



Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Schuyler County Planning Department
105 Ninth Street, Unit 39
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March 4, 2019
Human Services Complex

Call to Order:

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

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

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

Election of Officers for 2019

- **Chair:** Dan Teed
 - Motion made by John Murch, seconded by Walter Adam. *All in favor vote. Motion passed*
- **Vice Chair:** Walter Adam
 - Motion made by Rory Miller, seconded by Tom Bloodgood. *All in favor vote. Motion passed*
- **Secretary:** Kristin VanHorn
 - Motion made by Tom Bloodgood, seconded by Rory Miller. *All in favor vote. Motion passed*

Old Business

1. Barber Farm – Dairy Farm Transition Grant
 - The Barber Farm was awarded the Dairy Farm Transition Grant
 - There was a discussion about the next steps and how the overall assessment for the parcel would be done.
2. Ag and Farmland Protection Plan
 - The grant was submitted and we anticipate that the award should be announce sometime in April
 - Anticipate a June Kickoff

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 parcels for enrollment within the Schuyler County Ag District #2, seconded by John Murch.
 - 41.00-3-24.2 containing a total of 6.5 acres owned by Thomas and Anna Domineger, in Ag District #2
 - 32.00-1-14.2 containing a total of 25 acres owned by Stuart and Carol Henry, in Ag District #2
 - 95.00-1-23.14 containing a total of 19.1 acres owned by Andrew and Michele Manzer, in Ag District #2

Other:

1. Farm Bureau – There is discussion about potentially +/- 1000 acres of really good farmland within the Town of Dix area that could be sold and developed.
2. CCE – Working on developing a whitepaper and webinar to discuss the impact of solar farms on agriculture.
3. Soil and Water
 - Banquet is next week. It was noted by the group that they should be recognized for all the significant work they did this year.

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

Next Meeting: May 6th at 6:00 pm at the Human Services Building.



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August 19, 2019
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Call to Order:

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

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

Acceptance of Minutes: Tom Bloodgood made the motion to approve the March Meeting Mins, seconded by Mike Bergen. All in favor vote, motion passed.

Old Business

1. Ag and Farmland Protection Plan
 - The county has signed the contract with Ag and Markets and is preparing the RFP for to hire a consultant.
 - This goal is that we will kick off the project by early November and do a lot of the work over the course of the winter and early spring.
2. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center (WGI Solar Project)
 - Kristin provided a copy of the notice of submission of preliminary scoping statement for the project and updated the committee on the project.

New Business

1. Ag District #1 8-year Review.

Kristin provided an update on the review process and the responses.

 - The committee reviewed the list of parcels that requested removal from the Ag District. Kristin noted that there was only one parcel within the Hector Water District #2 that requested to be removed.
 - John Murch made the motion to approve the following parcels for enrollment within the Schuyler County Ag District #1, seconded by Mike Bergen. All in favor vote, motion passed.
 - 12.00-1-76 containing a total of 2.6 acres owned by 5191 NYS Route 414 Reality LL,
 - 36.08-1-56.1 containing a total of 12.71 acres owned by David and Karen Allen
 - 10.00-1-65 containing a total of 11.13 acres owned by D. Clayton Grove
 - 54.07-1-16 containing a total of .74 acres owned by Robert and Cathy Mangus

- 33.00-1-22.111 containing a total of 7.68 acres owned by Christine McAfee
- Tom Bloodgood made the motion to recommend that the Schuyler County Legislature continue Ag District #1 within the Town of Hector and Montour, seconded by Mike Lausell. All in favor vote, motion passed.

Other:

1. Farm Bureau – No Update
2. CCE – No Update
3. Soil and Water
 - Jerry distributed the a packet highlighting their progress from January – July 2019

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Bergen seconded by Tom Bloodgood at 6:30 pm