



# Schuyler County

## Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Meeting

Schuyler County Planning Department  
105 Ninth Street, Unit 39  
Watkins Glen, NY 14891  
Tel: (607) 535-8211 Fax: (607) 535-8193

**February 20, 2014**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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### Call to Order:

Present: Walter Adam, Tom Bloodgood, Brett Chedzoy, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Dickens,  
Michael Lausell, John Murch, Ben Rawleigh, Dan Teed  
Staff: Kristin VanHorn  
Public: None  
Absent: Rory Miller

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Meeting Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) Acceptance of Minutes

Previous minutes were unavailable.

2) Public Comment – None

3) Old Business

**Right to Farm Law** – no new information.

**Ag Awareness Tour** – Recommended time frame is in the early May or Late October

- The Last tour was in October of 2012
- Brett suggested that the Farm Bureau should be involved, as it was organized by CCE in the past.
- Suggest touring the Western Half of the County, visiting “fruit farms” perhaps touring, Lakewood, Chedzoy’s, Reisinger’s, and Walt Adam’s Farm.
- The goal is to help bring awareness to how much farms contribute to the local economy.

**CEO/Ag Mkts issue in the Town of Dix** – Dan reported that things have been much better and the issue has settled down.

4) New Business

1. Ag District Addition
  - i. Kay Thomas and Donna Joseph

Motion by Walter Adam to include Kay Thomas and Donna Joseph Property into Agricultural District #3. Motion seconded by Tom Bloodgood. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ag Value Assessments - Soil Water Conservation District are completing assessments at the request of property owner.
  - Real Property Office is working on auditing the properties with Ag Assessments. This has previously been very lax.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



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**May 19, 2014**  
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**7:00 P.M.**

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## **Call to Order:**

Present: Walter Adam, Brett Chedzoy, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Dickens, Michael Lausell, Rory Miller, Dan Teed  
Staff: Kristin VanHorn  
Public: Christopher Bason  
Absent: John Murch, Tom Bloodgood, Ben Rawleigh

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Meeting Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes with change of Rory Miller - Absent, accepted as submitted made by Elaine Dalrymple, and seconded by Michael Lausell.  
All in favor vote. Motion passed.

## **Public Comment:**

Chris Bason – Tyrone Agriculture Council

- The Town of Tyrone is in the process of setting up an agricultural council. The goals of the council will be farmland protection and economic development.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Right To Farm Law – update**

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### **2. Ag Awareness Tour - Date for 2014**

- Still working on setting up at date - Brett expects to have more details at the next meeting
- The focus will be on farms on the west side of the lake.

### **3. Membership Update**

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2. Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan 2008 – Update?
  - Is updated every 8 years – next update is in 2016
  - Some interest in bringing the process earlier.

## **Other**

### **8yr Review for Agricultural District s**

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### **Ag Assessments**

- Annual review of was primarily on Ag Land (5 acres or more)
- Property owners have been seeing increases in their assessments of 50% -160%
- New Rates have been set at:
  - \$3,000/acre – Tillable Land
  - \$1,500/acre – Woodland
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- Group should explore ways to get more information out about how to get an assessment.

**Next Meeting: August 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building**



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**November 17, 2014**  
**Human Services Complex**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **Call to Order:**

Present: Walter Adam, Brett Chedzoy, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Dickens, Michael Lausell, Rory Miller, Dan Teed, Tom Bloodgood  
Staff: Kristin VanHorn  
Public: none  
Excused: John Murch, Ben Rawleigh

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Meeting Called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to approve the as submitted made by Tom Bloodgood, and seconded by Elaine Dalrymple.

All in favor vote. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Ag Awareness Tour - Date for 2015**

- Still working on setting up at date but will be late May/early June.
- Would be nice to tie into the Farm Bureau tour with the local students but may not be logistically possible
- Will focus on the Western half of the county (4 stops with lunch at the last stop)
- Would like to set the date at the February Meeting.

## **New Business**

### **1. Ag District #2 8-Year review**

- Elaine, Brett and Dan will go to the Planning office on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am to review existing Ag District and identify any parcel that we should reach out to.

## **Other**

### **1. Agriculture Building Permits**

- Dan Teed brought the boards attention that local farmer Leslie Sils recently put up a cow bard and was required to spend a substantial amount on building permits.
- Ben Dickens indicated that he would look into it.

Next Meeting: **Feburary 18, 2015** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building