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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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**Monmouth County Board of Agriculture**  
**Minutes of November 18, 2008**

Guest Speakers Dave Kimmel and Brian Smith had a presentation on horse pasture management prior to the Board meeting. Meeting was well attended by members and guests. The presentation was concluded at 7:30pm and the board meeting followed immediately after.

Meeting called to order 7:40 p.m.

Invocation: Don Pyle

Attendees: Marty Bullock, Ross Clayton, Doc Dey, Gary DeFelice, Nyna McKittrick, Ed Wengryn, Pat DePalma, Angelo & Anne Trapani, Meg Whitehouse, Doug Kauffman, Scott Ellis, Bill Walker, Bob Freiberger, Jim Wikoff, Don Pyle, Bill Potter, Bill McCormack, Tim Dey, Dave Holmes, Frank Allocco, Mike Puglisi, Bill Sciarappa, Tom Freiberger, Rich Obal,

Guests: Dave Kimmel, Brian Smith, Art Giambrone, Joe McCarthy, Harriet Honigfeld, Pat Butch, John Costigan, Amanda Brockwell, Karen Wilkin, John Jasog,

Minutes from last meeting, Motion to Accepted by: Don Pyle, Seconded by: Marty Bullock

Treasurer Report read by Ross Clayton. Motion to Accept by Don Pyle, Seconded by: Bill Potter  
Accepted by the Board

Correspondence:

- ❖ Thank you from NJALDP Class 7 for the donation to the Golf outing to help with the class international trip.
- ❖ Request from Jim Giamarese to support his petition for a spot on the NJ State Board
- ❖ FFA would like a general Donation
- ❖ Reminder from Karen Kritz for the 2010 Outstanding Young Farmer Award nomination

**Reports**

**Bill Sciarappa** Field work is wrapping up; Ramapo Trials were very well reported. Trials on pasture grasses are coming to an end with a large harvest and great findings. A lot of research in Colts Neck with the Equine Management Plan studies are concluding, with good results. Water recharge studies are increasing, keeping the office busy; DEP is on board helping with the studies. Attended the FBC and a lot of great resolutions were discussed and installed. Along with a well attended convention. Work has been steady with great results and looking forward to more projects and upcoming events.

**Rich Obal** The Master Gardener Class for this year just graduated this being Class 10. The garden that is out behind the building produced almost 1 ton of produce this year, thanks to the Master Gardeners and volunteers, job well done. There has been some problem with white flies in the

poinsettias this season. With the year coming to an end a lot of planning is in the works for the new year.

**Bill Walker** November 13 the Legislation met to approve 2 bills: A879 and A2106, two bills to help with the Agriculture community. January 25, 09 the annual NJ Bred Breeders Award Dinner is scheduled in Freehold. Press release from Salem County to permanently preserve 1,900 acres was discussed. A new farm and ranch online planning tool was launched to help farmers and ranchers on how to protect against down side risks, <http://Farm-Risk-Plans.USDA.gov>. or from the main RMA site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov> . With this program information is given to the producers to help in Risk Management Planning, Better Marketing Planning. This also allows the producers to complete several tasks to identify their enterprise's strengths, weaknesses, and risks.

**Ed Wengryn** Convention went very well, good policies and discussions there. Dave Rizzotte of Atlantic County received the Distinguished Service to NJ Agriculture Award. The NJDA Secretary position is now being advertised until Dec 15 2008. Also everyone is watching the economy and trying to follow the prices. Things are beginning to be planned for the new year.

**FSA** 2008 Farm Bill signed into law in June, but has had several amendments including; non-insurable crop disaster assistance (NAP) program. Sales closing dates extend to Dec 1, 2008. Several other crop with deadlines of Dec 31,2008 and March 15, 2009. The new law amends SURE eligibility so that crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage. Repeal of the originally enacted provision that denied DCP payments to farms with 10 base acres or less. Owners and operators of these smaller farms will now receive their 2008 payments.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Doc Dey to give the FFA a \$600 donation, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Freiburger, and accepted by the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm  
NEXT Meeting December 16, 2008 7:30 PM  
Minutes recorded & typed by: Debi Kauffman

**Happy Holidays and New Year to All.**