

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. <i>Resolution / Proclamation</i> June 2020 as Dairy Month in Wyoming County.		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
<i>This year's Dairy Princess, Danielle Herrick of Eagle, will be invited to appear via Zoom to represent the Dairy Community and accept the Dairy Month proclamation. She will also be invited to share her winning Voice of Democracy submission.</i>			
10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
<i>Departmental Review of Staff and Services (per 04/28/20 HR Committee instruction)</i>	<u>See attached e-mail from HR Director Farberman</u>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
1. <u>April 2020 Monthly Update</u> • <u>Asst. Animal Control Officer Klump with a turtle...</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Ag. & Farmland Protection w/B. Daly			
<i>At 10:55 AM Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			

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1. <u>Award Letter / Genesee Valley Conservancy / Marquart Bros.</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coop. Ext.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CCE Board of Directors met last night at 8:30 PM ○ Closed Camp Wyomoco for 2020 camp season • Ag: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ag & Mkts – PPE to Ag producers ○ 100 gal. sanitizer ○ 200 2 oz. sanitizer ○ 350 mask packs ○ Working with a lot of facilities to help with re-opening plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone needs to have a safety plan • 4-H: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contingency plan in place for fair ○ Holding digital auction of some kind Supervisor Brunner, T/Java confirmed receipt of Co. reconstitution		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs to camp 			

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<p><i>Supervisor Klein, T/Castile gave a report from the perspective of the Niagara Milk Cooperative...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over production still shadowing market • Pricing does not look good but looking more optimistic by fall with schools and colleges hopefully back in session. • Total milk tonnage for April / Oatka Cooperative is down • Late planting going on outside of Wyo. Co. / Klein's and Brick's each have seeds in the ground • Dairy products have to be sold globally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Washington DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF)</i> organized in 1916 to provide a forum for dairy producers and the cooperatives they own to participate in public policy discussions. NMPF advocates policies to Congress, U.S. and foreign government agencies, industry organizations, the news media, and the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- A \$220 million settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit brought against National Milk Producers Federation, Agri-Mark, Inc., Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., and Land O'Lakes, Inc. (collectively "Defendants"). The lawsuit claimed that an effort known as <i>Cooperatives Working Together (CWT)</i> operated a Herd Retirement Program that was a conspiracy to reduce milk output that violated the law. The Defendants deny doing anything wrong. • DFA/Dean Foods Lawsuits against them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Antitrust situation / Parties looking to stop the merger. 			

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Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry provided an update from last night's Soil & Water Board of Director's mtg. Staff working from home, mostly. Sneeze guards being installed throughout the office. Projects being worked on.</i>			
Fair Association w/			
Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle (Wyoming County Fair General Superintendent) confirmed the 2020 Fair has been cancelled. The Fair Board in consultation with the Superintendent all agreed impossible to maintain social distancing. Skeleton crew this summer, made up of mostly Community Action workers. Concrete is in, electric is done on the new barn. Can rent out for winter boat storage		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, July 01, 2020 @ 10:30 AM.**

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