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

I. Call to order by President G. DeFelice at 7:52 at the regular meeting of the MCBOA on December 21, 2010 in Freehold, NJ.

II. Invocation by B. Potter

III. The following persons were present: George Asprocolas, Pat Butch, Martin Bullock, Boots Cassie, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Patrick DePalma, Bob Freiberger, Tom Freiberger, Wickie Hom, Hugh McKittrick, Nyna McKittrick, Rich Obal, Bill Potter, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Walker, Ed Wengryn, Jim Wikoff. Guests – Grayson Asprocolas. Allentown FFA- James Asprocolas, Stuart T. Faunce, Dan Weber, Nichole Ondy, Jessica Tegono, Paul A. Sule. Freehold TWP FFA, Clair McKittrick

IV. Approval for the minutes of the 11/16/2010 meeting was made in a motion by M. Bullock 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:

New Jersey Green Industry Council (NJGIC) fall update.
FSA season's greetings
Clair McKittrick- Card of thanks

VII. REPORTS:

Clair McKittrick- 4H and FFA

Report on 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rich Obal- Rutgers Cooperative Extension

There is a new agent for commercial agriculture in Mercer County Meredith Melendez. Upcoming events in the State:

Jan 11-13 Atlantic Coast Vegetable Growers Convention

Jan. 25 -26 NJ Plant Show NJ Convention Center Educational programs and displays

Jan 29-30 NOFA Princeton, NJ

Feb. 4 -Central Jersey Vegetable Growers Meeting
at The Ag Building Freehold

Feb. 8 - 9, NJ State Agriculture Convention held at: Crowne Plaza Hotel,
2349 Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 088021-877-270-1393

March 8- Nursery and Landscape & NJNLA Battleground Country Club.

March 20, NJ Junior Breeder Symposium at Cook Campus Rutgers
University.

Bill Walker- NJ State Dept. of Agriculture

The disaster declaration due to drought has been extended to 16 counties. Gypsy moth populations are down. The Phillip Alampi beneficial Insect Rearing lab is developing a data base of all beneficials that have been released through the program. Eat Right Move More Kick-Off held at Netcong Elementary School. FDA grant to print up 200 copies of "Record of Livestock Medication" booklet for cattle producers. The booklet is geared toward dairy and beef producers and is distributed free anytime a Division of Animal Health personnel are on a food producing farm. Annual Christmas Tree Cutting season Kick-off at Yule tide tree farm New Egypt for the grand champion winner of this year's NJ Christmas Tree Growers Association, tree competition.

Jersey Grown bird seed has 9 farmers participating so far. Pesticide recycling program had a 10% increase in participation. 213 individuals participated.

NJ Outstanding Young Farmer fruit and Vegetable grower John Melick of Oldwick is one of 10 finalists for the national competition.

Ed Wengryn- NJ Farm Bureau

Fertilizer bill signed to law, has three provisions:

1. Certification for professional lawn applicators
2. Over the Counter products will have a different formulation
3. Soil compaction rules and site remediation to make sure the soil is water permeable.

Still working on Youth Ag driver's license.

Horse racing commission will reconvene to approve racing schedule for the Meadowlands with a private lease agreement.

Affordable housing issues. How to get housing in areas where agriculture is, so that it has workers available.

Bush era tax credits extends estate tax so that the first 5 million is exempt to try to keep more farms.

Hugh McKittrick- State Board of Agriculture

Spoke to Dean Goodman, Rutgers University about reciprocal agreement between FFA, Mercer County College and the university for class credits acceptance.

Mr. McKittrick is the Chairman of the Insurance Committee at the State Board and was asked to approach Congressman Rush Holt regarding crop insurance in an effort to rectify the complexities involved with qualifying for payments of lost crops. Please contact him at 732-542-5005 with comments regarding crop insurance.

FFA – Allentown- Introduction to the officers and request to bring in presentations in the future.

V111. New Business-

January 10, 2011 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS** There will be a forum at the Millstone Court House, 215 Millstone Road , Millstone at 7:30 (Monday) given by Karen Kritz. She will also be available to answer questions about building permits and related subjects.

IX. Old Business-

Freedom Fest and The Stars and Stripes Show will no longer be run in conjunction. Discussion about FFA from Allentown and Freehold providing an agricultural event during Freedom Fest.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:32 made by B. Cassie. Approved

NEXT MEETING January 18, 2011 7:30

