

# AGRICULTURE & GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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 Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the government center.*

**Agriculture Committee Members Present:** *Brick*, Berwanger Kehl, Gozelski, Roche, McCormick  
 Absent: *Becker*  
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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>10:30 AM - Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
1. <i>Attica FFA Legislative Breakfast 11/17/23 9-11 AM</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <i>10-20-23 Inter-County of WNY letter Re: Legislation before the Governor, Bill Number S.1856-A (Hoylman-Sigal)/A.7640 (Glick) / Birds and Bees Act <a href="#">Correspondence to Elizabeth Fine</a></i>		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>APPROVED</b>
3. <i><a href="#">Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolution (15): Resolution in Support of Securing Key County Priorities in the 2023 Farm Bill</a></i>	<i>Terry Wilber, Oswego County Clerk is the Chairman of the NACo Ag. Standing Committee.</i>	Motion: Berwanger Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>10:40 AM - Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <i>September 2023 Monthly Report</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p>2. <b>Renew Resolution for Order of Protection for Deer</b> – Wyoming County Department of Animal Control has indicated that there is potential for unnecessary loss to the white tailed deer population due to dogs chasing the deer. Resolution would require that all dogs in the County of Wyoming be securely confined for the period of <b>November 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024</b>, under Article 7, Section 122 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.</p>		<p>Motion: Kehl Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker</p>	<p>Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b></p>
<p>3. <b>Renew Resolution for Confinement of Dogs</b> - which requires that all dogs in the County of Wyoming shall be securely confined from dusk to dawn for the period of <b>January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024</b>, under Article 7, Section 122 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.</p>		<p>Motion: Roche Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker</p>	<p>Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b></p>
<p>4. <b>Appropriation:</b>  <b>To:</b> 013510.540111 computer (cyber insurance)      \$53.95                013510.540016 Internet                                    100.00                013510.540503 Gasoline                                 1,100.00                013510.540507 Highway Repairs                    <u>1,000.00</u>  <b>w/any funds available</b>                                        \$2,253.95  <b>Reason:</b> Increase in cyber insurance, monthly increase in internet costs, two vehicles using gasoline and unexpected amount of repairs to the new (used) vehicle.</p>		<p>Motion: McCormick Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker</p>	<p>Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>FINANCE</b></p>

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<b>5. <i>Position Create/Fill:</i></b> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Animal Control</i></p> Create and Fill one (1) position of <u><i>Animal Control Assistant</i></u> , (1.00 FTE) and place on Salary Schedule S at \$20.00 per hour; position available date is November 15, 2023.		Motion: Gozelski Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Becker	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>FINANCE</b>
<b>11:00 AM - Cooperative Extension w/J. Sikorski</b>			
<b>1. <i>General Update</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wyoming County Farm &amp; Homestead news                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u><i>OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2023</i></u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u><i>2023 Annual Report</i></u></li> <li>• Wyoming County Executive Director search ongoing. On hold until after the new year.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 Candidates have been interviewed...</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>2. <u><i>Steuben County 4-H voted to withdraw from County Fair article.</i></u></b>	<i>Interim Exec. Director Sikorski was not aware of the Steuben County news...</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
<b>1. <i>Final Report for Cattaraugus Creek Basin Aquifer Protection Project.</i></b>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Fair Association w/M. Roche</b>			
1. <i>General Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYS Ag. &amp; Markets offering infrastructure grants to County Fairs \$100K/fair.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will submit an application for arena bleachers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>County Forestlands w/</b>			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Dairy Industry</b>			
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	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Green Energy Committee w/M. Roche</i>			
1. <b>General Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AES (Eagle &amp; Wethersfield wind projects) has been awarded the ability to sell energy through NYSERDA.</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, November 29, 2023 @ 10:30 AM.**

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