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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

4000 Kozloski Rd., Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012

Called Order 7:36 pm

Invocation: Robin Bruins

Attendance:

Rieks Bruins, Robin Bruins, Pat Butch, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Patrick DePalma, Wickie Hom, Debi Kauffman, Diane Larson, Bill McCormick, Nyna McKittrick, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Sciarappa, Bill Walker, Ed Wengryn,

Guest- Nancy Sadler New Jersey Green Industry Council

Correspondence- Clair McKittrick, Freehold Township FFA – Thank you for invite to the annual Banquet.

Treasures Report Read by Ross Clayton motion to accept by N. McKittrick, 2nd A. Trapani. Approved

Treasures Annual Report by Ross Clayton motion by M. Bullock , 2nd A. Trapani. Approved

Secretary Report Submitted by Nyna McKittrick motion to accept R. Clayton, 2nd M. Bullock . Approved

Nancy Sadler NJGC- Presentation on the council's role in advocacy.

Bill McCormick – Articles in Monmouth Journal regarding animal treatment at Holmdel Park. G. DeFelice will contact J. Truncer.

Discussion- on Stake Holders meeting which should be held on November or December, and needs to be advertised.

Discussion-Fair Committee. Soliciting advertisers for Jersey Fresh bags for the Monmouth County Fair- Contact Anna Trapani. Only 12 advertising spots available.

Reports:

Diane Larsen RCE: Master Gardeners at Deep Cut park to prune. March 21 training to use new water bath seed treatment equipment. Call Vivian Quinn for appointment if you need your seed treated to kill pathogens. Partnering with the vocational school to update gardens and receive input from clients at JL Montgomery Care Center.

Bill Sciarappa RCE – Will be asking for the boards monetary contribution for new hire. State convention will be held in Atlantic City. Visited Philadelphia green market. Visited Texas A& M to learn about algae for bioenergy and create extension materials.

Bill Walker, Department of Agriculture: Specialty Block Grants – Fruits Vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture, nursery crops. Contact Logan Brown for help with grants. April 30th Deadline. NJ Young Farmer – Dale Tallamy II. Healthier US School Challenge won by Long Branch Middle school. This was the first school in the nation to win Gold status. Agriculture Sec. Fisher and State Board member Hugh McKittrick helped Delicious Orchards celebrate their 100th Anniversary. Sen. Beck, Assembly Women Angelini and Casagrande, Freeholders Curley and Burry and Colts Neck Mayor Jarrett Engle attended. Beekeeping has been allowed to remain in Alloway Twp., due to efforts by State apiarist Tim Schuler and the Bee Keepers president. The animal Waste management forms have not received significant responses. Avian influenza detected in a backyard Monmouth county flock. The flock was released from quarantine Feb. 7. State FFA Spring Career Development CDE will be held on April 19th. Please promote school gardens because it helps with nutrition education.

Ed Wengryn Farm Bureau- Legislature in budget break. Sen. Stewart launches “Keep the Green”, for long term preservation funding. Rutgers budget remains flat for the year. We continue to watch the Farm Bill.

Marty Bullock- Monmouth County 6th in membership, 1st in number of farmer members.

Pat Butch-Board of Managers- Presentation on duck weed to cleanse wastewater. Memorial to Dr.S.P. Dey with a plaque presented. College budget. New 1 million dollar urban scholarship program for top 5% of High schoolers.
Report from Dr. Katz regarding upcoming extension agent retirements.

OLD BUSINESS- Legislative Committee met ½ hr. with Senators Beck and Kyrillos in Trenton.

Motion to approve donation of \$250.00 to NJ Green Industry Council. 1st M. Bullock, 2nd R.Clayton.
Approved.

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Motion to Adjourn: Ang. Trapani, 2nd Pat Butch. Approved

