belated Happy Birthday!</i>			
10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <i>Formal presentation of a <u>letter</u> distributed to the Board of Supervisors on April 16, 2020 by Exec. Dir. Griffith outlining CCE's response to the COVID-19 crisis...</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Executive Director Griffith explained that on March 18, 2020 the office went fully remote. The Newsletter was went digital and Zoom discussion were initiated with local farmers to discuss sell direct format opportunities. Presale online drought resistant tomato plants. Farms are reaching out for Personal Protective Equipment. There was a brief discussion on grant opportunities as a result of COVID-19. 4-H Cookie Sales are taking place through CNR Foods as a case sale. Sale runs through May 2nd Preparing for light fair season and online livestock sales</i>			
2. General Update (w/J. Petzen): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team has traps out for black cut worm • Being ready to assist farms should someone test positive for COVID-19 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk Market • Sending out updates weekly/biweekly • Guidance on U-pick operations • Produce auction in Centerville – people rely on to supplement farm stands • Mar-Apr milk checks expected to be reduced 			
<p><i>At the request of Committee Chair Berwanger, T/Arcade, Supervisor Klein, T/Castile provided an Upstate Niagara updated</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting yesterday ○ Production was up 2% in April from March ○ Dumping a minimum amount of milk ○ Least cost measure let it go to a digester ○ Skim the cream ○ Moving a lot of milk ○ Receiving a lot of letters of commendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivering on time in fall ○ Issues are in distribution • Fluid milk is saving grace of dairy industry • There has been a movement to put pressure on Washington to establish a price floor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April paid in May \$14.39/ct ○ May paid in June \$11.60/ct 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June paid in July \$10.75/ct ○ July paid in Aug \$10.75/ct ○ Aug paid in Sep \$11.06/ct ○ Sept paid in Oct. \$11.24/ct ● 2020 average \$2 short of last worst year of 2018 ● \$13.06/ct without solid price ● Beef markets have been destroyed ● Shut slaughter plants down so livestock can't be shipped ● Dean Food went bankrupt 6-8 weeks ago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DFA bid \$433M ○ DFA Borden – working on a plan to get production back up and running ○ Department of Justice was going to have to okay offer ○ Supervisor Brick, T/Perry said DFA producers have had to cut production by 15% which was confirmed by Supervisor Klein ○ J. Petzen said DFA producers base month is March ○ West Co have asked reduction of production by 10% ○ Middlebury Cooperative has not asked for reduction but will be implementing other measures ● Meat side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cull cows – some have direct markets ○ Slaughter house slots are filled through July ● Seeing increase interest in buying from local producers ● Summer Camp 			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Increasing doubt about running summer camps. Waiting for next board meeting and guidance from Governor and local Health Dept.</i> ○ <i>Other 4-H Programs across the state not able to run meat auctions because there are not places to process</i> ○ <i>Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle to provide an update concerning the Wyo. Co. Fair. Currently it is still planned.</i> ○ <i>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry said payroll protection - 1 hr. long conversation w/ A. Griffith last night</i> ○ <i>D. James was not sure how much of the PPP loan they could use.</i> ○ <i>Finance Team and Exec. Dir. felt they could apply towards camp</i> ○ <i>B. Daly - meat processing shut down</i> ○ <i>Meat kept in NYS?</i> ○ <i>The bulk of the cull cows go from WNY to Cargill in PA which is a National meat market</i> ○ <i>Supervisor Klein said President Trump ordered slaughter houses to open and remain open so as not to create shortages</i> 			
3. <u>May 2020 4-H Calendar</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
1. <u>General Activities Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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11:00 AM Ag. & Farmland Protection Board w/B. Daly			
<p>1. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater: Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County, 36 Center Street, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569 for an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00 \$41,700.00; effective March 5, 2019 through December 31, 2021.</p>	<p><i>Maximum total cost \$100K Maximum out of packet for Wyo. Co. \$10K</i></p>	<p>Motion: Brick Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p>*RESOLUTION</p>

Post Committee note (see attached e-mail):

“As soon as the Ag. call was over I got a text from Janis to call her. She said that she thought the amounts in the resolutions for Cornell Coop and Soil & Water were too much. She explained that the maximum grant is \$50,000 and the maximum county cash contribution is \$10,000 – so those payments the way she has to do it cannot exceed \$60,000 total. I had a total of \$76,300 going to them.

I am sure she is correct on that and I understand the logic of how she would have to do it. If we use the same percentages to get to \$60,000 the amounts change. Cornell Cooperative should get \$41,700 and Soil & Water should get \$18,300. How do we get that corrected? I imagine the cover sheet also have to be corrected. I would appreciate your guidance.

Thanks, Bill”

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<p>3. Census Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having issues – • Counties have been promised grants – have not seen a dime • \$30M pot of money not going to anyone • R. Tobe – next Tues or Weds will be giving planning directors an hour long update • PO Box – 1st mailings have been sent back 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry said Comm. Ball approved Java’s Farmland Protection Plan Fair Association w/M. Roche (Fair Supt.)</p>			
<p>1. General Update:</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
County Forestlands			
1. Review OYA Solar letters dated March 27, 2020 indicating county forest lands on <u>Poplar Tree</u> and <u>Wethersfield Roads</u> may be a candidate for solar development...	<i>Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica – Solar – not keen on participating if other things would benefit the farming community. Might be better if the program dollars were diverted to the area farmers.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
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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 **Wednesday, May 28, 2020 @ 10:30 AM.**

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