

AGRICULTURE & GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center.*

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<i>10:30 AM - Green Energy Committee w/M. Roche</i>			
<p><u>Power Point Presentation on local renewable energy projects.</u> by AES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Brett Hastings, Director/US Field Operations</i> <i>Josh Baird, Senior Manager/Development</i> <i>Neely Kelly, Manager/Stakeholder Relations</i> <i>Jay Atwater, Regional Manager/Wind</i> 	<p><u>AES – Social Impact Program</u> <u>AES in New York</u></p>	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<i>Agriculture Committee w/B. Becker</i>			
Committee Chair's Agenda			
<p>1. FYI: Change date of the December 28, 2022 Committee Meeting to Tuesday, December 21, 2022 at 10:30 AM due to the holiday season.</p>	<p><i>Changes to date, time and location are the privilege of the Committee Chair ~ no action required.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
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<p>1. <u>Equity and Cooperation for New York farmers, soil health and watershed health act.</u></p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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<p>2. 191st Annual NYS Ag. Society 2022 Forum ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held In-Person on January 12, 2023 • At the Syracuse OnCenter. • \$150/person includes annual membership • Overnight accommodations can be made at the Collegian Hotel & Suites, Syracuse. Register by December 21 to benefit from a \$25 discount. 	<p><i>Attendees:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Berwanger</i> • <i>Kehl</i> • <i>Gozelski</i> • <i>Cooperative Extension Rep.</i> • <i>Gardner & Szucs</i> 	<p>Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p>
<p>3. NYS Ag Society 2023 membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$40 Annual Individual Membership ○ \$100 Annual Farm Membership ○ \$125 Annual Business Membership ○ \$400 Lifetime Membership 	<p><i>Additionally, Farm and Business members receive a \$10 registration discount each for 2 attendees to the NYS Agricultural Society Forum.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p>
<p>4. 2023 NYS Ag. Society Silver Sponsor ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ½ page ad in the Forum program book distributed to all Forum attendees ○ Exhibit space ○ Registration discount for 2 	<p><i>\$100 increase from 2022</i></p>	<p>Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p>

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<p>5. Empire State Council of Agricultural Organizations, Inc. Annual Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, January 13, 2023 • <i>Agribusiness Sponsorship?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018 – General Sponsor / \$500 ○ 2019 – Patron Sponsor / \$250 ○ 2020 – Patron Sponsor / \$250 ○ 2021 – Patron Sponsor / \$250 ○ 2022 – Patron Sponsor / \$250 • <i>Approved attendance for Berwanger, Kehl & Gozelski</i> 	<p><i>Waiting on confirmation of 2023 registration fee amount.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">APPROVED</p>
11:00 AM - Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
<p>1. <u>Oct 2022 Monthly Report</u></p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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11:15 AM - Ag. & Farmland Protection w/J. Bragg			
<p>1. Appointments/Reappointments: <i>Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board</i> <i>Four (4) year terms; effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026</i> <i>Cooperative Extension Member</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald Gasiewicz, 2392 Centerline Road, Varysburg, NY 14167 (replacing Joan Petzen) <i>Farm Member</i> • Thomas McCormick, 5190 Sheppard Road, Bliss, NY 14024 (filling a vacant position formerly held by the late Gus Youngers) 	<p><i>Ag & Farmland Protection Board appointments are appointments of the Chairman of the Board and do not require a resolution.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Gozelski Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p>
11:30 AM - Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
<p>1. Review <u>Draft legislation changes threaten NY Conservation Districts</u>, article in the 11/15/22 Country Folks • <u>Genesee County letter</u> to Samuel Casella, Chair; NYS Association of Conservation Districts</p>	<p><i>This information will be sent with Supervisor Berwanger to the NYSAC Board of Directors' mtg. tomorrow.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p>2. <u>2019/2020 FL/LOWPA Final Report</u></p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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11:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <i>General Update</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
County Forestlands w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/M. Roche			
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Dairy Industry w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/B. Becker & M. Roche (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum)).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, December 21, 2022 @ 10:30 AM.**

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