

AGRICULTURE & GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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 We ask that you continue to practice safe social distancing requirements.
Thank you!

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
 Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center.*

Agriculture Committee Members Present: *Becker, Brick*, Berwanger Kehl, Gozelski, Roche, McCormick
 Absent:
 Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Cook/Budget Officer; B. Ryan/Board Chair; D. Granger, T/Gainesville

Green Energy Committee Members Present: *Roche, Berwanger*, Kehl, Granger, McCormick, Becker
 Absent: Jacoby
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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. Review <u>letter dated August 1, 2023 by members of the NYS Senate Ag. Committee</u> to bring 2% and whole milk back into public schools by including a measure in the Farm Bill to give the power of choice back to school districts. Make sure Congressman Langworthy also receives a copy of this resolution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>New York Farmers fight to get whole milk back in schools</u> <i>Farmshine, Friday, September 22, 2023</i> • <u>Action needed to get whole milk into schools.</u> 	Motion: Brick Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/J. Sikorski, Interim Exec. Dir.			
1. <i>General Update</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <i>2024 Budget proposal review:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% increase requested 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
1. <u>09/06/23 Letter from NYS Ag. and Markets regarding Ag. District No. 3 review.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers the towns of Covington, Perry, Pike and Genesee Falls • \$24,000.00 budgeted for 2024 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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2. <u>2024 Budget proposal review:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Officer Cook offered that District Manager Fagan always presents a realistic budget. He only asks for what he needs. Approved by the District Board for a 4th Technician to accommodate additional work. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <u>General Update:</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>August 2023 Monthly Report</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Companion Animal Care Standards Act for Shelters and Rescues / <u>Review and *Report – September 2023</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p>2. 2024 Budget proposal review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to increase Per Diem position to full time. Animal Control Officer Goodell is working too many hours. 65 – 70 per week during recent puppy delivery. The department could use a third position This has been discussed with the Budget Officer and HR Director Farberman. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>Permission to proceed with the creation of a third full time position for 2024.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
County Forestlands w/			
<p>1. 2024 Budget proposal review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget aligned with 2022/2023 Forest Management objectives in mind. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Fair Association w/M. Roche			
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Ag. & Farmland Protection			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Dairy Industry w/			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 01, 2023 @ 10:30 AM.

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