

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

Location: *Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center & Zoom Conference Call.*

Agriculture Committee Members Present: *Klein, Brick, Kehl, Brunner, Roche, Becker, Granger, Berwanger*

Absent: Jacoby

Also Present: C. Ketchum

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Committee Chair's Agenda			
<p>1. FYI: The December Committee meeting date will not be changed this year.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<u>No Farmland, No Food</u>			
<p>2. Re-appointment: Seneca Trail RC&D Council Soil & Water Member <i>Three (3) year term effective January 01, 2022 through-December 31, 2024</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Fagan (Wyoming County Soil & Water) 36 Center St. Ste. D, Warsaw, NY 14569 		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
10:30 AM County Forestlands w/E. Stawitzky (unable to attend)			
<p>1. Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten (10) year Forest Management Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will provide update in person 12/29/21 Timber Sale on Poplar tree road has concluded for now. Timber Ridge was able to work for about a week in October before the ground conditions got wet again and they had to stop. They have roughly re-graded everything for now with the expectation of returning once things get colder this winter. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>September, October & November 2021 Monthly Updates</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <i>The committee presented no objection to Animal Control Officer Goodell exploring a contract for Animal Shelter Services with the Town of Freedom in Cattaraugus County.</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <i>General Update:</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
11:00 AM Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
1. Review of <u>Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District Fall 2021 Newsletter</u> .		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Review of <u>Final Report for a New York State Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement & Control Program (Round 22)</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
<p>1. General Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Chair Klein, T/Castile attended a National Milk Producers conference for Cooperatives only in Las Vegas last week, representing Upstate Niagara. • They're experiencing the same issues we are. • Having trouble processing milk, for a lack of product but workers • Answers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Companies with labor issues are scanning the globe for laborers ○ Will take care of entire process of getting work visas, etc. <p>Supervisor Brunner, T/Java said that UB is housing Nicaraguans. 29 a day are coming into the country. Afghanistan refugees, too. This is private industry trying to solve a problem. Pay is \$6.00/hour with a government subsidy for the difference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift in production – plenty of milk here. .5% reduction nationwide • Cattle moving to slaughter at greater rate. 47K head decline • The News is reporting on inflation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charts Committee Chair Klein has seen out west and here ○ Feed costs, fuel, etc. are up ○ Predicting milk pricing to be at \$19.50 cwt in 2022 		<p>Motion:</p> <p>Ayes:</p> <p>Noes:</p> <p>Absent:</p>	<p>Carried:</p> <p>Defeated:</p> <p>Referred to:</p>

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Fair Association w/M. Roche			
1. Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150K grant anticipated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bldg. loan to pay off • Annual meeting is next week at the Ag. & Business Center 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Ag. & Farmland Protection w/J. Brick			
1. Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory trainings are underway for the Purchase of Development Rights program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interested farms are required to participate in these trainings. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
	<i>~Nothing to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<i>Green Energy Committee w/Committee Chair, B. Becker</i>			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum)).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, December 29, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

Committee Chair Initials: _____