

MCBOA  
October 16, 2012  
Minutes

Call to Order at 7:30  
Flag Salute & Invocation by Mr. Potter

Attendance:

R. Clayton, B. Potter, D. Larson, B. Sciarappa, E. Wengryn, Anna Trapani, Angelo Trapani, S. Faunce, G. Asprocolas, G. DeFelice, P. Butch, B. Walker.

Guests: N. McNaughton; P.Hlubik, USDA/FSA State Executive Director; D. Beruck, USDA/FSA Acting County Executive Director; G. Grunstein, USDA/FSA County Executive Director.

Presentation by Noble McNaughton, Candidate for President of New Jersey Farm Bureau  
Pledge to devote full time to Presidency if elected  
Attached Letter and Resume

Approval of Minutes:

September 2012 minutes tabled to November meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Gary DeFelice reported balance in Checking Account \$3,667.43 and balance in Money Market \$7,126.28. 2013 NJ Farm Bureau membership is due.

Presentation by Paul Hlubik of USDA FSA regarding Class Action Lawsuit, Discrimination against certain groups, Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers. To obtain claim packets call 1-888-508-4429. For more information call office at 609-587-0104 x202 or 609-587-0075.

Correspondence:

Karen Kritz, Department of Agriculture, Trenton NJ, 2014 Outstanding Young Farmer Award. Seeks nominations: 2/3 income from farming; Age 21-40 as of 1/1/14.

Nicholas DeMauro, Freedom Fest State Fair, P.O. Box 206, Allentown, NJ 08501; Request to be approved as Agricultural Fair 2013.

George Asprocolas, Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council, 470 Stage Coach Rd, Clarksburg, NJ 08510; Request for funds to assist with costs to dismantle 1800s barns to be used as agricultural museum and cultural resource center.

Bill Sciarappa, Open Space Pace Committee; Request to be approved as Agricultural Fair for 2013.

**Reports:**

Bill Sciarappa, Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County

- County budget 5% cut
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jersey Fresh Day held. Growers provided fresh produce. Education sessions held.
- County Department Head Meeting
  - Dr. Katz reports \$900,000 deficit
  - Educate new farmers w/teaching modules online, tuition dollars
  - Rebuild Production Agriculture program
  - December 12, 2012 Dr. Larry Katz will hold stakeholders meeting in Monmouth County
  - Replacement of Monmouth County's 2<sup>nd</sup> Extension Agent
    - This year maintain part time agent
    - Next year further discussion about moving to full time

Bill Walker, New Jersey Department of Agriculture

- School Lunch Programs—Now serving healthier, lower calorie foods. Accusation “Children Starving” because some are not accustomed to eating healthy.
- School Gardens—Educate about food sources
- Highway Sign program promotes New Jersey On-Farm Activities
- October 24, 2012, National Food Day
- Specialty Crops Grants Available
- Monmouth County Greentable, October 24, 2012, 8:30-10:00 Food Day, Hall of Records Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Freehold

Diane Larson, Master Gardeners

- Master Gardeners graduation November 15, 2012, Hominy Hill
- 3000 lbs. of produce donated to food bank
- Herb Garden plans to be implemented
- Impatiens mold problem in soil, avoid planting to costly fungicide treatment

Ed Wengryn, New Jersey Farm Bureau

- NJFB Convention November 12, 13, 2012. Lt Governor Speaker
- NJFB has renewed w/Farm Family Insurance carrier, yielding a 5-10% reduction in cost
- Active Legislation
  - Minimum Wage, NJFB is against the annual increases (CPI). Afraid will scale up all wages and commodity pricing rises and falls with market. Discussion about placing as a constitutional question on ballot.
  - Wetlands Bill addresses abandonment/back in production issue for cranberry bogs
  - Dancer—TDR Program to sell RSDO to TDR Market
  - Bill for NJDA to confiscate “fake” Jersey Produce
  - Farmland Assessment Bill—provision for Department of Agriculture to determine

Anna Trapani, NJFB Women’s Committee

- Anna moved to contribute \$250.00 (same as last year) to the Women’s Committee Harvest Drive
- Second, R. Clayton
- Passed unanimous

Stuart Faunce, FFA President, Allentown Chapter

- State Convention Results May 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Parliamentary Procedure; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Vets Science; 1<sup>st</sup> Place James Asprocolas Tractor Driving; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Stuart Faunce Extemporaneous Public Speaking
- Chapter Meeting/Greend Ceremonies September 20<sup>th</sup>
- National Convention/Parlie Pro Team/ Vet Science CDE/3 Star Chapter Award
- Bulb Sale

George Asprocolas, Tri County Auction

- Wednesday—Direct Sales
- Fridays—Auction

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Open Space Pace

- Next Meeting, Monday, November 19, 2012 10:00 All Welcome
- Bill Sciarappa moved to designate 2013 Open Space Pace as an Agricultural Fair.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Trapani

- Passed Unanimously

#### Freedom Fest

- Monmouth County Ag Board encourages more timely communication as to its request for Fair Status
- Gary DeFelice moved to designate July 9-14, 2013 Freedom Fest at the Horse Park of New Jersey as an Agricultural Fair.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Trapani
- Passed, 1 dissenting vote

#### Monmouth County Fair

- Monmouth County decided Fair will be held the same week as always
- Bill Potter moved to designate the Monmouth County Fair as an Agricultural Fair.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Trapani
- Passed Unanimously

George Asprocolas on behalf of Millstone Township Agriculture Council requests a donation of funds to assist disassembly of the 1800s Allen Barn and Wagon House to facilitate the development of the Thomas Baird Homestead, Museum and Cultural Resource Center.

- Bill Potter moved to donate \$500.00 to the project
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Trapani
- Passed Unanimously

Membership Drive discussed. Target Equine farmers, professionals  
Longstreet Farm

- Animal Rights Groups Protest the livestock policies
- Consensus - Monmouth County Board of Ag. will support the Monmouth County Park System's policy of managing the farm as it would have been managed in the 1800s. A letter of support will be mailed to the Monmouth County Freeholders, Monmouth County Park System, and submitted as an editorial to the newspaper for publication.
- Gary DeFelice will draft the editorial letter.

Home Baked Goods Bill (S-93; S/2734; A/1761) was released from the Health & Senior Service Committee. This bill would permit the sale of home baked goods under certain circumstances. Ed spoke to food safety issues not adequately addressed. Safety concerns need to be tightened.

Bill Potter moved to adjourn at 10:15. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Trapani. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Pat Butch Acting Secretary

Wishing Everyone A Happy Thanksgiving.

