

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture

I. Call to order by President G. DeFelice at 7:36 at the regular meeting of the MCBOA on October 19, 2010 in Freehold, NJ.

II. Invocation by B. Potter

III. The following persons were present: Reiks Bruins, Robin Bruins, Marty Bullock, Boots Cassie, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Patrick DePalma, Stephen P. Dey, Debi Kaufmann, Diane Larsen, Nyna McKittrick, Bill Potter, Donna Puhalski, Anna Trapani, Bill Walker, Ed Wengryn, Jim Wikoff,

IV. Approval for the minutes of the 9/21/2010 meeting was made in a motion by R. Bruins. Approved

V. The treasurer's report was read by R. Clayton and a motion for approval was made by J. Wikoff. Approved

VI. Correspondences were received from:

-Vegetable Growers Association of NJ (VGANJ) asking for a delegate and alternate for the coming year.

They also wanted suggestions for research and development.

-Freedom Fest requested approval as an Ag Fair – Motion to approve by SP Dey.

Approved. Motion to send letter requesting additional signage and amendments by N. McKittrick. Approved.

-Ocean port Strawberry Festival request for approval as an Ag fair. Motion to approve B. Cassie. Approved

-Letter to approve Monmouth counties 3 Ag fairs from NJDA.

-Letter fro NJDA Secretary Fisher asking for delegates and Alternates for State Ag Convention. Convention held February 8 & 9 at the Crown Plaza Hotel Cherry Hill NJ. 2 positions opening at the state board, any commodity.

-NJ Agribusiness Association offering 2 scholarships for Ag studies. Due by 11/19, to be announced 12/2.

-Conservation Campaign brochure and thank you for donation.

- Ocean county Board of Ag asking for support of A828- Conflict Resolution for Commercial Fishing Docks and Processing Facilities. Motion to send letter for Approval support by S.P. Dey. Approved

-Rich Norz asking for support for state board open position.

REPORTS-

Bill Sciarappa-Reporting for Rich Obal and himself. Stink Bugs are a real problem. Diagnosis of damage to veg. crops ongoing. Organophosphates or systemics good for eradication. The Horse Park of NJ will have a Farmers market for agri-tourism and education.

NJ Vegetable growers meeting suggestions-change in location for the meetings, and possibly hold more meetings. Rain Gardens #2 of 5 completed at Brookdale Community College to help clean runoff from parking lots.

Diane Larsen- Master Gardeners graduation November 18th at Hominy Hill Golf Course. Board members are invited to attend. 2 scholarships awarded. “Plant a Row” in it’s 4th year and will produce over 2000 lbs.

Bill Walker-Ag museum dinner Nov. 20. Ron Good retirement party Nov. 19. Dairy work sessions focused on how to influence Washington on pricing. Disaster declaration on May crops losses. Legislative Ag tour went to urban gardens. Specialty Crop Block grants \$250,00, for Jersey Fresh promotion. Team nutrition training grant to promote fruits and vegetable consumption. Sec. Fisher named Secretary of the National Association of the Sate Department of Ag.

Ed Wengryn-State legislature busy. Pinelands Ethics bill, Ag drivers license. Farm to school. Legislature very engaged in the process and moving on bills that do not require spending.

S.P. Dey-Board of Managers Capitol Campaign started and runs through 2014.

Gary Defelice- CADB- draft review of solar AMP. No RTF issues.

Nyna McKittrick – AMP Right to Farm –email or call with comments regarding RTF.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion on providing bags at the Monmouth County Fair with advertising space.

Motion by A. Trapani to work up cost estimates and information for the next meeting.

Approved

Update logo on stationary. Re-organization November meeting. By laws will be attached to the minutes.

Old Business-

The Colts Neck ordinance on land restrictions was defeated. Board Members G. DeFelice and N. McKittrick attended the meeting and gave testimony.

Motion to adjourn was made by B. Cassie. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by N. McKittrick