



# Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Meeting

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Schuyler County Human Services Complex  
323 Owego St. Unit 5  
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Tel: (607) 535-7161 Fax: (607) 535-6813

**January 17, 2011  
Human Services Complex  
7:00 P.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Acceptance of December Minutes
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Old Business
  - Ag District 1 8-year review update
  - Right To Farm Law Status
  - CEO education-
    - compile top 10 list
  - Update on Assessments and possible education
    - Potential workshop in February
  - Membership Update
- 4) New Business

Next Meeting Date **Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building



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**January 17, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, John Murch, Ben Dickens, Dan Teed, Elaine Dalrymple  
(SWCD Representative)

Staff: Jenna Hicks

Public:

Absent: Tom Bloodgood, John Santos, Danielle Hautaniemi, Anthony J. Specchio,  
Doris Karius, Rory Miller, Walter Adam

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Meeting Called to order by Ben Dickens at 7:02 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of December Minutes
  - Motion: Murch, Second: Teed- approved
- 2) Public Comment- None
- 3) Old Business
  - ~ **Agriculture District #1 8-Year Review Update**- We received final approval from Ag and Mkts. that our proposed changes were approved on January 4, 2012. Notices went out to those that requested a change in their property and Hicks has to follow up with two landowners.
    - Our next review will be of Ag District #2 which will be due 2015. Dalrymple mentioned there have been several people in the Town of Dix that are confusing the Town's zoning code of Ag. District with the County/State Ag. District. The fear is that when it is time to review the district there may be several folks that want to come out due to the confusion. Teed will bring information on the Ag. District designation that the Town has which is also available on-line as well. Hicks will check with Town of Dix Supervisor to see how the Town views this issue.
  - Right To Farm Law Update:** Hicks drafted a letter to go out to municipalities asking them to pass the law. It is a good start and Dalrymple and Hicks will revise into a final version.

Hicks checked with Tim Alamosy with DOT about putting signs up along state highways. He said that this type of sign was not outline in a federal regulations book and would have to deny the request. Greg Mathews with County Highway is more than willing to work with us to determine sign locations and install the signs. SWCD may have money to purchase the signs.

- Teed mentioned that the Town of Dix has maybe already taken steps to pass a local right to farm law. Hicks will check with the Town.

~ CEO Education Program Status: Chedzoy is meeting with Farm Bureau tomorrow morning and will provide a list at our next meeting

~ Update on Assessments and possible education: It is looking like all speakers are tentatively set for Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Chedzoy will let the group know for sure. This date will allow folks to gather information and still have time to enroll in the Ag Assessment program which has a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Dalrymple said it would be nice if someone could go over how Ag. Assessments payments per acre are determined since it has been going up by the maximum amount possible for the past 3-4 years. Jim Grace would probably be able to go over this.

~ Membership Update: All those that renewed their term along with the addition of Walter Adam have been approved by the Legislature. Hicks will follow up with the 3 names given 2 months ago about filling the last farm rep. slot. Murch mentioned the manager of the old Learn Farm that Bergen now owns. Murch or Chedzoy will get the name.

- 4) New Business- Annual 30 Ag. District Enrollment Period Jan 15 to Feb 15. Forms are available on-line at CCE's website, at the CCE office and at the SWCD office. A notice will be printed in the Farm Bureau newsletter and ads will be in the paper next week.
- 5) Next Meeting Date **February 21, 2012 (TUESDAY)** at 7:00pm at the Human Services Building

Adjourn @ 7:50 pm



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**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Acceptance of January Minutes
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Old Business
  - Code Enforcement Officer education
- 4) New Business
  - Ag Appreciation Tour for public officials in late May.

Next Meeting Date **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building



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**March 19, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **Call to Order:**

Present: Brett Chedzoy, John Murch, Ben Dickens, Dan Teed, Rory Miller, Walter Adam

Staff: not present

Public: none

Absent: Tom Bloodgood, John Santos, Danielle Hautaniemi, Anthony J. Specchio, Doris Karius, Elaine Dalrymple

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Meeting Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of January Minutes
  - Motion: Murch, Second: Teed- approved
- 2) Public Comment- None
- 3) Old Business
  - ~ None
- 4) New Business
  - ~ Teed presented to the board a recent situation regarding zoning/farming conflicts in the Town of Dix
  - ~ Chedzoy presented a draft agenda for an “Ag Awareness” tour. Based on feedback, the tour will likely be reduced to a half-day, and probably take place sometime in July. Town Code Enforcement Officers will be encouraged to participate in the tour.



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**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex**  
**7:00 P.M.**

### AGENDA

- 1) Acceptance of March 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Old Business
  - Right to Farm Law. Town of Hector has adopted local Right to Farm Law. Ben will poll other towns at Council of Governments meeting on 4/25.
  - Revised Agenda and date for Ag Awareness Tour (see below)
- 4) New Business

Next Meeting Date **Monday, May 21, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building

### Schuyler County Agriculture Tour Itinerary (draft)

- **Purpose** – Raise the awareness, appreciation and understanding of Schuyler’s diverse and growing agricultural operations through a day-long tour of representative farms
- **Audience** – Schuyler County Legislators, County Executive, SCoPED, Chamber, Real Property Services & Assessors, Town Supervisors and Highway Supervisors, CCE Planning and Nutrition, State Representatives (Friend, O’Mara), Sheriff, Mayors
- **Partners** – Schuyler AFPB, Schuyler CCE, Schuyler Farm Bureau, Schuyler SWCD
- **Date** – July

**Comment [D1]:** Why not open it up to all program staff? I think participation would be pretty self-selecting.

#### Schedule:

- 8:00 Meet at Human Services Complex (coffee, donuts & orientation)
- 9:00 Glenview Dairy in Catharine
- 10:00 More-Sun Dairy in Odessa
- 11:00 Seneca Valley Dairy in Burdett
- 11:45 Church Street Produce in Burdett
- 12:30 Bergen Dairy in Mecklenburg (*lunch provided*)
- 2:30 Return to HSC

**Comment [D2]:** For each site, I would identify the unique feature or element that you want participants to understand before they left.

**Comment [D3]:** I would remove if you can, just to help save time. This choice was arbitrary, btw. I don’t really know anything about the farm itself. But you do have too much in the morning.



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**April 23, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **Call to Order:**

Present: Brett Chedzoy, John Murch, Ben Dickens, Dan Teed, Elaine Dalrymple,  
Walter Adam

Staff: not present

Public: none

Absent: Tom Bloodgood, John Santos, Danielle Hautaniemi, Anthony J. Specchio,  
Doris Karius, Rory Miller

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Meeting Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of March Minutes
  - Motion: Murch, Second: Adam- approved
    - i. Adam noted a spelling correction in his name. Dalrymple noted a change in attendance from the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2) Chedzoy presented an updated agenda of the “Ag Awareness” tour to the Board. The tour will be reduced to a half-day, and probably take place sometime in July. Town Code Enforcement Officers will be encouraged to participate in the tour.
- 3) Dickens notified the Board that he would seek support for the Right to Farm legislation with Town representatives at the Council of Governments meeting on 4-24-12.



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**May 21, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Acceptance of April Minutes
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Old Business
  - Right To Farm Law- update
  - Ag Awareness Tour- revised schedule of events
  - Update on Town of Dix zoning issue
- 4) New Business
  - Annual Ag. District enrollment
- 5) Other

Next Meeting Date **Monday, June 18, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building



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**May 21, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, John Murch, Ben Dickens, Dan Teed, Elaine Dalrymple,  
Walter Adam, Doris Karius, Rory Miller

Staff: Jenna Hicks

Public: none

Absent: Tom Bloodgood, Rocky Kambo, Anthony J. Specchio,

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Meeting Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of April Minutes
  - Motion: Teed, Second: Murch- approved as amended
    - i. Miller was not in attendance at the April meeting.

- 2) Public Comment- none
- 3) Old Business

### **Right to Farm Law-**

~ Dickens attended the May 9<sup>th</sup> Cayuta Town meeting- they are reviewing the law  
~ Catharine is reviewing it but they want it stricter but it can't be more restrictive than the state law  
~ Orange, Hector, Tyrone all passed it  
~ We will see where everyone is at at our July meeting and will then follow up with those that haven't passed it.

### **Ag Awareness Tour-**

~ Chedzoy will finalize the tentative date of July 13 this Thursday and will let everyone know. We will check to see if we can use the County public transit vehicle

### **Town of Dix Code Issues-**

~ Things are quite right now. Need to work with the Town to change the local zoning designation of "ag district" so it isn't confused with the State Designation

### **Ag District Enrollment-**

~ received four requests with a total of 389.94 acres. Hicks will bring maps next month for review

~ Teed asked for Hicks to check if the old Valent Farm on Baker Hill Rd is in an ag district



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**June 18, 2011**  
**Human Services Complex**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Acceptance of May Minutes
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Annual Ag. District Enrollment
  - ~ Pappa, Chase Road, Rock Stream
    - 32.00-1-32
    - 32.00-1-33.1
  - ~ Baker and Rose, Hornby Road, Beaver Dams
    - 102.00-1-5
  - ~ Murch, Route 228, Odessa
    - 88.10-1-1.1
    - 88.00-1-3
    - 88.00-1-4.112
  - ~ Lyle, Six Corners Rd, Dundee
    - 29.00-1-13
- 4) Old Business
  1. Right To Farm Law- update
  2. Ag Awareness Tour- date, time, schedule
- 5) New Business
- 5) Other

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**June 18, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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### Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, John Murch, Dan Teed, Walter Adam, Doris Karius,  
Staff: Jenna Hicks  
Public: none  
Absent: Tom Bloodgood, Rocky Kambo, Anthony J. Specchio, Ben Dickens  
Elaine Dalrymple, Rory Miller

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Meeting Called to order at 7:12 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of May Minutes
  - Motion: Karius, Second: Murch- approved
- 2) Public Comment- none
- 3) Annual Agriculture District Enrollment
  - Pappa, Chase Road, Rock Stream- Motion by Teed, Second Karius to approve both parcels as presented. Approved
  - Baker and Rose, Hornby Road, Beaver Dams- Already in Ag District no action required
  - Murch, Route 228, Odessa- Motion by Karius, Second Adams to approve all three parcels as presented- Approved
  - Lyle, Six Corners Road, Dundee- Motion by Teed, Second Adams to approve the parcel as presented. Approved
  - Mallay, Wollock Road, Tyrone- Motion by Teed, Second Karius to table until more information is obtained (contour map and future use of property). After discussion the motion was approved

4) Old Business

**Right to Farm Law-**

~ We originally gave municipalities till July to pass the law. We will discuss at our July meeting and follow up with those that have not passed the law at that point.

**Ag Awareness Tour-**

~ Chedzoy and Dalrymple decided that July was not a good month for the tour and have pushed it back to September a final date will be decided upon by our July meeting.

5) New Business

Adam wanted to know if this was the Board that deals with farm disputes. Chedzoy explained the role and the Board and the other resources that are available to assist with these issues.



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**July 16, 2012**  
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**7:00 P.M.**

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### Call to Order:

Present: Ben Dickens, John Murch, Dan Teed, Walter Adam, Elaine Dalrymple  
Staff: Jenna Hicks  
Public: Ben Rawleigh  
Absent: Tom Bloodgood, Rocky Kambo, Anthony J. Specchio, Rory Miller, Doris Karius, Brett Chedzoy

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Meeting Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of June Minutes
  - Motion: Dalrymple, Second: Murch- approved
- 2) Public Comment- none
- 3) Annual Agriculture District Enrollment
  - The parcels approved at last month's meeting were approved at the legislative subcommittee and a public hearing has been set for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45
  - Mally Property- topo map and current and anticipated future use of the property were provided to the group as requested at last month's meeting.  
~ Motion to include the Mally property into Agriculture District # 2 was made by Adam a second was not received so motion failed.
- 4) Old Business
  - Right to Farm Law-**  
~ At this time we know that Orange, Catharine and Hector have passed the law. Hicks will call other municipalities and see what the status is and will offer we attend board meetings in September if a municipality would like more information.
  - Ag Awareness Tour-**  
~ the tour has been postponed till September more details will come next month

5) New Business

Dickens received a copy of a letter sent to the Town of Dix from Ag and Markets about an ongoing code enforcement issue with a farm in the Town. Ag and Markets visited the site on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will make a determination if the farm is actually in violation. The information included with the letter states that agriculture buildings are exempt from many code laws. This has been going on for many years and Ag and Markets has been involved in the past.

~ We need to keep working on the idea of holding a code enforcement training possibly this winter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



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**August 20, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1) Acceptance of July Minutes
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Annual Ag. District Enrollment Update
- 4) Old Business
  1. Right To Farm Law- update
  2. Ag Awareness Tour- date, time, schedule
  3. CEO/Ag Mkts issue in the Town of Dix- update
- 5) New Business
  1. Membership changes- SWCD
- 6) Other

Next Meeting Date **Monday, September 17, 2012** at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building



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**August 20, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## **Call to Order:**

Present: Brett Chedzoy, Ben Dickens, Ben Rawleigh , Elaine Dalrymple, Walter Adam,  
Staff: Jenna Hicks  
Public: none  
Absent: Tom Bloodgood, Rocky Kambo, Anthony J. Specchio, John Murch, Dan Teed, Doris Karius, Rory Miller

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Meeting Called to order at 7:07 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of July Minutes
  - Motion: Dalrymple, Second: Dickens- approved

- 2) Public Comment- none

- 3) Old Business

### **Right to Farm Law-**

~ All towns have passed the law with the exception of Reading and Cayuta. Both of which have requested that a member of our Board attend their September Town Board meetings.

Cayuta- September 12 7:00 pm- Dalrymple

Reading- September 12 7:30 pm- Chedzoy

Chedzoy attended the Village of Odessa meeting tonight at their request. They seem open to the idea but they want to know what the benefit to the Village would be if they passed the law. Chedzoy thought it would help the Villages if we send a follow up letter including 3-5 benefits. They wondered if it would impact the village passing any future laws on livestock within the village.

~Hicks will draft a letter and send it to Board for comments

**Ag Awareness Tour-**

Chedzoy and Dalrymple have determined that late Sept or early Oct would be best for the tour. Before finalizing a date Chedzoy will double check with Tim O'Hearn to make sure there isn't a county meeting scheduled for the same time.

**CEO/Ag Mkts issue in the Town of Dix-**

Dickens has not received an update from Ag and Mkts but expects one shortly

4) New business

**Membership changes –SWCD**

A draft resolution was handed out that outlined switching the membership requirements for SWCD to stay in line with changes made to the Ag and Markets Law. The resolution would allow for a member of the SWCD staff to be the representative on AFPB if the Chairman of the SWCD Board could not attend. The resolution was approved with two minor changes.



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*Annual Ag District  
Entrance  
Jan 15 - Feb 15*

**November 19, 2012**  
**Human Services Complex - Room 120**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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## Call to Order:

**Present:** Walter Adam, John Murch, Elaine Dalrymple, Ben Dickens, Ben Rawleigh

**Staff:** Jenna Hicks

**Public:** none

**Absent:** Tom Bloodgood, Rocky Kambo, Dan Teed, Rory Miller, Brett Chedzoy, Doris Karius

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Meeting Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 1) Acceptance of October Minutes
  - Motion: Murch, Second: Dalrymple- approved

- 2) Public Comment- none

- 3) Old Business

### **Right to Farm Law-**

- ~ Cayuta voted it down and will not be passing the local law
- ~ Reading is in the process of passing it as a local law
- ~ Overall all towns have passed the law except Cayuta and no Villages have passed it

### **Ag Awareness Tour-**

Everyone gave great feedback and thought that it was very beneficial for those that attended

**Resolution to Formulate a Strategic Dairy Industry Plan for New York-** Hicks will email the resolution again. Everyone needs to provide comments back asap. Is it even worth asking legislature to pass??

4) New business

**2013 Meeting Schedule**-discussion that there will be no staff support for Board starting in 2013. With this in mind should we meet less frequently, every other month or quarterly? Decision of the group was to move forward as is and push the County to determine how it should move forward. If we have to go to quarterly meetings that is fine but the group thought it should be a County decision. There is concern with who will do minutes and send out meeting notices.

**Other**