

# AGRICULTURE & GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 @ 10:30 AM  
Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Government Center.*

**Agriculture Committee Members Present:** *Becker, Brick*, Berwanger Gozelski, Roche, McCormick  
Absent: Kehl  
Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; B. Ryan/Board Chair; D. Granger, T/Gainesville; B. Krawczyk & Guest/Wyoming County Wildlife Federation

**Green Energy Committee Members Present:** *Roche, Berwanger*, Granger, McCormick, Becker  
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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>10:30 AM - Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
1. <i>Resolution/Proclamation</i> June 2023 as Dairy Month in Wyoming County.	<i>To be passed at the end of May each year!!!</i>	Motion: Brick Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Kehl	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
2. <i>FYI:</i> • <a href="#"><u>DEC Email Giant Hogweed</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <i>Discussion:</i> • <a href="#"><u>05/11/23 M. Schiavorn Email</u></a> • <a href="#"><u>05/12/23 B. Krawczhk Email</u></a> • <a href="#"><u>NYS DEC Junior Big Game Hunting</u></a> • <a href="#"><u>Local Law 1, 2021</u></a> • <a href="#"><u>Youth Deer Hunting/Clerks of Co. Legislative Boards 05/11/23 Letter</u></a>	<i>Introduce Aug-Sep at the latest for action.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>10:45 AM - Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <a href="#"><u>April 2023 Monthly Report</u></a>	<i>Working on Town of Freedom IMA...</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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2. <i>Southpaw Signz Estimate:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>No Charge to remove and/or install</u></a></li> <li>• Permission to utilize a new logo design</li> </ul>		Motion: Roche Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Kehl	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>APPROVED</b>
<b>11:00 AM - Ag. &amp; Farmland Protection Board w/ J. Bragg</b>			
1. <i>Permission to Request RFP for Farmland Protection Plan</i>		Motion: McCormick Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Kehl	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>APPROVED conditioned upon Ag. &amp; Farmland Protection Board Member Brick's concerns being addressed.</b>
<b>11:15 AM - Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
1. <i>Agriculture Nonpoint Source Abatement &amp; Control Program, Round 25:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Attica Reservoir Nutrient Management Project</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Dairy Industry w/A. D. Berwanger</b>			
	<p><i>Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade questioned if any committee member knows what neonics is? He explained that neonics are a class of synthetic, neurotoxic insecticides that are used on agricultural crops (applied to various seeds), lawns, gardens, golf courses, and in flea and tick pet treatments. Developed in the mid-1990s, neonics are now the single-most popular insecticide class in the United States. And he wondered if this committee had any opinions on neonics. Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade referred to a response by Dave DeGolyer in the Buffalo News on May 22, 2023.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><i>Another Voice: by Kern</i></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><i>Another Voice: by DeGolyer</i></a></li> </ul> <p><i>Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade continued to explain that he will be attending a NYSAC Board of Directors' meeting next week where he plans to bring up the topic of Neonics</i></p>	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<b>Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
	~Nothing to Report~	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
	~Nothing to Report~	<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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<b>County Forestlands w/</b>			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Fair Association w/M. Roche</b>			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Green Energy Committee</b>			
1. <i>Invenergy's Alle-Catt project breaking ground in 2023.</i> As reported by Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade		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, June 28, 2023 @ 10:30 AM.**

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