



Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

105 Ninth Street, Unit 39, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Tel: (607) 535-8211

February 26, 2024
Human Services Complex

Call to Order:

Present: Brett Chedzoy, Johnathan Wasson, Jessica Verrigni, Dan Teed, Mike Bergen
Staff: Marian Saks
Public: None
Excused: Kelly Anderson, Michael Lausell, Alec Moore
Absent:

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

Election of Officers for 2024

- Chair: Dan Teed
 - Motion made by Mike Bergen, seconded by Jessica Verrigni. *All in favor vote.*
Motion passed
- Vice-Chair: Brett Chedzoy
 - Motion made by , Mike Bergen seconded by Johnathan Wasson. *All in favor vote.*
Motion passed
- Secretary: Election put on hold for new Planning Director expected to start in March

Acceptance of Minutes: Mike Bergen, seconded by Johnathan Watson. All in favor vote.

Old Business

1. Meads Hill Road – PUD
 - a. PUD has been approved by the Town of Dix

New Business

1. Annual Ag District Enrollment

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

 - Mike Bergen made the motion to approve the following parcels for enrollment within the Schuyler County Ag District #2 and #3, seconded by Jessica Verrigni. *All in favor vote. Motion passed*
 - 87.13-1-13 containing a total of 16.9 acres owned by Trevor Hayes in the Town of Montour – Ag District #3
 - 78.00-4-24 containing a total of 67.53 acres owned by Jennifer Owlett in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3
 - 96.00-1-35 containing a total of 3.92 acres owned by Alice Silliman in the Town of Dix – Ag District #2, and

- 78.00-3-16, 78.00-3-7, 78.00-4-11, 78.00-4-33, 78.00-2-17, 67.00-1-13.2, and 67.00-1-7.141 containing a total of 351.71 acres owned by Carl States in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3

2. Other

Other:

1. Farm Bureau – Past board meeting discussed Padua with no real opposition or agreement with the permit. The board had a short discussion with the consensus being that it will have little impact of agriculture while Jessica voiced some concerns about flooding given the current runoff situation.
2. CCE – Alec has fruit tree pruning workshops coming up they will be on the CCE website.
3. Soil and Water: busy with conservation planning to make farms eligible for grant funding. There has been \$500,000 in grant funding to date. They have also been busy assisting with municipal infrastructure. The Annual Report is available which lists the projects completed in 2023. If landowners are interested in contacting Soil and Water for help, they can call Jerry's cell phone.
4. Diversion Channel - Mike B. commented that it appeared to be filling with sediment – Jessica V. stated that that is the DEC flood control jurisdiction, but she would try to contact someone to pass along the concern.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mike Bergen seconded by Jessica Verrigni at 6:31 pm



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December 16, 2024

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Present: Dan Teed, Chairman, Walter Adam, Mike Bergen & Jessica Verrigni
Staff: Joann Lindstrom
Public: None
Absent: Kelly Anderson, Michael Lausell, Alec Moore, Jonathan Wasson

Meeting Called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Acceptance of February 2024 Minutes: Mike Bergen moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Walter Adam. All in favor.

Old Business: None.

New Business **Ag District #3 -- 8-Year Review – Due February 2025**

The board reviewed applications for inclusion. Mike Bergen made a motion to approve parcels for enrollment within Schuyler County Ag District #3 as listed in Table 1 (pg 2), provided they qualify for inclusion, and abstained from voting on one parcel added by Bergen Farms. Seconded by Walter Adam. All in favor.

Table 1.

Acres	Municipality	Owner	Address	Tax Parcel #	Property Class
0.27	Catharine	Christina Hoyt	Co Road 14	98.13-1-18.22	314
67.53	Catharine	Jennifer Owlett	2335 Co Rd 10	78.00-4-24	240
1.59	Catharine	Michael Burns & Kelly Dietz	2909 Swamp Rd	68.00-1-39.211	210
38.68	Catharine	Michael Burns	2962 Swamp Rd	68.00-1-26	240
0.80	Catharine	Steven Bannister	120 Mecklenburg Rd	88.10-1-8.1	270
8.77	Catharine	Steven Bannister	1698 Co Rd 15	98.00-1-45	270
1.10	Catharine	Steven Bannister, Jacqueline Bannister Gray & Donald Dickinson	1676 Co Rd 15	98.13-1-12	210
15.18	Catharine	Steven Bannister	Co Rd 15	98.00-1-48.121	312
1.00	Catharine	Jacqueline Gray	5011 Co Rd 14	98.13-1-22	210
1.30	Catharine	Bergen Farms	Co Rd 15	98.00-1-1.12	312
44.80	Cayuta	Carl Brown	Varney Hill Road	112.00-1-19.2	910
11.00	Cayuta	Carl Brown	Varney Hill Road	115.00-1-2.132	105
6.00	Montour	Deborah Cox & Frank Gugliotta	2965 Mills Rd	65.00-3-7.1	314
83.00	Montour	Keah Properties	Winton Rd	97.00-1-8.1	322
89.40	Montour	Keah Properties	Co Rd 14	87.00-3-35	322
5.20	Montour	Robert Simpson & Glenda Stermer-Simpson	Wicks Road	107.00-1-26.8	314

Farm Bureau – No report.

CCE – No report.

Soil and Water: Jessica reported that Soil & Water has planted 2,600 acres of cover crops with landowners.

Through a Climate Resilient Farming grant, Soil & Water is assisting Seneca Valley Farm with a manure storage project, which will take about two years to complete.

Jessica has been assisting with conservation plans for farms and working on soil group worksheets, which will assist local assessors as they determine agricultural exemptions by the March 1, 2025 deadline.

Soil & Water has hired a new Heavy Equipment Operator who is starting in March.

Walter Adam made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm.