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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
4000 Kozloski Rd., Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728

Meeting Minutes September, 2012

Called Order 7:36 pm

Attendance:

Marty Bullock, Pat Butch, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Debi Kauffman, Doug Kauffman, Diane Larson, Nyna McKittrick, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Sciarappa, Ed Wengryn, Meg Whitehouse, Jim Wikoff.

Guest: Ryck Suydam Farm Bureau

Correspondence-Nyna McKittrick-Thank you 1 year sponsorship for New Jersey Agriculture Leadership class of 2012-2014. Virginia Krzyzanowski- Thank for the invitation to the picnic. Karla Martens- Thank you for the scholarship. Anthony Santoriello – Thank you for the scholarship

Presentation by Ryck Suydam seeking presidency position for Farm Bureau.

Treasures Report read by Ross Clayton motion to accept by M. Bullock, J. Wikoff 2nd. Approved

Secretary Report Submitted by Nyna McKittrick motion to accept with the following change," A motion was made to appoint D. Holmes to the position on the Ag Development Board, was made by B. Potter, 2nd M. Bullock. Approved

Reports:

Bill Sciarappa RCE- Open Space Pace- September 29, at the Freehold Raceway. The MC fair had bad weather that reduced attendance numbers. Martin Bullock was sworn in to a position on the State Board of Agriculture.

Bill Walker, NJDA- Written Report- Lt. Gov. Guadagno touring businesses related to agriculture. Gypsy moth state wide are in reduced numbers from past years. NJDA Emergency Response Team is ready to help with disasters by sheltering animals, emergency food, and other responses. Fresh fruits and vegetable funding for schools. Organic certification Cost Share Program –eligible products can get 75% of its costs reimbursed up to &750.00. Horses can be protected from West Nile Virus with a vaccine.

Ed Wengryn Farm Bureau- Senate back in session. Budget discussions are continuing. Expected revenue is lower than expected so far. FB will continue to work on the Beck farmland assessment bill. Horse slaughter bill on the Governor's desk. Last round of funding monies for Open Space/Green acres will be spent from the 2009 available funds. No further funding has been approved at this time.

FB convention- November 12+13 at the Westin in Princeton. The delegates are: Pat Butch, Gary DeFelice, Angello Trapani, Debi Kauffman Jim Wikoff. 5 alternates where identified. Tuesday Oct. 9 is the FB resolutions meeting. Please forward any focus changes, areas of new concern or other issues to G. DeFelice.

Diane Larsen- RCE- MC fair time change on Saturdays to 5-11PM. Writing a newsletter to update growers. Thursday Nov. 15th is the Master Gardeners Graduation at Hominy hill Golf course. Jim Truncer will speak.

New educational herb garden in the rear of the building.

New Business- The FB convention delegates are: Pat Butch, Gary DeFelice, Angello Trapuni, Debi Kauffman Jim Wikoff. 5 alternate's where identified. They are also seeking nominations for two awards-Distinguished Service to NJ and the Art West Distinguished Service to NJFB.

A new director was appointed to take over the position held by M. Bullock at FB when his November term is up. A motion was made by D.Kauffman to nominate G. DeFelice for the position, A. Trapani 2nd. Approved. A. Trapani was suggested as the Alt. in a motion by D. Kauffman, 2nd B. Potter. Approved

State Agriculture Convention will be held at the Trump Taj Feb. 5-7 in conjunction with the vegetable growers and the NJ Blueberry growers.

Old Business- A motion to approve a budget of up to \$200.00 for the Open Space Pace was made by D. Kauffman, 2nd M. Bullock. Approved. The Board's logo is being updated and will be emailed prior to the October meeting.
RE-Organization Meeting Opened at 9:05

The slate of officers was presented by J. Wikoff as follows:

President- Angello Trapani, VP-Pat Butch, Recording Sec. Debi Kauffman, Corresponding Sec. Robin Bruins, Treasurer- Gary DeFelice. The nominations were closed and a vote approved the slate as it stood. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25
D. Kauffman made a motion to adjourn 2nd, A. Trappani.

Minutes Submitted by Nyna McKittrick

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