

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Absent: Becker

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Ag. & Farmland Protection w/J. Petzen			
1. <i>Amend Resolution Number 19-130</i> authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign a grant acceptance award with <i>New York State Ag. & Markets</i> for funding in a minimum amount of \$50,000.00 to update Wyoming County's Ag. & Farmland Protection Plan to extend the expiration date from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.		Motion: Brick Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
2. <i>Rescind Resolution Number 20-224</i> , Authorizing the Chairman to sign various contracts on behalf of the Wyoming County Ag and Farmland Protection Board, in its entirety.		Motion: Brick Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
3. <i>Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</i> Authorize Chairman to sign an Interagency agreement, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <i>Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County</i> , 36 Center Street, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569 & <i>Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District</i> , 36 Center Street, Suite D, Warsaw, NY 14569, for services relating to the updating of the Wyoming County Ag. & Farmland Protection Plan in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 collectively; effective March 5, 2019 through the expiration of the New York State Ag. & Markets Ag. & Farmland Protection Planning Grant (Contract Number AGM01-T00121GG-3000000).		Motion: Brick Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION

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10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
4. <i>Misc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven (7) strong applications are being submitted to the Purchase of Development Rights Program (PDR). \$58M available. Applications are of both large and small tracts. • J. Petzen reported that Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County is working closely with M. Halladay, Land Conservationist with the Genesee Valley Conservancy to provide land owners with annual informational workshops. • Committee Chair Klein announced that as of April 15th the agreement for Silver Meadows Farm has closed. A process that took the Klein family 4 years to complete... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached Lancaster Farming article 	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
1. <i>General Update:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing on state calls that the State Fair 4-H dorms will likely be closed in order to better manage social distancing requirements during state fair. Waiting to see how 4-Hers will participate in NYS State Fair this year. Anticipate guidelines and/or restrictions will be issued soon. • 4-H enrollment and cookies sales are beginning to rebound, post-COVID. Will have more concrete numbers on livestock project enrollment after the upcoming pig weigh-in, but beef numbers are back to "normal" (40+). • A lot of contingency plans in place for these all 4-H activities, depending on how the county and state fairs move forward. • Vaccination clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 105 ag. related individuals vaccinated last week ○ Shout out to the COVID-19 Task Force and County Health Dept. for working with Extension over the last year. • 2nd PPP payment received. • Camp Director has announced retirement plans. • Camp Wyomoco will be hosting shooting sports workshop, weddings, etc. • State calls – topic de jour has been solar projects. 	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Anticipate being able to provide municipalities with information soon. • \$30K Dairy Education grant received. Will use a large portion of that to purchase a life size working model of a Holstein cow. 			
10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>March 2021 Monthly Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/M. Roche			
Currently planning on holding the 2021 fair...		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of product being moved • Talking about free lunches for all students • Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cardboard and container glass hard to find. o Opportunity to export dairy products but shipping containers are hard to find. o Opportunity to ship products to Mexico. Water shortage makes importing dairy products from the states more attractive than utilizing water sources to sustain large herds of dairy animals. • Corn & Soybeans up on the CME (Chicago Mercantile Exchange) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Farms are selling these crops for grain vs. corn silage, etc. • The current 229 jobs at subsidiary Empire Cheese in Cuba, would be relocated to Belvidere — about 15 minutes away along Interstate 86 — after the new plant is finished. An additional 200 jobs would also be added during the move, with space for expanding further and creating more jobs in the future. <u>See attached.</u> 		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:
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:
County Forestlands w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Green Energy Committee			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & B. Becker (minutes prepared by _____).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

Committee Chair Initials: _____