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<i>10:30 AM - Green Energy Committee w/M. Roche</i>			
<p><u><a href="#">Power Point Presentation on local renewable energy projects.</a></u>                      by AES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Brett Hastings, Director/US Field Operations</i></li> <li><i>Josh Baird, Senior Manager/Development</i></li> <li><i>Neely Kelly, Manager/Stakeholder Relations</i></li> <li><i>Jay Atwater, Regional Manager/Wind</i></li> </ul>	<p><u><a href="#">AES – Social Impact Program</a></u>  <u><a href="#">AES in New York</a></u></p>	<p>Motion:                      Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:</p>	<p>Carried:                      Defeated:                      Referred to:</p>
<i>Agriculture Committee w/B. Becker</i>			
<b>Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
<p>1. <b>FYI:</b>                      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><a href="#">Equity and Cooperation for New York farmers, soil health and watershed health act.</a></u></p>		<p>Motion:                      Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:</p>	<p>Carried:                      Defeated:                      Referred to:</p>

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

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

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<b>11:15 AM - Ag. &amp; Farmland Protection w/J. Bragg</b>			
<p>1. <b>Appointments/Reappointments:</b> <i>Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board</i> <i>Four (4) year terms; effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cooperative Extension Member</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donald Gasiewicz</b>, 2392 Centerline Road, Varysburg, NY 14167 (replacing Joan Petzen)</li> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Farm Member</i></p> <li>• <b>Thomas McCormick</b>, 5190 Sheppard Road, Bliss, NY 14024 (filling a vacant position formerly held by the late Gus Youngers)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Ag &amp; 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: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVED</b></p>
<b>11:30 AM - Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
<p>1. Review <u><a href="#">Draft legislation changes threaten NY Conservation Districts</a></u>, article in the 11/15/22 Country Folks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">Genesee County letter</a></u> to Samuel Casella, Chair; NYS Association of Conservation Districts</li> </ul>	<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><a href="#">2019/2020 FL/LOWPA Final Report</a></u></p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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<b>11:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
<b>1. General Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cornell Cooperative's Extension of Tompkins County volunteer quoted in the <i>Country Folks</i> article re: Soil &amp; Water and the "NYS Watershed Health Coalition" is not an employee of Cornell Cooperative Extension and their view do no reflect the views of the Extension system at the local or state levels.</li> <li>Don Gasiewicz will be taking over Joan's role on the Farmland Protection Board, while Abby Griffith will be assuming her role with the Farmland Protection Plan.</li> <li>Enrollment is underway for 4-H—statewide, more counties are seeing split enrollments (families who are enrolling in multiple counties), program/county jumping, etc.</li> <li>We were excited to host our 4-H Awards Night in person for the first time since 2019 @ the Warsaw Village Park Legion Hall—the full slate of award winners can be found in the 4-H News.</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>			
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<b>Dairy Industry w/</b>			
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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, December 21, 2022 @ 10:30 AM.**

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