

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Absent:

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. <u>Property Access Request by the USDA:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) Program 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <u>Updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Hand Sanitizer Project</u> • 4-H <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camp Wyomoco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Camp Wyomoco Letter</u> ○ <u>Activity Kit Press Release</u> ○ <u>2020 Cookie Sale Report</u> 	<i>Exec. Dir. Griffith provided the committee with an update – alternatives to Co. Fair activities Spectrum office phone issues...it is being rectified.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <u>State Fair:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sill on according to an article Comm. Chair Berwanger read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wyo. Co. Fair Supt./Supervisor Roche read the same article • Erie Co. holding something like fair bonanza. Erie Co. Fair cancelled but legislature approved alternative over 3 weekends 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. <u>Misc.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comm. Chair Berwanger, T/Arcade asked if Supervisor Brick received ag stimulus check. Supervisor Brick explained what his understanding of the payment distribution is... Supervisor Brick talked to the Exec. Dir. about their space allocation. They are willing to consolidate and give up space. Questioned receptionist position. Haven't had a person in chair since beginning of pandemic. The cookie sale realized \$13K in profit – did really well! 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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11:15 AM Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
1. <i>General Update:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Have applied for several grants in ag realm</i> 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Review <u>May 28, 2020 letter</u> from NYS Ag. & Markets regarding review of Ag. District No. 5	<i>Asked S&W to hold off on any work until 2021...will include \$15K in 2021 budget</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>May 2020 Monthly Update:</u>	<i>AC Officer Goodell distributed picture of a dog attached by another dog at Silver Lake</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Milk Market update w/Supervisor Klein			
<i>Supervisor Klein, T/Castile first offered a comment on the cherry trees discussion at the beginning of the agenda– woods mixed hardwood/cherry trees, makes sense to sign the permission.</i>			
<i>Anomaly generally, spring flush- milk. NYS 3% down April/May Top 24 states up 17% in May – then fell off considerably. No idea why... Hasn't returned in June. Not a lot of come back from food service yet. But dealing with free handouts because of pandemic, there's no reason to buy milk Still no international markets other than Canada Milk prices are at the bottom. Futures through fall looking bright \$1.2 dollars up per month. Gov. Food Service programs – will be in food buying business for quite some time. Supervisor Brick, T/Perry – from Ag & Markets Solar project in Castile County Planning make comment Ag & Farmland Protection, share w/ B. Daly</i>			

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County Forestlands w/			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Green Energy Committee			
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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 29, 2020 @ 10:30 AM.**

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