

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

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

Absent:

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Cook/Budget Officer; A. D. Berwanger/Board Chair; K. Granger, T/Castile; J. Samsel, T/Gainesville guest; Wyo. Co. Deputy M. Sage

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

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. The <u>Rules for Open Meetings</u> were read and distributed to Committee Members...		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. FYI: Change date of the November 27, 2019 Committee Meeting to Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. due to Thanksgiving.	<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:
3. Review October 21, 2019 edition of the Country Folks publication ~ <u>True Farms – Incorporating Brown Swiss and Holsteins</u>	@ <i>Chairman Berwanger</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. Review October 24, 2019 edition of the Buffalo Evening News publication ~ <u>Creativity and diversity are key to survival for region's family farms</u>	@ <i>Chairman Berwanger</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. Preview (Per Chairman Berwanger's request): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Peyton Fontaine, President, NYS FFA</i> (attended BOS meeting at the County Fair) to provide an update on NYS FFA during a future Board of Supervisors' meeting (probably Nov/Dec.)... 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:30 AM Farm Service Agency w/K. Hemstreet			
1. <u>Update on FSA and FSA programs</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>September 2019 Monthly Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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2. Review e-mail from Claudia Devinney from October 17, 2019 regarding the support of responsible pet ownership.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. Review June 13, 2019 edition of the Daily News publication ~ Animal hoarding remains an issue		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. Review October 10, 2019 edition of the Country Courier publication ~ Special visit to the Skilled Nursing Facility		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
5. Review Daily News article ~ WCCHS nursing facility collecting for animal shelter		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/L. Hunsberger			
1. 2019 Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution in Support of Agriculture Education for the Year 2020 and Beyond • Resolution in Support of a Collaboration Between Empire State College and SUNY Cobleskill to Develop an Agriculture Education Teacher Preparation/Certification Pathway • Resolution in Opposition to S.2837 (Ramos) A.2750 (Nolan) Regarding the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act of 2019 		Motion: Hastings Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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2. <i>224 funding follow up.</i>	<u>Explanation</u>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <u>NYS Camp Rates 2019</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Brick, T/Perry suggested that each Town Sponsor their own campership this year as the Board of Directors voted to discontinue the practice (16 x \$330 = \$5,280.00) 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. <i>Misc.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyoming County 4-H Recognition Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, November 21, 2019 ○ Supervisor Brick, T/Perry (Supervisor Member to the Extension Board of Directors) will be in attendance to offer comments from the Board of Supervisors. • Interim Director Hunsberger reviewed the creation of Cooperative Extensions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extension's roots go back to agricultural clubs and societies, which sprang up after the American Revolution in the early 1800s. In 1819, a pioneer agriculture journal entitled American Farmer encouraged farmers to report on their achievements and their methods of solving problems. ○ The Smith Lever Act formalized extension in 1914, establishing USDA's partnership with land-grant universities to apply research and provide education in agriculture. Congress created the extension system to address exclusively rural, agricultural issues. At that time, more than 50 percent of the U.S. population lived in rural areas, and 30 percent of the workforce was engaged in farming. ○ Extension's engagement with rural America helped make possible the American agricultural revolution, which dramatically increased farm productivity, allowing fewer farmers to produce more food. • Cornell University provides funding for fringe benefits to Extension employees (excluding Worker's Compensation insurance coverage). • Within the first six months of hire the new Executive Director should be able to achieve three important milestones in order for Cooperative Extension to receive increased funding for 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Executive Director should display a working knowledge of Wyoming County agriculture. ○ Solution to funding improvements to Camp Wyomoco ○ Right size office space at the Ag. and Business Center 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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County Forestlands w/			
1. 10 year work schedule review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-inventory and evaluate all properties to develop new 10-year work schedule. Repaint boundary lines (as needed) • Approved, yet outstanding work to be completed and invoiced... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resolution #13-169 (May 14, 2019); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dale Road – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stands 2, 6 and 7 / Softwood thinning / clear cuts \$2,250.00 ○ Resolution #18-265 (June 12, 2018); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poplar Tree Road – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Softwood Timber Sale *Selection harvest in Stand 6, \$3,250.00 • Completed Ash Only Timber Sale (Portion of Stand 3, 5-7 acres) and stand 6 \$2,250.00 ▪ Hobday Road – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Ash only Timber Sale – Stands 76, 8 and 9, \$2,000.00 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Total \$9,750.00			
2. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an RFP in 2020 for 10 year Forest Management Services... 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Wyoming County Farm Bureau w/J. Brick			
1. 2020 Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wyoming County Farm Bureau encourages Wyoming County’s Public Safety Committee to seek grants for training local fire departments to deal with agricultural accidents. ○ Wyoming County Farm Bureau requests that the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors support funding Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County at a level of \$500,000 which would allow them to continue their agricultural programming. ○ Wyoming County Farm Bureau supports Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County exploring the possibility of joining a regional team for Agriculture in the Classroom. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/			
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Green Energy Committee			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/B. Kehl & B. Hastings (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum)).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 26, 2019 @ 10:30 AM.**

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