

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture Minutes January 18, 2011

Attendance: George Asprocolas, Marty Bullock, Boots Cassie, Pat Butch, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Wickie Hom, Debi Kauffman, Doug Kauffman, Diane Larsen, Nyna McKittrick, Rich Obal, Bill Sciarappa, Angelo Trapani, Anne Trapani, Ed Wengryn, Meg Whitehouse, Jim Wikoff. Guest- James Asprocolas

The meeting was called to order by President Gary DeFelice at 7:35. The invocation was given by G. DeFelice.

Minutes-Mr. DeFelice asked for a motion to approve the December 23, 2010 meeting minutes, with the following amendment- Rob Swanekamp attended the meeting. A motion was made by M. Bullock to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report- given by Ross Clayton- Farm Bureau quota 818, members to date 616. Motion to approve was made by J. Wikoff. Motion approved.

Correspondence-

-Email from the Secretary of Agriculture asking to identify areas of concern for the listening sessions at the State Convention. The following areas of concern were identified- Ag drivers license, SADC not farmer friendly, Ability to move equipment on Sundays.

-New Jersey Green Industry Council – membership dues . A motion to approve the membership dues of \$250.00 was made by J. Wikoff. The motion was approved with one dissenting vote.

-The State Board of Agriculture requesting \$100.00 from each county for the State Convention.

-Ag Museum – Request for annual funding- Motion to approve a donation of \$1500.00 made by J. Wikoff.
Motion approved.

-NJFB Women's committee- Thank you for the contribution to their cause of Ronal MacDonald House.

-Paul Yoncak- Thank you for the contribution for his trip to 4-H Congress held in Atlanta Georgia.

-NJ Farmers Direct Marketing Association seeking nominations for a director and alternate, Doug Kauffman and Debi Kauffman nominated respectively. A motion by A. Trapani to pay the annual membership dues of \$50.00 was approved.

Bill Walker NJDA-Written report- **NJ Horticulture ranks 8th in the Nation.** Online Store Milk Licensing, Animal Emergency Responders To Gather For Hands On Preparedness Seminar March 25, at Rutgers.

Bill Sciarappa- Rutgers Cooperative Extension-2/4/2011 (CJVG) Central Jersey Vegetable Growers meeting. CJVG Convention Video recordings of speakers made concerning farm safety and Mamorated Stinck Bug damage.

Diane Larsen- Rutgers Cooperative Extension Horticulture- 12th Class of master gardeners (MG) starting Feb 2nd. Jr. Master gardeners applications went out. MG 's applied for three national awards for community service.

Ed Wengryn- Farm Bureau-Fertilizer bill passed-Homeowners cannot apply fertilizer after 11/1. Pro applicators need certification which Rutgers will provide. FB Convention had "fierce weather" Ag Connect show was a nice addition. Ag drivers license still in negotiations. Voice your concerns about the Farm Bill.

Tim Dey- USDA Written report- DCP Signup Continues - Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2011. Supplemental Revenue assistance program (SURE) - Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program began on Jan. 10, 2011. County Committee Elections - Please join FSA in congratulating the winners of this year's County Committee election! Thomas Orgo II being re-elected as the regular member, **Patrick DePalma** as the first-alternate, and John Hauser as the second alternate.

James Asprocolas-FFA Allentown attended the Harrisburg Farm Show.

New Business- Pat Butch announced that Millstone Township had set a meeting with Senator Jennifer Beck and Freeholder Lillian Burry on Jan. 20, regarding an update on Equine situation in the state. Public is invited to listen in on the discussion.

Old Business- Discussion about the state convention. George Asprocolas asked about finding out information about the State Nutrition checks and Farmers Markets. The allocated monies are not completely used up each year. Downtown Freehold provided information regarding their farmers market. Deb Kauffman (participating farmer of the market) commented about the good points of the market, and the advertising they provided.

Motion to adjourn made by W. Hom . Motion approved. Meeting ended at 9:14

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nyna McKittrick