



# Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

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Schuyler County Planning Department  
105 Ninth Street, Unit 39  
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**January 17, 2018**  
**Human Services Complex**

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## **Call to Order:**

Present: John Murch, Tom Bloodgood, Tom Eskildsen, Michael Lausell, Brett Chedzoy, Ben Rawleigh, Rory Miller  
Staff: Kristin VanHorn  
Public: none  
Excused: Walter Adam, Brett Chedzoy, Ben Rawleigh, Rory Miller,  
Absent: Mike Bergen, Dan Teed

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Meeting Called to order at 6:05 p.m.

## **Election of Officers for 2018**

Motion to appoint the following as the officers of the AFPB for 2018 made by John Murch, and seconded by Michael Lausell.

Chair: Dan Teed

Vice Chair: Rory Miller

Secretary: Kristin VanHorn

*All in favor vote. Motion passed.*

## **Old Business**

1. None

## **New Business**

1. PDR Pre-Applications
  - David Barber Farm
    - Several of the parcels are not in the Ag District, they would need to be enrolled to make the property eligible.
    - The property has substantial view and the development pressure on parcels with views of the lake are increasing.
    - David has been persistent in interest to applying to the program
    - The farm also has a long family heritage

- Lochner Parcels
  - Several of the parcels are not in the Ag District, they would need to be enrolled to make the property eligible.
  - It was noted that there is very little development pressure within this area of the county. The primary pressure is among other agricultural uses.
  - Parcel #30.00-1-4 has very steep slopes that would make it difficult to farm.
- Next Steps
  - Kristin will send out the scoring sheet to all of the members and then at the next AFPB meeting the board will go through review proposed scores.

**Other:**

1. Farm Bureau – No Update
2. CCE – No Update
3. Soil and Water
  - Working with Ontario County to offer a workshop to farmers around Seneca Lake on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the workshop will be on soil health and nutrient management.

**Motion to Adjourn made by J. Murch seconded by M. Lausell at 6:45 pm**

Next Meeting: February 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Human Services Building.



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**February 26, 2018**  
**Human Services Complex**

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## **Call to Order:**

**Present:** John Murch, Tom Bloodgood, Tom Eskildsen, Michael Lausell, Brett Chedzoy, Ben Rawleigh, Mike Bergen, Dan Teed, Walter Adam, Brett Chedzoy  
**Staff:** Kristin VanHorn  
**Public:** None  
**Excused:** None  
**Absent:** Rory Miller,

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Meeting Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Tom Bloodgood, seconded by Walter Adam. All in favor vote

## **Old Business**

### 1. PDR Pre-Applications

The board reviewed each of the pre-applications based on the scoring guidance that was established for the PDR Program. The highest possible score is 118 points

- David Barber Farm: 71 points
  - 46.19 acres in the Town of Hector, Ag District #1
  - 396 acres in the Town of Montour, Ag District #3
  - Tom E gave a review the process and benefits of rotational grazing and its importance.
- Lochner Farm 1: 28 points
  - 105 acres in the Town of Tyrone, Ag District #2
  - Brett described the 480a RPTL/ Stewardship program
- Lochner Farm 38 points
  - 44.65 acres in the Town of Orange, Ag District #2
  - 50 acres in the Town of Tyrone, Ag District #2

Tom Bloodgood made the motion to formally endorse the Barber Farm for consideration by the Finger Lakes Land Trust for the Purchase of Developments Rights program.

## **New Business**

### **1. Annual Ag District Enrollment**

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

- Tom Bloodgood made the motion to approve the following parcel for enrollment within the Schuyler County Ag District #1, #2, and #3, seconded by Mike Bergen.
  - 24.00-1-38.11 containing a total of 27.6 acres owned by Jeffery Soule, in Ag District #1
  - 53.00-1-5.11 containing a total of 16.97 acres owned by Charles Roth, in Ag District #2
  - 30.00-1-4 and 62.00-1-2.12 containing a total of 146.9 acres owned by Matt, Rachel, Tom and Johanna Lochner, in Ag District #2
  - 64.00-1-3.11 and 64.00-1-3.5 containing a total of 19.5 acres owned by Maria and Bruce Bohlin, in Ag District #2
  - 18.00-1-4.11 containing a total of 62.5 acres owned by Ann Laskowski, in Ag District #2
  - 28.00-1-30 containing a total of 58.9 acres owned by Marvin Martin, in Ag District #2
  - 65.00-3-16, 65.00-3-19.1, 65.00-3-19.2, 77.00-1-25.2, and 77.00-1-4 containing a total of 336.2 acres owned by David Barber, in Ag District #3
- The board also received applications for enrollment within the Ag District Program from the following parcels, these parcels have previously been enrolled and the owners will be notified.
  - 44.00-1-24.2 containing a total of 8 acres owned by Gene and Bambi Palako, in Ag District #1
  - 52.00-1-22, 42.00-1-66, 53.00-1-2.12 containing a total of 328.48 acres owned by Charles Roth, in Ag District #2

## **Other:**

1. Farm Bureau – Dan reported that he is no longer on the executive board of Farm Bureau and stated that we would get in touch with someone on the board before our meetings to get a report on any issues.
2. CCE – No Update
3. Soil and Water
  - Wednesday, March 7 they will be holding a Soil Health and Nutrient Management Workshop in Geneva in partnership with the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> they will host a Soil Health and Pest Management Workshop at the Horseheads American Legion in partnership with Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District

**Motion to Adjourn made by Dan Teed seconded by Mike Lausell at 7:02 pm**

Next Meeting: May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Human Services Building.