



Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

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February 28, 2022
Human Services Complex

Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, Michael Lausell, Johnathan Wasson, Jerry Verrigni, Dan Teed, Kelly Anderson
Staff: Kristin VanHorn
Public: None
Excused: Michael Bergen, Walter Adam
Absent: Ben Rawleigh, Rory Miller,

Meeting Called to order at 6:23 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes: Mike Lausell, seconded by Johnathan Wasson. *All in favor vote*

Election of Officers for 2021

- Chair: Dan Teed
 - Motion made by Kelly Anderson, seconded by Mike Lausell. *All in favor vote.*
Motion passed
- Vice-Chair: Walter Adam
 - Motion made by Mike Lausell, seconded by Jerry Verrigni. *All in favor vote.*
Motion passed
- Secretary: Kristin VanHorn
 - Motion made by Mike Lausell, seconded by Kelly Anderson. *All in favor vote.*
Motion passed

Old Business

1. Ag and Farmland Protection Plan
 - a. Kristin provided a presentation outlining the background/ purpose of the plan, the plan vision, and goals as well as the recommended strategies and implementations.
 - b. Walter asked about pushback from solar developers and the options to the inclusion of sheep grazing within the developments.
 - c. There was a discussion about the need for slaughterhouses and if the AFPB and the Ag Protection Plan should be pushing harder for them.
 - i. 2020 really exposed the weaknesses of the industry and has put a strain on the existing business.
 - d. Michael Lausell made a motion to recommend approval of the Ag and Farmland Protection Plan by the Schuyler County Legislature, seconded by Mike Bergen. *All in favor vote. Motion passed.*

New Business

1. Annual Ag District Enrollment

The board reviewed all of the applications for inclusion within the Schuyler County Ag District Program.

- Dan Teed made the motion to approve the following parcels for enrollment within the Schuyler County Ag District #2 and #3, seconded by Kelly Anderson. *All in favor vote. Motion passed*
 - 75.00-1-20.3 and 75.00-1-38 containing a total of 43.84 acres owned by Dell J and Nancy O St. Julien in the Town of Dix – Ag District #2
 - 41.00-3-23 containing a total of 2 acres owned by Martin & Peggy Roberts in the Town of Reading – Ag District #2
 - 67.00-1-08 and 67.00-1-16 containing a total of 129.10 acres owned by Carl States in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3, and

2. Meeting Schedule

- Move to a quarterly meeting schedule.

3. Hector Zoning Law

- A discussion was had about the proposed Hector Zoning Law.

Other:

1. Farm Bureau – Holding a social event on March 24 at Hazlitt's – Open to the public and members are encouraged to bring a non-member.
2. CCE – Hired to new Ag Educators (Alec Moore & Marisa Nolan)
 - a. Holding Pruning Workshops at Apples and Moore Orchard on March 16th and 23rd
3. Soil and Water:
 - a. Jerry passed out the SWCD Annual Report for 2021. Completed 79 different projects between May and November,
 - b. Doing a lot of culvert upgrades to increase the size of the culverts to accommodate increased stormwater runoff during storm events.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Lausell seconded by Kelly Anderson at 6:45 pm